## REGENERATION SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

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# Revised Draft Revenue Budget for Regeneration Portfolio and Draft Capital Programme 2010/11 for Regeneration and Transport Portfolios

Ward(s) All

Portfolio:

Councillor Andrew – Regeneration Councillor Ansell - Transport

## Summary of report

This report presents Cabinet's revised draft revenue budget and draft capital programme proposals for 2010/11 for consultation with the panel and provides an opportunity for the panel to make further recommendations to Cabinet.

## Recommendation

The panel are recommended to consider the draft proposals in this report and make further recommendations to Cabinet as appropriate.

## **Background papers**

Various financial working papers.

#### Reason for scrutiny

To enable consultation and scrutiny of the draft budget proposals for 2010/11.

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Tim Johnson - Executive Director – Regeneration Services

12 January 2010

Resource and legal considerations

Services were requested to identify efficiency savings and investment for consideration in the setting of the 2010/11 corporate revenue budget and to review their base budgets in line with the corporate guidelines and estimated changes in inflation and pay awards.

# 1. Draft Revenue Budget 2010/11 – Regeneration Portfolio

1.1 Cabinet on 18 November 2009 presented their draft revenue budget proposals for 2010/11 for consultation. These proposals, including savings and investment proposals for the services within the remit of this panel, were reported to the panel meeting on 2 December 2009

**Table 1** below sets out the draft revenue budget 2010/11 for the Regeneration Portfolio and any subsequent changes to the revenue budget previously reported:-.

Table 1 – 2010/11 Draft Revenue Budget – Regeneration Portfolio	
	£m
Budget brought forward from previous year	12.220
Inflation	0.133
Other budget refresh	(0.088)
Budget pressures : demographics, cost pressures, fall out of grant	1.190
Investment : service developments	0
Full year effect of 2009/10 growth	(0.279)
Efficiencies, savings and income generation	(0.865)
Full year effect of 2009/10 savings	(0.264)
Draft net revenue budget requirement 2010/11 as reported to Regeneration Scrutiny and Performance Panel on 2 December 2009	12.047
Adjustment to full year effect of 2009/10 savings - £2k across regeneration and removal of a building control post saving.	0.026
Additional saving/efficiency removal of vacant post – Housing Strategy & Partnerships	(0.007)
Amended Draft net revenue budget requirement 2010/11	12.066

## 2. Scrutiny Recommendations to Cabinet

2.1 At its budget scrutiny meeting on 2 December 2009, this panel received the detailed breakdown of investment bids and savings options submitted to Cabinet to enable the panels recommendations to be made for Cabinet to consider as part of the budget process. The panel discussed the options in principle, and made the following recommendations to Cabinet:-.

That:

- 1) the Regeneration Portfolio plans and priorities be supported, and;
- 2) the draft Regeneration Portfolio growth, efficiency, new income and service redesign budget proposals for 2010/11 be noted.

All recommendations have been reported and noted by Cabinet.

## 3. Draft Capital Programme 2010/11 – Regeneration & Transport Portfolios

3.1 Cabinet on 16 December 2009 presented their draft capital programme for 2010/11 for consultation.

**Table 2** below sets out the draft capital programme 2010/11 for the Regeneration & Transport Portfolios, with the full list of associated schemes listed in **Appendix 1 and 2**:-.

Table 2 – 2010/11 Draft Capital Programme – Regeneration & Transport Portfolios	
Mainstream (Council's own resources)	£m
Supported Borrowing schemes	
Schemes with Prior Year Approvals	1.900
Capital impact of proposed revenue investment / Invest to save	
Health & Safety requirements	1.305
Other proposals	2.865
Total Mainstream resources (Appendix 1)	6.070
Non Mainstream (Externally Funded) – Appendix 2	12.162
Total	18.232

If grant or mainstream funding is unavailable the scheme will not proceed. At this point in time, a number of grants have not been confirmed, therefore there is likely to be some movement as the budget process progresses.

#### 3.2 Reserve List

A reserve list of schemes is in place should resources become available for new starts in 2010/11. Schemes identified on this reserve list that relate to services within the remit of this panel are shown in **Appendix 3**.

#### Citizen impact

The budget is aligned with service activity within service plans across the council. Investment is intended to be targeted at service improvement, stability and user

influence. The report to the panel on 2 December set out the vision and priorities for the services within the remit of this panel.

## **Environmental impact**

Services within the remit of this panel have a direct influence and impact on the environment.

## Performance management

Financial performance is considered alongside service targets. Managers are required to deliver their service targets within budget, wherever possible. The report to the panel on 2 December included reference to performance management and key indicators.

## **Equality Implications**

Services consider equality issues in setting budgets and delivering services. Irrespective of budgetary pressures the council must fulfil it's equal opportunities obligations

#### Consultation

This is the second of two meetings for scrutiny to consider Cabinets draft budget proposals. Recommendation from the panels first meeting on 2 December 2009 were presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 16 December 2009. This meeting provides the panel with a further opportunity to consider the revised draft revenue budget and first draft capital programme 2010/11 and make recommendations for Cabinet to consider prior to Cabinet proposing the final budget for 2010/11 at it's meeting on 3 February 2010.

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