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SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AGENDA



Friday 24th November 2006

at 1.30 pm

**Main Hall, Owton Manor Community Centre,
Wynyard Road, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE:

Councillors SAllison, Barker, Clouth, R W Cook, Fleet, Gibbon, Hall, James, Laffey, A Marshall, J Marshall, Preece, Shaw, Wallace, Wistow and Wright.

Resident Representatives:

Ian Campbell, Iris Ryder and Linda Shields

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum held on 29 September 2006 (*attached*)
- 3.2 To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on:-
 - (a) 13 October 2006 (*attached*);
 - (b) 20 October 2006 (*attached*); and
 - (c) 27 October 2006 (*attached*).

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4. RESPONSES FROM THE COUNCIL, THE EXECUTIVE OR COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL TO REPORTS OF THE SCRUTINY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

- 4.1 Cabinet Response to the Call-In of the Cabinet's Decision Relating to Salary Deductions for Industrial Action – *The Cabinet*
- 4.2 Portfolio Holders Response to the 'Closure of Hartlepool College of Further Education's On-Site Nursery Facility' Scrutiny Referral - *Joint Report of the Directors of Children's Services and Regeneration and Planning Services and the Portfolio Holders for Children's Services and Regeneration, Liveability and Housing*
- 4.3 Portfolio Holders Response to the Formal Response to the 'Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CORWM)' Scrutiny Referral - *Joint Report of Directors of Regeneration and Planning Services Department and Neighbourhood Services Department and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Liveability and Housing*

5. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS FROM COUNCIL, EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND NON EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

No Items

6. CONSIDERATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS / BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS

No items

7. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL MONITORING/CORPORATE REPORTS

- 7.1 Quarter 2 – Corporate Plan Progress and Revenue Financial Management Report 2006/2007 – *Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer*
- 7.2 Quarter 2 – NRF, Capital and Accountable Body Programme Monitoring Report 2006/2007 – *Chief Financial Officer*

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 8.1 **Closure of Rossmere Learner Pool Scrutiny Referral:-**
 - (a) Evidence from the Authority's Elected Mayor – Covering Report *Scrutiny Manager*;
 - (b) Verbal Evidence from the Authority's Elected Mayor; and
 - (c) Draft Final Report into the Closure of Rossmere Learner Pool Scrutiny Referral – *Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee (to follow)*
- 8.2 Building Schools for the Future: Stage One Consultation – *Director of Children's Services*

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- 8.3 'Withdrawal of European Regional Development Funding to the Voluntary Sector within Hartlepool' Scrutiny Referral – Scoping Report - *Scrutiny Manager / Scrutiny Support Officer*
- 8.4 Request for Items for Discussion – Joint Cabinet / Scrutiny Event of 28 November 2006 - *Scrutiny Manager*

9. CALL-IN REQUESTS

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- i) **Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 19th December 2006, commencing 5.00 pm Training Room 3, Municipal Buildings, Church Square, Hartlepool.**

JOINT SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND ADULT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HEALTH SCRUTINY FORUM MINUTES

29th September 2006

Present:

Councillor: Gerald Wistow (In the Chair)

Councillors: Jonathan Brash, Harry Clouth, Rob Cook, Sheila Griffin, Gerard Hall, Marjorie James, Pauline Laffey, Ann Marshall, Arthur Preece, Steve Wallace, Edna Wright and Gladys Worthy.

Resident Representatives:

Mary Green, Evelyn Leck and Linda Shields

Officers:

Paul Walker, Chief Executive
Adrienne Simcock, Director, Children's Services
Charlotte Burnham, Scrutiny Manager
Sajda Banaras, Scrutiny Support Officer
Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stephen Allison, Caroline Barker, Stephen Belcher, Mary Fleet, Steve Gibbon, John Lauderdale, Geoff Lilley, Pat Rayner and Jane Shaw.

2. Declarations of interest by Members

Councillor Stephen Wallace indicated that he had been advised previously that he had a non-prejudicial interest in the subject matter detailed in minute 8. However, he had been informed, 30 minutes prior to the meeting commencing, that this interest should be declared as a prejudicial interest. Councillor Wallace informed Members of the background to this query and at this point declared that although his interest was not prejudicial, he would leave the meeting.

A discussion followed in which a number of issues were raised including the circumstances when prejudicial interests could arise and the advice of the Standard Board for England in relation to the responsibility of the Member themselves to judge if they felt they had a prejudicial interest. However, the Chief Executive highlighted that there may be a case in this instance for a

prejudicial interest as the scrutiny committee was examining a decision made by a Board on which Councillor Wallace was the Chairman.

Members were concerned at the apparent late notice at which Councillor Wallace had been advised of this change in advice. The Chief Executive reiterated that it was the Members decision to seek legal advice where an interest may occur and not for the legal officer to approach the Member. Councillor Wistow informed Members that when he held the position of Chair of the PCT, the Chief Solicitor had produced a letter explaining the situation in full and he would be happy to share this letter with the Members present.

The Chief Executive reminded Members that the Code of Conduct was there to protect individual councillors as well as protecting the local authority decision-making process. He added that he would ascertain the facts and write to Members to clarify the position.

Councillor Jonathan Brash and resident representative Evelyn Leck declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute 8.

3. Responses from the Council, the Executive or Committees of the Council to Reports of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

None.

4. Consideration of Request for Scrutiny Reviews from Council, Executive Members and Non Executive Members

None.

5. Forward Plan

None.

6. Consideration of Progress Reports/Budget and Policy Framework Documents

None.

7. Consideration of Financial Monitoring / Corporate Reports

None.

8. Draft Response to Hartlepool PCT – Consultation on Proposed Management Arrangements (*Scrutiny Support Officer*)

The Chairman of this meeting circulated a letter received from the Secretary of State for Health, Rt Hon Patricia Hewitt, MP regarding the maternity and paediatric Services at North Tees and Hartlepool, for Members information. He drew particular attention to a request included within the Terms of Reference for the Independent Reconfiguration Panel to advise the Secretary of State in relation to the proposals for changes to maternity and paediatric services and implications for any other clinical services.

The Scrutiny Support Officer provided Members with an overview of the report submitted and added that the draft response had been done in a limited time and the process that informed this response was detailed in section 3 of the report. It was noted that this report was seeking Members recommendations along with delegated authority for the Chairs of both the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum to approve the final report for submission to Cabinet.

The findings from this investigation were outlined in the report under Section 8. The report detailed the following suggested future management options for Hartlepool PCT – Options Assessment, including the advantages and disadvantages for both options:

- (1) One Management team servicing four PCT Boards
- (2) Two management teams, one servicing Hartlepool and North Tees PCT, the other Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland.

The conclusions from the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum investigation were detailed in the report for Members information to aid the formation of their recommendations.

A discussion followed in which Members raised the following issues:

- A request for clarification was made regarding the reference to management working practices being the same under both options provided for PCTs in this area, this indicated that only one option was being consulted upon? It was confirmed that evidence had previously been provided by the SHA that sharing director posts across two PCTs had proved unworkable, however this did not appear to be consistent with the Secretary of State's decision.
- It had been reported that shared management arrangements would operate across two PCTs, however it was noted that some would be operational across 4 PCTs. It was indicated that there was no confirmation of which functions would be shared across two or four PCTs, however the functions suggested to have shared management

arrangements were Human Resources, Legal and Property Services. Members were concerned at the prospect of shared management arrangements across the whole of Teesside.

- Members noted that there were currently no PCTs across the Tees Valley 'Fit for Purpose' with regard to commissioning and that the overarching threat was if savings were not achieved and Commissioning was not provided at an acceptable level it would be disbanded, leaving the service liable for privatisation. This needs careful consideration with regard to the integration of services between the Council and the PCT, as should the commissioning of services element be privatised, this could impact on the capacity of the Council to govern its own contracting arrangements.
- Members were concerned that vetos could result in complete deadlock which would result in the whole process failing.
- Members requested clarification on whether the consultation undertaken by the SHA had been statutory or not. The Chief Executive indicated that Counsel's advice to the local authority had been that the PCT and SHA were required to consult on any issue affecting service delivery. As a major restructure was the subject to this consultation, it was felt that this must affect service delivery and therefore should be subject to statutory consultation, however the PCT did not uphold this view. It was also noted that the Government's Cabinet Office guidance was that consultations should be undertaken at an early stage when ideas were just forming as opposed to when actual proposals were formed.
- It was noted that the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum had initially met to discuss the proposed management arrangements in June of this year, although there had been no formal consultation from the PCT. The Forum had endeavoured to engage in discussion with the PCT in order to deal with this issue as quickly as possible.
- Members noted that the non-executive representatives on the PCT would be appointed from 1st October with the new management arrangements to be effective from 2nd October. As the final report from this investigation would be submitted to Cabinet at its next meeting on 9th October, the decision to implement the new arrangements would be taken prior to the final report being made available to the PCT.
- There was concern that the PCT were being required to find 15% management savings whilst it was highlighted during the Fitness for Purpose assessment undertaken by McKinsey & Co, that there was neither sufficient management capacity nor capability to face new challenges, especially with regard to commissioning. It was added that partnership arrangements with the Local Authority and other local bodies was a strength that should be built upon.
- Members acknowledged the need to accept that something had to change in order to ensure that a good health service continued to be provided for the people of Hartlepool.
- Members did not consider that the consultation process had been thorough enough and that they had not been consulted fully although it was acknowledged that the Chairman of the PCT did have a difficult

process to manage. It was requested that any consultation on any future reviews be done on the basis that sufficient time be allowed in line with Cabinet Office guidance, for a full investigation to be undertaken through the scrutiny process.

- There was concern among Members that no financial information had been provided regarding the different options proposed.

Decision

- (i) The Forum gave delegated authority to the Chairs of both the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to finalise the report.
- (ii) The report would be circulated to all Members of the Adult and Community Services Scrutiny Forum and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee thereafter.

9. Hartlepool PCT – Consultation on Proposed Management Arrangements *(Scrutiny Support Officer)*

The Scrutiny Support Officer presented a report which provided Members with a copy of Hartlepool PCT's consultation document in relation to the proposed management structure. As the consultation had been undertaken within a limited time period and in light of the relative importance of the issue under consideration, Members of the Forum had agreed in conjunction with the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to hold this Joint Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum in order to formulate that response.

Decision

Members considered the report in order to formulate their response to the previous report, as detailed in minute 8.

10. Call-In Requests

None.

GERALD WISTOW

CHAIR

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

13 October 2006

Present:

Councillor: Marjorie James (In the Chair)

Councillors: Rob W Cook, Gerard Hall, Ann Marshall, Arthur Preece,
Jane Shaw and Steve Wallace.

Resident Representatives:

Also Present In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2 (ii) Councillor
Richardson as substitute for Councillor Wistow and Councillor
Henery as substitute for Councillor Wright.
Councillor Brash
Councillor Cath Hill, Deputy Mayor

Officers: Tony Brown, Chief Solicitor
Joanne Machers, Chief Personnel Officer
Joan Wilkins, Scrutiny Support Officer
David Cosgrove, Principal Democratic Services Officer

94. Apologies for Absence

Stephen Allison, Mary Fleet, Gerald Wistow and Edna Wright
Resident Representatives Evelyn Leck and Linda Shields
Councillor Peter Jackson, Performance Management Portfolio Holder.

95. Declarations of interest by Members

None.

96. Access to Information Act

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2006, namely, information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority

or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

97. Call-in of Decision – Salary Deductions for Industrial Action *Scrutiny Manager*

At the Cabinet meeting on 25 September 2006, a report (Appendix A to the report) was considered on the approval of the salary deduction rate for employees who took part in industrial action on 28 March 2006. Following the decision by Cabinet in relation to this issue a Call-In Notice was issued by five Members of Council, a copy of which was set out at Appendix B.

The notification outlined the reason why the Members were of the opinion that the decision had been taken in contravention of the principles of decision making as outlined in Article 13.02 of the Constitution. The reasons identified in the Call-In Notice were:

“That item (iii) of the decision record – i.e. the refusal to take any action to develop a Council policy on salary deductions due to industrial action or other disputes – is fundamentally not in accordance with Article 13 of the Constitution, specifically part 13.02 points vi), vii), xi) and xii).”

Councillor Cath Hill, Deputy Mayor, was present at the meeting and stated that the Decision Record of the Cabinet meeting set out the decision taken by those Cabinet Members present. Councillor Hill commented that those Members present had agreed, with hindsight, that recommendation (ii) was not a good decision to have taken. Councillor Peter Jackson, Performance Management Portfolio Holder was not present at the meeting but had submitted the following comments, which were read to the Committee by the Chair;

“After Councillor Hill had made the decision on one fifth or one seventh we felt that it was not for myself, Councillor Tumbily and Councillor Hill to set a future policy on deductions for strikes or any days off that the unions decided to take. We made the mistake of not recommending that some group should look at a future policy to be put in place.”

The Chair, as one of the signatories to the call-in notice, indicated that the call-in was specifically about the lack of a policy for the future and not the issue of the level of deductions. The Chair considered the need for clarity in the future as to what levels of deductions would be made following industrial action and suggested that such a policy be approved by full Council.

The Chief Solicitor advised that defining a policy may prove useful for all concerned, however, the withholding of pay from employees was an Executive function and therefore, so was the determination of a policy. The Executive may welcome comments from other members/committees on the development of such a policy.

In relation to the inability of Cabinet to function on occasions where the declarations of interests made it inquorate, the Chief Solicitor indicated that the likelihood of such situations had been understood from the outset, however, that did not mean it was unable to function.

The Chair considered that in relation to industrial relations matters, because of the make up of the Cabinet, it was always likely to be inquorate with the Deputy Mayor having to make the decision. Members supported this view and questioned the previous discussion on this same issue in 2002 when a joint Members and Trade union representatives meeting considered the issue of deductions. The Chief Personnel Officer stated that the previous discussions of the Hartlepool Joint Trade Union Committee (HJTUC) and the Local Joint Consultative Committee (LJCC) were referred to in the report submitted to Cabinet.

Members discussed in some detail how a forum could be established that could discuss and recommend a policy for future years on the deductions following industrial action. The Chief Solicitor and Chief Personnel Officer commented on the various suggestions put forward by Members. The Committee agreed following a long discussion that it be recommended to Cabinet that, in consultation with the LJCC, a policy salary deductions following industrial action be held, to be concluded by the end of this calendar year. Members considered that representatives of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee should be involved together with representatives of Cabinet and the LJCC. The Chief Personnel Officer stressed that any such meeting could only be on a consultative basis determination of such a policy was very clearly an employer policy and therefore an Executive function. The Chief Solicitor commented that any recommendation would be for the Cabinet to consider and it had the right to make its own decision.

Recommended

That Cabinet be recommended to reconsider its decision not to determine a policy for the Council on salary deductions due to industrial action and that it is the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee's view that a view on the level of salary deductions for industrial action be formulated by the Joint Trade Union Consultative Committee, with input from three Cabinet Members and three Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee Members. This view could then be considered by Cabinet and utilised in the establishment of a policy by the end of December 2006.

MARJORIE JAMES

CHAIR

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

20th October 2006

Present:

Councillor: Marjorie James (In the Chair)

Councillors: Mary Fleet, Steve Gibbon, Gerard Hall, Pauline Laffey, Jane Shaw, Steve Wallace, Gerald Wistow and Edna Wright.

Also Present In Accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2 (i) Councillor Jonathan Brash attended as substitute for Councillor Rob Cook.

Also present Campbell Drearden, Audit Commission
Elaine Wilson, Hartlepool Deaf Centre
Lynn Craddy, Hartlepool People's Centre
Rosmere Ward Councillors: Councillors Sean Cook and Michael Johnson

Officers: Mike Ward, Chief Financial Officer
Paul Briggs, Assistant Director, Children's Services
John Mennear, Assistant Director, Adult and Community Services
Joanne Machers, Chief Personnel Officer
Susan Rybak, Grants Officer
Albert Williams, Maintenance and Buildings Manager
Charlotte Burnham, Scrutiny Manager
Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer
Denise Wimpenny, Principal Democratic Services Officer

98. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stephen Allison, Caroline Barker, Harry Clouth, Rob Cook, Ann Marshall and Arthur Preece, also from resident representative Evelyn Leck.

99. Declarations of interest by Members

None.

100. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2006 and 6th October 2006.

Confirmed.

101. Responses from the Council, the Executive or Committees of the Council to Reports of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

None.

102. Consideration of Financial Monitoring / Corporate Reports

The Committee were advised that, in accordance with the Audit Commission's Statutory Code of Audit Practice for Local Government bodies, the District Auditor was required to report the conclusion of their audit work in an Annual Governance Report. The principal purposes of the Annual Governance Report were outlined in the report.

The District Auditor had issued the Annual Governance Report on 15th September 2006, which was attached by way of appendix, was submitted for consideration. The Annual Governance Report was submitted to the General Purposes Committee on 29th September 2006 to enable them to consider the District Auditor's findings before they approve the final 2005/2006 Statement of Accounts prior to the 30th September statutory deadline. The report detailed the decisions reached by the General Purposes Committee.

The key issues raised in the District Auditor's report were set out in the report under the following headings:

Page, 8 Paragraph 15 – Uncorrected Mis-statements;
Page 9, Table 2 – Adjusted Mis-statements;
Page 13, Paragraph 24 – Value for Money Conclusion;
Page 15, Paragraph 2 – Use of Auditor's Statutory Powers

Campbell Dreardon of the Audit Commission indicated that there were no significant governance issues to be raised and he thanked all officers involved for their help and co-operation during the undertaking of this Audit.

Recommendation

The report was noted.

103. Closure of Rossmere Pool Scrutiny Referral
(Interim Assistant Director, Children's Services and Chief Personnel Services Officer)

The Chief Personnel Services Officer provided Members with a comprehensive breakdown of the background and timeline of this inquiry. At the meeting of this Committee on 15th September 2006, Members had requested further information relating to the closure of Rossmere Pool

together with recommendations for remedial action for future preventative maintenance and health and safety inspection regimes.

The report detailed the health and safety actions approved by the Performance Management Portfolio Holder in May 2005 which were confirmed as implemented in March 2006.

In conclusion, the report summarised that although Rossmere Pool had been highlighted by external experts as being in a poor condition, only minimal investment had been made in order that the Pool could continue to operate at a reduced capacity but safely. It was also noted that either due to the uncertainty of other future projects or the fact that it was not considered a priority in the workplans for officers, no clear strategy had been formed.

A discussion followed in which a number of issues were raised including:

When the 'buy-back' scheme operated at Rossmere Pool, were there plenty of service-users? The Interim Assistant Director for Children Services indicated that currently demand for school provision was being met and that there was also significant availability across other swimming pools in Hartlepool. It was commented that as Rossmere Pool had been closed for some time now, service-users would not doubt have made arrangements elsewhere.

Concern was expressed that Members were not made aware of the deterioration of the Pool until it was too late to rectify. Members were reminded that at a meeting of Special Council, a unanimous vote was taken for funding to be allocated to Rossmere Pool. This was over-ruled by the Elected Mayor with the decision being made not to allocate any additional funding for the re-opening of the Pool.

It appeared that the level of essential maintenance had fallen in 2005 and that although no single officer had complete knowledge of the facility, it transpired that no-one had taken complete responsibility. The Interim Assistant Director, Children's Services indicated that previously responsibility had been shared between several departments. It was intended that the Children's Services Department's Asset Team's responsibilities would be extended to include monitoring responsibility for any assets under the responsibility of that department. Monitoring systems had also been established for future health and safety reports which would ensure that this situation did not occur again.

The report states that other improvements were planned, what are they? The Chief Personnel Services Officer responded that there were various other measures in place, for example, part of the Authority's Leadership and Management Development Programme, aimed at all senior managers, include a module to examine managing accommodation. It was also highlighted that Members suggestions for further improvements were welcomed.

It had been brought to a Member's attention by Councillor Michael

Johnson, that he had received a recent letter from the Mayor in which the Mayor had indicated that Rossmere Pool was to be demolished and concern was expressed that the building was open to vandalism and was a health and safety problem whilst it remained empty. The Interim Assistant Director for Children's Services indicated that although he was unsure as to whether a formal decision had been made to demolish the building, this had not been instigated until the views of this Committee had been received. He added that if demolition was the final decision, it would be carried out in a quick and efficient way to ensure compliance with health and safety regulations.

A Member expressed concern that the Rossmere Pool Scrutiny Referral appeared to have been lengthy. The Chair of the Committee advised that the original date of referral from Council was that of 3 February 2005 and that in the early stages of the enquiry, it had become clear that there were clear issues concerning responsibility by staff, which the committee had attempted to resolve. It was also contemplated whether the matter should be brought to the attention of the Local Government Ombudsman. As a result of these difficulties the timetable had become protracted and it was felt by the committee that the approaching local government elections could result in the issue of Rossmere Pool being abused which was not in the interest of the residents living in the area. As a result of this, a progress report was requested towards the end of the 2005/06 Municipal Year at which the objectives of the inquiry were clarified and the issue came back onto the active agenda of the Committee.

It was noted that the lack of investment in Rossmere Pool had contributed to the deteriorated state of the building and there was concern that a similar situation was being allowed to happen at Brinkburn Pool. The Chief Personnel Services Officer indicated that she could not explain why nothing had been done to rectify the poor state of Rossmere Pool as the officers involved no longer worked for the authority. However, assurances were made that this situation would not be allowed to reoccur at Brinkburn Pool.

Did the costs detailed in the report to demolish the building include an element for asbestos clearance? The Maintenance and Buildings Manager indicated that the costs did include an element for asbestos removal although these costs were currently estimated costs.

If a new pool was to be built, it would include facilities for disabled people, would this be eligible for funding from other sources? The Interim Assistant Director for Children Services indicated that this issue had been raised at a meeting with staff from Catcote School. This was an option that would be considered as part of the Swimming Development Strategy for Hartlepool under the Building Schools for the Future Programme.

In conclusion, Members were of the opinion that the situation at Rossmere Pool had not been dealt with appropriately when the first signs of deterioration had been noted and they had become informed of the situation

too late in the process to enable this to be rectified. Members noted that this process had been an example of bad practice and procedures should be implemented to ensure this did not reoccur. If the decision was made that demolition was the only way forward, Members felt that the future provision of a learner pool on this site should be examined within the Building Schools for the Future programme.

Discussion ensued on the timetable for the undertaking of the Scrutiny Referral and whilst it was originally agreed to formulate the Committee's findings and subsequent recommendations at this meeting for consideration by Council on 14 December 2006, it was felt that: If the Mayor had written to Councillor Michael Johnson indicating a decision had been made to demolish the pool, this was as a minimum discourteous to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee as all information concerning a "live inquiry" should be provided directly not through a 3rd party. It was therefore agreed to seek verbal evidence from the Elected Mayor with regard to the his future intentions for the Pool and the surrounding area, prior to the Committee concluding the Scrutiny Referral.

In addition to this Members agreed that a working Draft Final Report into this Scrutiny Referral be considered at their next meeting alongside the Elected Mayor's verbal evidence. Furthermore discussion ensued on the potential recommendations to be contained within the Draft Final Report.

Members acknowledged the openness and transparency given to the support of this Referral by the Chief Personnel Services Officer, the Interim Assistant Director, Children's Services and the Scrutiny Support Team.

Recommendation

- i) That arrangements be undertaken by the Scrutiny Manager to invite the Elected Mayor to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to be held on 24th November 2006 to receive verbal evidence on his future intentions for the Rossmere Pool site;
- ii) That a working draft Final Report into the Rossmere Pool Scrutiny Pool be considered by the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee at their next meeting on 24th November 2006, prior to its consideration by Council on 14 December 2006, that incorporates the following draft recommendations (which would be subject to change at the next meeting) as outlined below :-
 - (a) That the Portfolio Holder for Performance Management be requested to consider an urgent report detailing any maintenance issues at the Brinkburn Pool, given Members heard that its maintenance condition was seemingly following a similar sequence of events that lead to the closure of Rossmere Pool;
 - (b) That the appropriate Portfolio Holders for Children's Services and Adult and Community Services coincide the finalisation of the

Swimming Development Strategy for Hartlepool as part of the Building Schools for the Future process; and

- (c) That a robust approach/co-ordination of the management of the Council's assets, in particular that of the Children's Services Department be considered by the appropriate Portfolio Holder.

The Chair of the meeting had to leave the meeting at this point and the Vice-Chair, Councillor Jane Shaw, chaired the remainder of the meeting.

104. Withdrawal of European Regional Development Funding to the Voluntary Sector in Hartlepool Scrutiny Referral *(Assistant Director, Adult and Community Services and Scrutiny Manager)*

The Scrutiny Manager presented a report which provided a background to the Grants Committee Scrutiny Referral and outlined the findings of the voluntary sector audit by way of a presentation delivered by the Assistant Director, Adult and Community Services. Having considered the presentation, Members were requested to agree the future course of action for the undertaking of the scrutiny referral.

A discussion followed in which a number of issues were raised including:

It was suggested that other authorities were consulted to ascertain what strategies they had in place to deal with the loss of European funding. Did the authority have a skilled unit to ensure that the maximum possible income was received? The Assistant Director indicated that there were officers in post with specialisms in this area. The officers did help organisations bid for European funding although the Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency also played a significant role. Evidence suggested that Hartlepool had done very well with regard to the receipt of European funding compared to its total population.

The Manager of Hartlepool People's Centre stated that although there were a number of voluntary groups working together within Hartlepool, each group had a specific role. It was added that the Community Pool element of grant funding had the advantage that core services/staff could be funded from this. This element was not normally covered by any other grant funding.

Recommendation

It was recommended that:

- (i) The Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee undertakes the Scrutiny Referral into the Withdrawal of European Regional Development Funding to the Voluntary Sector within Hartlepool; and

- (ii) That the Remit and Terms of Reference for this Scrutiny Referral be considered at the next meeting of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 24th November 2006.

105. Consideration of request for scrutiny reviews from Council, Executive Members and Non Executive Members – Notification of Scrutiny Referral – Neighbourhood Services’ Thoroughfare Policy (*Scrutiny Manager*)

The Scrutiny Manager presented the report which informed Members of the recent Scrutiny Topic Referral from the Cabinet on 9th October 2006 to the Overview and Scrutiny Function:

That the proposed policy relating to the closure of thoroughfares be forwarded to Scrutiny with the request that its views and/or any amendments to the policy be reported back to Cabinet at the earliest opportunity to allow the policy to be implemented.

Members were requested to consider the appropriateness of exploring this referral paying further regard to the redirection of the referral to the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum, within whose remit this issue falls.

Recommendation

It was recommended that a Draft Thoroughfare Policy be and redirected to the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum for immediate consideration.

106. Forward Plan

The Executive’s Forward Plan for October 2006 to January 2007 was submitted for the Committee’s consideration. Members were asked to identify any issues in the Forward Plan that they felt should be considered by the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee or one of the four forums.

Recommendation

The Forward Plan was noted.

107. Consideration of progress reports/budget and policy framework documents – Community Strategy Review 2006 – Feedback from the Authority’s Overview and Scrutiny Committees (*Scrutiny Manager*)

At its meeting on 15th September 2006, the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee was asked to comment on the first draft of the revised Community Strategy. As the consultation period was due to end on 17th November 2006, it was agreed that the views of individual forms be sought and fed back to this meeting.

In view of the tight timescale, Members were sent a copy of the draft revised Strategy and asked to consider areas of particular significance to the remit of their Forum and feedback any comments they had to the appropriate Scrutiny Support Officer. No feedback had been received and no additional comments had been made to those that were made at the meeting of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 15th September 2006.

Recommendation

The content of the report was noted and that the earlier comments made verbally by Elected Members at their meeting on the 15 September 2006 be fed into the consultation process.

108. Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee – Progress Report (*Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee*)

In the absence of the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee, the Vice Chair presented a report that updated Members on the progress made to date by this Committee since the start of the 2006/07 Municipal Year. It was reported that following consultation with the Scrutiny Chairs and the Scrutiny Support Team, substantial efforts were being made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to ensure the work programme for 2006/07 was delivered to the prescribed timescales.

Members attention was drawn to the Training and Development Programme for Scrutiny Members which was successfully launched on 4th October 2006 with further sessions to be held throughout the 2006/07 municipal year which were detailed within the report.

The report detailed the final reports recently considered or awaiting consideration by the Authority’s Cabinet or other committees. It was noted that the recent Joint Cabinet/Scrutiny Event had been successfully held on 21st September 2006. It was also noted that the first meeting of the Single Status Working Group, as agreed on 15th September 2006 was due to take place on 23rd October 2006.

Recommendation

That the progress made to date by the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee be noted.

109. **Children's Services Scrutiny Forum – Progress Report** *(Chair of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum)*

The Chair of the Children's Services Scrutiny forum presented a report that updated Members of the progress made to date of the work of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum. Since the last progress report to this Committee on 4th August 2006, it was reported that the inquiry into 'Boys Achievement – Bridging the Gap' was on course for completion in December 2006 with a final report being submitted to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee in January 2007.

It was noted that during the Involving Young People inquiry, the Forum had considered a number of options for the co-option of young people and selected Option C (elected Members to act as mentors) with the inclusion of the pre-meeting element of Options A and B as the way forward. Details of the options were attached by way of appendix. Members were asked to endorse the chosen option with a report to be submitted to the next Constitution Working Group and Committee as it would be necessary to amend the Council's Constitution.

Recommendation

- (i) That the progress made to date by the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum be noted; and
- (ii) That the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee further endorses the proposed Option C model (as a result of the Involving Young People Enquiry undertaken in the 2005/06 Municipal Year approved by this Committee on 13 January 2006) to co-opt young people onto the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum to enable the relevant service department(s) to seek endorsement for such innovative co-option through the Constitution Working Group/Committee and Council thereon.

110. **Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum – Progress Report** *(Chair of the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum)*

The Chair of Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum informed the Committee of the progress made to date of the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum.

Members were informed that since the Forum's annual work programme had

been approved on 30th June 2006, the Forum had been involved with the following issues:

- Reconfiguration of PCTs – Teesside
- Acute Services Review – Darzi
- Introductory meeting with the Chief Executive of the University Hospital North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust
- Draft Annual Library Plan – Consultation
- Access to GP Services – ‘Closing the Loop’
- Scrutiny Investigation into Social Prescribing
- Health Scrutiny Support Programme/Training for Health Scrutineers

In light of the pressures faced by the Forum, it was considered necessary to review the overall deliverability of the Forum's work programme commitments for 2006/07. The Forum had agreed to defer consideration of the 'Development of PCT Services Inquiry' to year two of the rolling work programme for Health.

Recommendation

- (i) That the progress made to date by the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum be noted; and
- (ii) The Scrutiny Investigation into the 'Development of PCT Services' be removed from the Forum's 2006/07 work programme commitments and inserted into year 2 of the Forum's rolling work programme for Health, in light of its congested work programme for 2006/07.

111. Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum – Progress Report *(Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum)*

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum presented a report that updated Members on the progress made to date by the Forum. Since the Forum's last progress report to this Committee on 4th August 2006.

Members were asked to note that the Forum had completed its investigation into Public Convenience Provision in Hartlepool with the Final Report presented to Cabinet on 25th September 2006. During consideration of this report, Cabinet requested further information on the financial implications of the Forum's proposals from the Director of Neighbourhood Services. This report was to be presented to Cabinet in November 2006, with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Housing and Liveability invited to attend the meeting of this Forum on 10th January 2007 to convey Cabinet's response to the Forum's report.

The Forum had also considered the following:

- 20 mph speed limits outside schools – progress report on recommendations;

- Food Law Enforcement Service Plan – consultation; and
- Private Sector Landlords – inquiry to commence on 25th October 2006.

Recommendation

That the progress made to date by the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum be noted.

112. Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum – Progress Report (*Chair of the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum*)

The Chair of the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum presented a report that updated Members on the progress made to date by the Forum. Since the Forum's last progress report to this Committee on 4th August 2006, considerable progress had been made into the investigation into 'Railway Approaches' including presentations and evidence received from external witnesses. The next meeting of the Forum would incorporate public involvement into the inquiry along with representatives from the voluntary and community sector and the Economic Forum.

Recommendation

That the progress made to date by the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum be noted.

113. Call-In Requests

None.

MARJORIE JAMES

CHAIR

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

27th October 2006

Present:

Councillor: Marjorie James (In the Chair)

Councillors: Rob W Cook, Mary Fleet, Steve Gibbon, Gerard Hall, Pauline Laffey, Ann Marshall, Arthur Preece and Gerald Wistow .

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2(ii) Councillors Jonathan Brash was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Jane Shaw .

Resident Representatives:
Linda Shields

Also Present The Mayor, Stuart Drummond
Campbell Drearden, District Audit

Officers: Mike Ward, Chief Financial Officer
Chris Little, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Charlotte Burnham, Scrutiny Manager
Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer
Denise Wimpenny, Principal Democratic Services Officer

114. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Steve Allison, Jane Shaw and Steve Wallace, and resident representative Evelyn Leck.

115. Declarations of interest by Members

None.

116. Responses from the Council, the Executive or Committees of the Council to Reports of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

None.

117. Consideration of request for scrutiny reviews from Council, Executive Members and Non Executive Members

None.

118. Consideration of progress reports/budget and policy framework documents – Budget and Policy Framework Initial Consultation Proposals 2007/2008 *(Chief Financial Officer)*

The Mayor was in attendance and addressed the Committee in relation to the Budget and Policy Framework Consultation Proposals 2007/2008. As Members were aware, Cabinet had been examining the budget proposals for 2007/2008 since May and would welcome the views of the Scrutiny Members. Consultation was also being undertaken with business firms and within the community of Hartlepool.

Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee had suggested that the consultation proposals be examined departmentally across the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and four Scrutiny Forums as appropriate. This would enable all Scrutiny Members to have a better understanding of the process and be more involved. The Mayor commented that the Portfolio Holders look at budgets in line with their departmental responsibilities and this works well.

Due to a prior commitment, The Mayor had to leave the meeting at this point.

The Chief Financial Officer reminded Members of the constitutional requirement for the Executive to consult on the draft Budget and Policy Framework for the coming year. As part of the first stage of the consultation process for 2006/7 the Chief Financial Officer sought the Committee's views on the Executive's initial Budget and Policy Framework proposals. Due to the timing of Cabinet and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee meetings, this report was issued before Cabinet had determined their detailed proposals, however, details of the decisions taken by Cabinet were reported to the meeting. Any comments made were to be referred to the Executive for consideration during determination of its draft Budget and Policy proposals on the 4th December 2006. These proposals were then to be referred back to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee for formal scrutiny in late December 2006/early January 2007.

To assist Members in this first stage of the process a copy of the report considered by Cabinet on the 23rd October 2006 was provided and the presentation previously given to Cabinet repeated. During the course of the presentation the Assistant Chief Financial Officer highlighted the significant

risks facing the Council this year regarding the sustainability of its budget and existing services. Attention was also drawn to the importance of developing a detailed budget strategy to deal with the anticipated situation in preparation for the announcement of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review 2007.

A summary of the issues affecting the development of the budget was provided and Members views sought on the specific issues outlined in the report.

A discussion following in which Members raised a number of concerns which were summarised as follows:

Members were concerned about the point at which using the reserves would become the suggested option rather than reducing expenditure increasing income. The Chief Financial Officer acknowledged that Members had some difficult decisions to make but emphasised the importance of balancing the current and future levels of services and council tax income. The recent increase in reserves from stock transfer and debt rescheduling had enabled the tipping point in reserves to be increased. If savings of up to 5% were identified early in the 3-year strategy, the position would be more favourable in the 3rd year. However, Cabinet was of the view that the minimum level of savings should be made now.

If departments had 'in-year' underspends, did this mean that the departments were given an incorrect budget and was it challenging enough? The Chief Financial Officer indicated that as discussed earlier, this would be identified through the examination of the departmental budgets by the Scrutiny Members through analysing the budget priorities, pressures and proposed savings from their respective department.

Members were very concerned that some of the savings proposed may result in a reduction in services provided to the public? The Chief Financial Officer advised that the savings proposed were not to reduce services but were behind the scenes efficiencies that could be made whilst having no effect on front-line services.

Did the current income not support sustaining the level of services provided and was the current profiling of the budgets to be altered? The Chief Financial Officer reported that the current budget strategy uses a profile of £2m for 2008/09 and £1m for 2009/10. If the level of savings was reduced to support expenditure this profile would also reduce. Two options had been identified, either to maintain a profile of £2m per annum or use the £1m surplus in reserves to either reduce the level of cuts required or alter the increase in council tax.

If savings were reserved for more difficult years in the near future, what would happen if this was needed before then? The Chief Financial Officer advised that when the Government gave a 2-year settlement for 2006/7 and 2007/8 a large part of the risk was removed for 2007/8. It was

hoped that a 3-year strategy would have the same effect. It was difficult to comment upon until the outcome of the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review was known.

If the budget gap was identified as 3.7%, why was a reduction of 5% required by departments? The Chief Financial Officer indicated that the extra 1.3% was effectively to ensure that there was a choice to be made. The 3.7% level of savings included pressures and priorities, if priorities were not to be included, this would be 2.7%. This would be part of the difficult decisions Members would have to make during this consultation process.

When proposing the level of council tax, was people's ability to pay taken into account? The Chief Financial Officer reminded Members that whatever level of Council Tax was proposed, there were precepts to add to this for the Police and Fire Service. There was a very efficient benefits system in place to assist anyone having difficulty making their council tax payments.

It was noted that the Council were currently piloting an 'in control' process for service users across Adult and Social Care, was this something that had been taken into account in relation to savings required? The Chief Financial Officer indicated that he was unsure at this stage how this would affect the budget process. Several Members were unaware of what this process entailed and requested a briefing paper about this issue and how it was being rolled out. It was noted that although this new process was only being piloted at the moment, it would need to be taken into consideration for the 3rd year of this budget strategy.

There was concern among Members that some grant funding was coming to an end which would place additional pressure on budgets. The Chief Financial Officer advised Members that although some grant funding would continue, the fact that the majority of European Funding would cease to be available, would be examined by Scrutiny.

Some departments did carry forward underspends into the next financial year, was this acceptable? The Chief Financial Officer indicated that the current scheme around managed underspends created an incentive to carry forward monies to invest in a particular service. This has proved to be of great benefit to the Council. The previous system involved any monies remaining in department's budgets at the end of the year would be used elsewhere. This resulted in a noticeable increase in spending towards the end of the year. However, overall the level of managed underspends has reduced and the current Financial Procedure Rules were being examined by Constitution Committee.

Members questioned whether any surplus in reserves should be automatically put into the budget unless the specific purpose for that money was identified. The Chief Financial Officer added that any surplus could either be utilised to support expenditure or achieve ongoing savings.

Members asked that the information had requested at its last meeting held on 20th October was still not available. The Assistant Chief Financial Officer assured Members that this information would be available prior to the next budgetary monitoring reports were to be submitted.

The Scrutiny Manager informed Members that a timetable for the consultation on the Budget and Policy Framework proposals would be circulated to Members of this Committee for their information.

Decision

- i) That the Budget and Policy Framework Proposals for 2007/08 be examined by Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and the four Scrutiny Forums on a departmental basis as appropriate, reporting their findings back to Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 17 November 2006 to enable a formal response to be submitted to the Cabinet meeting of the 4 December 2006;
- ii) That the Portfolio Holders be invited to attend the above meetings in line with their departmental responsibilities, however it was acknowledged that such attendance would be where possible, given the tight turnaround and notification for the undertaking of such additional meetings;
- iii) That a timetable for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees involvement in the consultation of the Budget and Policy Framework Proposed for 2007/08 be circulated by the Scrutiny Manager to Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee for their information.

119. Consideration of financial monitoring/corporate reports

None.

120. Items for Discussion

None.

121. Call-In of Requests

None.

MARJORIE JAMES

CHAIR

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

24 November 2006



Report of: The Cabinet

Subject CABINET RESPONSE TO THE CALL-IN OF THE CABINET'S DECISION RELATING TO SALARY DEDUCTIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL ACTION

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee with a response from the Cabinet regarding the Call-In of part (iii) of its decision relating to Salary Deductions for Industrial Action (Minute No. 78 of the Cabinet Meeting of 25 September 2006 refers).

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 At the meeting of Cabinet held on 25 September 2006, a report was considered on the approval of a salary deduction rate for employees who took part in Industrial Action on 28 March 2006 along with the proposed development of a Council policy on deductions for any industrial action in the future.

2.2 Following Cabinet's decision a Call-In Notice was issued by five Members of the Council on the basis that element (ii) of the decision that 'no action be taken to develop a Council policy and that decisions on salary deductions be taken by Cabinet as other disputes occur' had been taken in contravention of the following principles of decision making as outlined in Article 13.02 of the Constitution:-

- vi) A presumption in favour of openness;
- vii) Clarity of aims and desired outcomes;
- viii) Efficiency (i.e. decisions must not be unnecessarily delayed); and
- ix) Reasonableness.

2.3 In responding to the Call-In Notice, Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee at an additional meeting on 13 October 2006, considered the Call-In Notice together with evidence from the Performance Management Portfolio Holder and the Deputy Mayor.

- 2.4 The Committee concluded that the evidence provided during the meeting failed to satisfy the concerns outlined in the Call-In Notice and subsequently agreed to recommend to the Cabinet, at their meeting on 6 November 2006 that the decision be reconsidered.
- 2.5 Attention was also drawn to the need for consultations with the trade unions as part of the development of a Council policy on this issue and it was recommended that a view on the level of salary deductions for industrial action be formulated by the Joint Trade Union Consultative Committee, with input from three Cabinet Members and three Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee Members. This view could then be considered by Cabinet and utilised in the establishment of a policy by the end of December 2006.

3. EXECUTIVE RESPONSE/DECISION AS A RESULT OF THE CALL-IN PROCESS

- 3.1 The Cabinet at its meeting on 6 November 2006 considered the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee's request for the reconsideration of its original decision and agreed that (Cabinet Minute 1 10 refers):-

'the establishment of a policy for future deductions from pay in response to strike action be referred to a Cabinet Working Group to include also Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee Members and Trade Union Representatives'

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee note the Executive's decision as outlined in paragraph 3.1 of this report, as a result of the Call-In process.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) Call-In of Decision – Salary deductions for industrial action. Cabinet reports 25 September 2006 and 6 November 2006.
- (ii) Call-In of Decision – Salary deductions for industrial action. Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee Report 13 October 2006.
- (iii) Call-In Notice received on the 4 October 2006

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

24 November 2006



Report of: Joint Report of Directors of Children's Services and Regeneration and Planning Services and the Portfolio Holders for Children's Services and Regeneration, Liveability and Housing.

Subject PORTFOLIO HOLDERS RESPONSE TO THE CLOSURE OF HARTLEPOOL COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION'S ON-SITE NURSERY FACILITY SCRUTINY REFERRAL

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee with feedback on the recommendations from the investigation into the Closure of Hartlepool College of Further Education's on-site Nursery Facility Scrutiny Referral, which was reported to Council on 14 September 2006.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 The investigation into the Closure of Hartlepool College of Further Education's on-site Nursery Facility Scrutiny Referral conducted by this Committee falls under the remit of the Children's Services and Regeneration and Planning Services Departments and is, under the Executive Delegation Scheme, within the service area covered by the Children's Services and Regeneration and Planning Services Portfolio Holders.

2.2 On 14 September 2006 Council considered the Final Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee into the Closure of Hartlepool College of Further Education's on-site Nursery Facility Scrutiny Referral. This report provides feedback from the Portfolio Holders following the Council's consideration of, and decisions in relation to this Committee's recommendations.

2.3 In addition to this report a further progress report will be produced for Member's consideration six months after the Final Report was considered by Council to enable Members to monitor the implementation of their recommendations.

3. SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS AND EXECUTIVE DECISION

- 3.1 Following consideration of the Final Report, Council approved the recommendations in their entirety. Details of each recommendation and proposed actions to be taken following approval by Council are provided in the Action Plan attached at **Appendix A**.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That Members note the proposed actions detailed within the Action Plan, appended to this report (**Appendix A**) and seek clarification on its content where felt appropriate.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee's Final Report into the Closure of Hartlepool College of Further Education's on-site Nursery Facility Scrutiny Referral considered by Council 14 September 2006.
- (ii) Decision Record of Council held on 14 September 2006.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ENQUIRY ACTION PLAN

NAME OF FORUM: Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

NAME OF SCRUTINY ENQUIRY: Closure of Hartlepool College of Further Education's on-site Nursery Facility Scrutiny Referral

DECISION MAKING DATE OF FINAL REPORT: (Council on 14 September 2006)

RECOMMENDATION	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE / PROPOSED ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	DELIVERY TIMESCALE	
(a)	<p>That a formal feedback mechanism be established with regard to the dissemination of information throughout the Authority for Elected Members serving on internal and external bodies (as also recommended by the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum during the undertaking of the Partnerships Enquiry, accepted by the Cabinet in May 2006).</p>	<p>The Action Plan devised for the Partnerships Enquiry proposed that:</p> <p><i>The Constitution Working Group should consider establishing feedback mechanisms from its representatives on Partnerships to Council.</i></p> <p>This action was agreed by Cabinet on 29 August 2006.</p>	Tony Brown	December 2006
(b)	<p>That the Council seeks to engage all partners to establish a comprehensive picture of childcare provision in Hartlepool that focuses particularly on demand and supply in relation to nursery care provision together with an understanding of the extent to</p>	<p>In accordance with the 10 Year Childcare Strategy the Early Years and Childcare team will carry out a detailed childcare sufficiency assessment in order to help the local childcare market respond to local demand.</p> <p>In addition the EYCT will undertake</p>	Penny Thompson	December 06

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ENQUIRY ACTION PLAN

NAME OF FORUM: Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

NAME OF SCRUTINY ENQUIRY: Closure of Hartlepool College of Further Education's on-site Nursery Facility Scrutiny Referral

DECISION MAKING DATE OF FINAL REPORT: (Council on 14 September 2006)

RECOMMENDATION	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE / PROPOSED ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	DELIVERY TIMESCALE	
	which parents with young children experience barriers to access to further education.	consultation with parents of young children in order to ascertain the extent to which the take up of childcare places is a barrier to accessing further education	Danielle Swainston	January 07

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

24 November 2006



Report of: Joint Report of Directors of Regeneration and Planning Services Department and Neighbourhood Services Department and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Liveability and Housing.

Subject PORTFOLIO HOLDERS RESPONSE TO THE FORMAL RESPONSE TO THE 'COMMITTEE ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT (CORWM)' SCRUTINY REFERRAL

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee with feedback on the recommendations from the investigation into the *Formal Response to the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CORWM) Scrutiny Referral*, which was reported to Council on 14 September 2006.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 The investigation into Formal Response to the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CORWM) Scrutiny Referral, conducted by this Committee falls under the remit of the Regeneration and Planning Services and Neighbourhood Services Departments and is, under the Executive Delegation Scheme, within the service area covered by the Regeneration, Liveability and Housing Portfolio Holder.

2.2 On 14 September Council considered the Final Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee into the Formal Response to the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CORWM) Scrutiny Referral. This report provides feedback from the Portfolio Holder following the Council's consideration of, and decisions in relation to this Committee's recommendations.

2.3 In addition to this report a further progress report will be produced for Member's consideration six months after the Final Report was considered by

Council to enable Members to monitor the implementation of their recommendations.

3. SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS AND EXECUTIVE DECISION

- 3.1 Following consideration of the Final Report, Council approved the recommendations in their entirety. Details of each recommendation and proposed actions to be taken following approval by Council are provided in the Action Plan attached at **Appendix A**.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That Members note the proposed actions detailed within the Action Plan, appended to this report (**Appendix A**) and seek clarification on its content where felt appropriate.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) The Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee's Final Report on the *Formal Response to the Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CORWM) Scrutiny Referral*, considered by Council on 14 September 2006.
- (ii) Decision Record of Council held on 14 September 2006.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ENQUIRY ACTION PLAN

NAME OF FORUM: Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

NAME OF SCRUTINY ENQUIRY: FORMAL RESPONSE TO THE 'COMMITTEE ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT (CORWM)' SCRUTINY REFERRAL

DECISION MAKING DATE OF FINAL REPORT: Council 14 September 2006

RECOMMENDATION	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE / PROPOSED ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	DELIVERY TIMESCALE
<p>(a) That in response to the Scrutiny Referral, Council endorses the recommendation of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to hold a Members Seminar on this issue in accordance with the organisational arrangements outlined earlier in this report (paragraph 4.3 refers):</p> <p><i>With regard to the arrangements for the proposed Members Seminar, Members were of the view:-</i></p> <p><i>(a) That the Seminar be repeated on an evening to accommodate those Elected Members with work commitments;</i></p>	<p>That in response to the Scrutiny Referral, the recommendation of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to hold a Members' Seminar on this issue, in accordance with the organisational arrangements outlined in the report, be endorsed.</p>	<p>Stuart Green</p>	<p>23 October 2006</p>

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ENQUIRY ACTION PLAN

NAME OF FORUM: Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

NAME OF SCRUTINY ENQUIRY: FORMAL RESPONSE TO THE 'COMMITTEE ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT (CORWM)' SCRUTINY REFERRAL

DECISION MAKING DATE OF FINAL REPORT: Council 14 September 2006

RECOMMENDATION	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE / PROPOSED ACTION	LEAD OFFICER	DELIVERY TIMESCALE
	<p><i>(b) That representation from CORWM be invited, subject to their capacity to attend such events; and</i></p> <p><i>(c) That the Seminar be held at the earliest opportunity.</i></p>		

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

24th November, 2006



Report of: Assistant Chief Executive and
Chief Financial Officer

Subject: QUARTER 2 – CORPORATE PLAN
PROGRESS & REVENUE FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT REPORT 2006/2007

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide details of: -

- the progress made towards achieving the Corporate Plan Service improvements (SIPS) in order to provide timely information and allow any necessary decisions to be taken;
- to provide details of progress against the Council's overall revenue budget for 2006/2007.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES

- 2.1 A separate report has not been prepared for your Committee as a comprehensive report was submitted to Cabinet on 20th November, 2006 and this report is attached at **Appendix A**. This report sets out the key issue to bring to your attention.
- 2.2 Previous monitoring reports submitted to Cabinet included an overall summary report detailing performance and financial management information. This report was supported by individual Portfolio reports which provided more detailed information.
- 2.3 The report has now been integrated into one comprehensive document. This has enabled the report to be page numbered, thus allowing Members easier navigation around the report. See Contents Table on page 1 of main report. The report firstly provides an overall picture of performance and progress against the approved 2006/2007 revenue budget, followed by a section for each Portfolio where more detailed information is provided.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members consider the report.

CABINET REPORT

20th November, 2006



Report of: Corporate Management Team

Subject: QUARTER 2 – CORPORATE PLAN AND REVENUE
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT 2006/2007

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Cabinet of: -

- The progress made towards achieving the Corporate Plan Actions in order to provide timely information and allow any necessary decisions to be taken;
- To provide details of progress against the Council's overall revenue budget for 2006/2007.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

2.1 The report describes progress towards achieving the actions within the Corporate Plan using the traffic light system of Green, Amber and Red. The report provides an overview of Council performance, with separate sections providing more detailed information for each Portfolio Holder to consider.

2.2 The Revenue Budget Monitoring report covers the following areas:

- Overview of anticipated 2006/2007 Revenue Outturn;
- Progress against departmental and corporate budgets and High Risk Budget Areas;
- Progress against saving/increased income targets identified in the 2006/2007 Budget Strategy;
- Progress against departmental salary turnover targets;
- Key Balance Sheet information.

3. RELEVANCE TO CABINET

Cabinet has overall responsibility for the monitoring of the Council's Corporate Plan and the Revenue budget.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

None.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Cabinet 20th November, 2006.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

Cabinet is asked to:

- Note the report and take any decisions necessary to address the performance or financial risks identified;
- Approve the virement of £75,818 from the Centralised Estimate budget to the Neighbourhood Services budget.

Report of: Corporate Management Team

Subject: QUARTER 2 – CORPORATE PLAN AND
REVENUE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
REPORT 2006/2007

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Cabinet of the progress made towards achieving the Corporate Plan objectives through identified actions and of progress against the Council's own 2006/2007 Revenue Budget, for the period to 30th September, 2006.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Previous monitoring reports submitted to Cabinet included an overall summary report detailing performance and financial management information. This report was supported by individual Portfolio reports which provided more detailed information.

2.2 The report has now been integrated into one comprehensive document. This has enabled the report to be page numbered, thus allowing Members easier navigation around the report. See Contents Table below. The report firstly provides an overall picture of performance and progress against the approved 2006/2007 revenue budget, followed by a section for each Portfolio where more detailed information is provided.

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3. OVERALL PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS ON ACTIONS AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- 3.1 The Council identified 183 actions within for 2006/2007 with specific milestones, and 233 key performance indicators (KPIs) as measures of success in the 2006/2007 Corporate Plan.
- 3.2 Overall performance is good with 94% of the actions and 87% of the KPIs (where a judgement can be made) judged to be either on or above targets. Tables 1 and 2 below summarise officers' views on progress as at 30th September, 2006, for each Portfolio Holder's responsibilities.

Table 1 – Progress on Actions within the Corporate Plan

Portfolio	Actions by Traffic Light					
	Red		Amber		Green	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Regeneration and Liveability	2	4	42	86	5	10
Culture Housing and Transportation	0	0	10	91	1	9
Children's Services	1	6	13	82	2	12
Adult Services and Public Health	0	0	23	100	0	0
Finance	2	10	10	50	8	40
Performance Management	5	12	33	76	4	10
Total	10		131		20	

*figure may not always add to 100 % due to rounding

Note: 13 of the actions have been highlighted as reporting on an annual basis and so not included in the analysis. Also 15 actions have been completed over the last six months and therefore are not included in this analysis.

Definition of traffic lights has changed slightly since last year: -

- A red light means that you do **not expect** to achieve the target by the milestone date.
- An amber light means that you are **expecting** to complete action by the milestone date.

- A green light now means that the action has been **completed**.

Table 2 – Progress on Key Performance Indicators

Portfolio	KPIs by Traffic Light					
	Red		Amber		Green	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Regeneration and Livability	0	13	57	74	10	13
Culture Housing and Transportation	1	7	14	93	0	0
Children's Services	7	19	16	44	13	36
Adult Services and Public Health	2	7	25	89	1	4
Finance	0	0	2	66	1	33
Performance Management	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	20		114		25	

*figure may not always add to 100% due to rounding

Note: 73 of the KPI's have been highlighted as reporting on an annual basis. Also 1 PI has not been updated (LPI RP8 – No. of business start ups with Council assistance.

Definition of traffic lights has changed slightly since last year: -

- A red light means that you do **not expect** to achieve the target by the milestone date.
- An **amber light** means that you are **expecting** to achieve the target by the milestone date.
- A green light now means that the target has been achieved.

3.3 It should be noted that a number of KPIs are only assessed and monitored once a year and are therefore not included in Table 2, above, or any of the summary analysis. However, of those PI's that have been collected 20 or 13% are deemed to not be meeting its target.

3.4 Key areas of progress included: -

- The project for improving training and employment prospects for carers went live in July, 2006 and is currently working with 13 carers. At the end of quarter 2 four carers have achieved a level 2 qualification and one has secured employment.
- Grayfields Pavilion is opened for business in August, 2006 with further improvements set to continue.
- The Maritime Festival successfully took place in July, 2006.
- Six pupils have been successfully re-integrated into mainstream school in the summer term of 2006. A Hard to Place Pupil Protocol has now been completed and two

consultation events have taken place in June and October to help reintegrate excluded pupils into mainstream school.

- The North NAP has elected a young person (14 years old) as Chair.
- 98 patients have now been through the 10 week GP referral scheme. New sessions are now being added and a second officer is in post. There has also been an enhancement of the cardiac rehab sessions – working in partnership with the PCT to increase the number of specialist instructors required and site offering these sessions.
- A Customer Charter has been defined and agreed in relation to the Customer Standards Framework.
- The CPA Self Assessment was submitted to Audit Commission on the 16th October, 2006.
- The LMDP Programme has been developed and being rolled out across the authority incorporating the 8 themes of the Way Forward

4. REVENUE MONITORING 2006/2007 - SUMMARY

4.1 This section provides details covering the following areas: -

- Overview of anticipated 2006/2007 Revenue Outturn.
- Progress against departmental, corporate and high risk budget areas.
- Progress against savings/increased income targets identified in the 2006/2007 Budget Strategy.
- Progress against departmental salary turnover targets.
- Key Balance Sheet information.

4.2 Overview of Anticipated 2006/2007 Revenue Outturn

4.3 At your meeting on 23rd October, 2006, Members were advised of the forecast underspend on corporate budgets and approved a strategy which fully commits these resources. Therefore, there are currently no uncommitted corporate resources available to meet any service related issues which arise during the remainder of the financial year.

4.4 Since the approval of the above strategy the first detailed outturns for service based expenditure have been prepared. These forecasts indicate that, with the exception of Neighbourhood Services, there will be an underspend on departmental budgets, as summarised below and detailed in Appendix B, Table 1.

Summary Departmental Outturn

Department	Projected Variance Adverse/(Favourable) £'000
Adult & Community Services	(463)
Children's Services (excluding Schools)	(114)
Neighbourhood Services	285
Regeneration & Planning	(100)
Resources	(124)
Total	(516)

- 4.5 The forecast Adult and Community Services underspend is owing to the earlier achievement of savings in Older People's Services arising from the reconfiguration of services, which reduces the dependency on residential care and introduces services which enable people to be supported in their own homes and increased income. Further work is needed to assess the sustainability of these trends. Part of this saving (£300,000) needs to be earmarked to meet the costs of funding community based alternatives such as Telecare, specialist adaptations, Direct Payments, Individualised budgets and also to develop a service to enable elderly people with mental health problems to stay in their own homes. Therefore, the net underspend available is £163,000 and there are no proposals for using this amount.
- 4.6 It was previously anticipated that these changes would not begin to have a significant impact until 2007/2008 and will need to be considered against the achievement of the £1.1m cashable efficiency target. As the achievement of these service changes are complex and depend on the specific circumstances of individuals requiring care, further work needs to be undertaken to determine the level of sustainable savings which can be considered against the 2007/2008 efficiency target.
- 4.7 The Neighbourhood Services overspend is owing to a variety of factors and a number of these issues have been identified as pressures in the 2007/2008 budget proposals. In accordance with existing budget management rules individual departments are normally required to carry forward overspends of up to 10% of the approved revenue budget. However, given the pressure on the existing Neighbourhood Services budget and the overall budget position for 2007/2008, this strategy is not sustainable and would require significant service reductions to repay the overspend. Therefore, an alternative strategy needs to be developed to address this issue. It is suggested that this strategy be based on the following two principles:
- i) In the event that the final corporate underspends exceeds the previously committed figure, then the unallocated

resources should be earmarked to meet the Neighbourhood Services underspend;

- i) In the event that additional corporate resources are not available the Neighbourhood Services overspend will need to be funded pro-rata from departmental underspends.

4.8 The Director of Neighbourhood Service is examining ways to reduce the forecast underspend. However, for planning purposes it would be prudent to anticipate having to fund the gross shortfall. Therefore, it is anticipated that the Neighbourhood Services overspend will need to be funded from departmental underspends.

4.9 As indicated in paragraph 4.5 the net Adult and Community Services underspend can be used to partly fund the Neighbourhood Services overspend. The remaining amount will need to be funded from other departments underspends. Assuming Members approve the above proposals the level of departmental uncommitted underspends will be reduced. Departments have, within section 5 to 10, identified proposals for allocating the gross underspends. If Members approve the strategy for funding the Neighbourhood Services underspend these proposals will need to be scaled back and departments will wish to make the following contributions to reserves:

Summary of Net Proposed Contributions to Reserves

Department	£'000
Adult & Community Services	0
Children's Services	73
Regeneration and Planning	65
Chief Executives	78
Total	216

4.10 It is proposed to earmark the net underspends for the following issues:

- Children's Services

To meet design and project management costs arising of the Building Schools for the Future programme.

- Regeneration and Planning

To meet activities related to the delivery of the Planning Services and rephased costs in relation to Victoria Harbour

- Chief Executives

To meet the cost of implementing improved IT systems within Internal Audit which will secure an ongoing revenue saving and to meet restructuring costs within Finance and Corporate Strategy which will also produce ongoing revenue savings.

- 4.11 Detailed revenue monitoring information is included in sections 5-10, on a Portfolio basis to enable each Portfolio Holders to readily review their area of responsibility.
- 4.12 Members also need to approve a technical adjustment to transfer resources from the centralised estimates budget to Neighbourhood Services. This adjustment relates to the replacement of a number of mechanical street cleansing vehicles purchased in 2000 to improve the Council's cleansing services. These vehicles were financed from capital receipts. The original vehicles were recently replaced as they had reached the end of their operational life. It was initially anticipated that the replacement vehicles would be funded using Prudential Borrowing and the resulting borrowing costs would then be funded from the approved Centralised Estimates budget. However, when the detailed option appraisal of the financial alternatives for funding these vehicles was undertaken it was determined that an operating lease provided the lowest cost to the Council. Therefore, these vehicles have been funded using an operating lease. The costs of all existing operating leases are charged against the Neighbourhood Services budget, as the department is responsible for complying with the requirements of the operating lease. It is therefore suggested that £75,818 be vired from the Centralised Estimates budget to Neighbourhood Services to address this issue.
- 4.13 **Progress Against Departmental and Corporate Budgets and High Risk Budget Areas**
- 4.14 For 2006/2007, as well as monitoring department and corporate budgets at a global level, high risk budget areas are also identified and explicitly monitored. These arrangements ensure any problem areas are identified at an earlier stage to enable appropriate corrective action to be taken. The areas identified as high risk budget areas are attached at Appendix A, which indicates that there are adverse variances on a number of the departmental budgets. However, it is currently anticipated that these variances will be offset by favourable variances on other departmental budgets, with the exception of Neighbourhood Services. Detailed explanations for each department are included in the Portfolio sections, at paragraphs 5-10.

4.15 Progress Against Savings/Increased Income Targets Identified in the 2006/2007 Budget Strategy

4.16 A number of savings/increased income targets are included in the 2006/2007 Budget Strategy. These items are detailed at Appendix C together with comments on progress to date and outturn predictions. There is a separate report on your agenda on the progress of the various projects which make up the Authority's Efficiency Strategy.

4.17 In terms of the savings and increased income targets, which total £2.935m as detailed Appendix C, Members are advised that these items are largely on target to be achieved. There are a small number of savings which will not be achieved in the current year, as detailed in the table below. With the exception of Neighbourhood Services, alternative temporary savings will be made in 2006/2007. The Neighbourhood Services shortfall is reflected in the adverse variance detailed earlier in the report.

Summary of Planned Savings which will not be achieved	Savings Target £'000	Savings not Achieved £'000
Eldon Grove Sports Centre Closure	27	27
Consultancy Budget Savings	48	11
Increase Charges Day Care Users	10	10
Planned Staff Savings	70	70
Renegotiation of Security Contract	14	14
Total	169	132

4.18 Progress Against Departmental Salary Turnover Targets

4.19 An assumed saving from staff turnover is included within salary budgets. Details of individual department's targets are summarised in the table below. With the exception of Neighbourhood Services it is anticipated that the target for 2006/2007 will be achieved by the year-end. This has been reflected in the forecast outturn variance.

Department	2006/2007 Turnover Target £'000	Expected to 30.09.06 £'000	Actual to 30.09.06 £'000	Variance (Adverse)/ Favourable at 30.09.06 £'000
Chief Executives	150.6	75.0	97.6	22.6
Children's Services	185.1	92.6	91.0	(1.6)
Adult & Community Services	266.0	189.2	189.2	0.0
Neighbourhood Services	119.4	59.7	43.3	(16.5)
Regeneration & Planning	60.6	30.3	28.2	(2.1)
Total	781.7	446.7	449.3	2.4

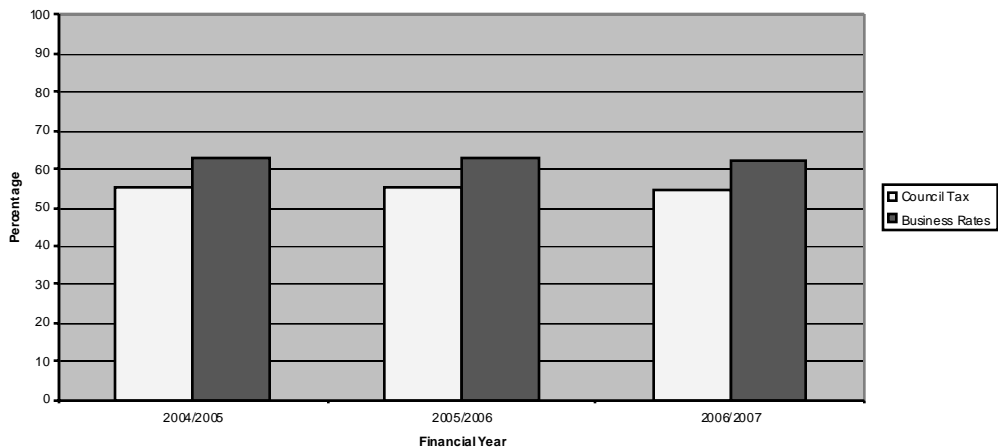
4.20 Key Balance Sheet Information

A balance sheet provides details of an organisation's assets and liabilities at a fixed point in time, for example, the end of the financial year or other fixed accounting periods. Traditionally local authorities have only produced a Balance Sheet on an annual basis and have managed key balance sheet issues through other more appropriate methods. However, under CPA arrangements there is a greater emphasis on demonstrating effective management of the balance sheet. The Audit Commission's preferred option is the production of interim balance sheets throughout the year. In my opinion the option is neither practical nor beneficial as a Local Authority Balance Sheet includes a large number of notional valuations for the Authority's fixed assets and pension liabilities. It is therefore more appropriate to monitor the key cash balance sheet items and these are summarised below :-

- Debtors

The Council's key debtors arise from the non payment of Council Tax, Business Rates and Sundry Debtors. These areas are therefore subject to detailed monitoring throughout the year. The position on Council Tax and Business rates are summarised below :-

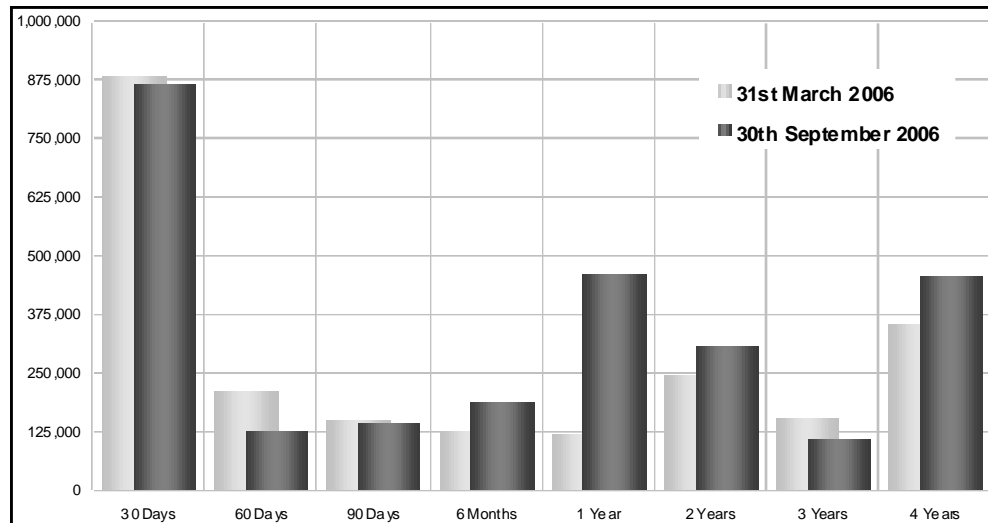
Percentage of Debt Collected at 30th September



The Council Tax collection rate is up by 0.07% and the NNDR collection rate is down slightly by 0.37% when compared to the same period last financial year. In year collection rates are affected by the timing of week/month ends and in practise both Council Tax and NNDR collection levels are expected to be at a similar level to previous years as the end of the current year. In relation to NNDR the 2005/06 collection rate was 99.8%,

which was within the top-quartile. Whilst, for Council Tax the value of the annual debt collectable has increased by £1.5m.

The position in relation to Sundry Debtors is summarised below :



At the start of the current financial year the Council has outstanding sundry debts of £2.258m. During the period 1st April, 2006 to 30th September, 2006, the Council issued approximately 8,500 invoices with a value of £9.070m. As at the 30th September, 2006, the Council had collected £8.656m, leaving £2.672m outstanding, which consist of: -

- Current Debt - £1.32m

With regard to current outstanding debt, this totals £1.329m at 30th September, 2006, inclusive of approximately £0.866m of debt less than thirty days old.

- Previous Years Debt - £1.343m

These debts relate to the more difficult cases where court action or other recovery procedures are being implemented. At the 30th September, 2006, debts older than one year totalled £1.343m.

- Borrowing Requirements

The Council's borrowing requirement is the most significant Balance Sheet item. Decisions in relation to the Council's borrowing requirements are taken in accordance with the approved Treasury Management Strategy. At 31st March, 2006, the Council's external debt was held as long

term loans. This position reflected the action taken to secure interest savings from lower interest costs of long term loans at historically low levels. The level of borrowing reflects the requirements for capital expenditure until 2008/2009.

5. REGENERATION, LIVEABILITY AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO

5.1 Performance Update for the Period Ending 30th September, 2006

5.1.1 Within the Regeneration, Liveability and Housing Portfolio there are a total of 57 actions that were identified in the 2006/2007 Corporate Plan. Generally performance towards these actions milestones is good, 47 actions being on target for completion by the agreed milestone.

5.1.2 However, there are 2 actions which are assessed as being 'below target' and as such have not been achieved by the milestone. Table RLH1 below details these actions, along with an explanation for the delay as well as any remedial action planned.

Table RLH1 – Actions assessed as being below target

Actions	Milestone	Comment
JE003 Continue to promote Hartlepool for inward investment including the offer of appropriate support and marketing	30/09/2006	TVR Business Plan endorsed. Expected to undertake joint marketing with Rivergreen commencing Nov 06. Investment prospectus published
JE008 – Continue to work with residents, businesses and other support agencies to ensure local residents have the practical support to complete effectively in the local jobs market	30/06/2006	Draft Sec 106 under discussion with TVR. Outcome will be achieved however target date has been delayed to Sept 06

5.1.3 There are 122 key performance indicators (KPIs) included in the corporate plan as measures of success. 43 of these can only be assessed and reported on an annual basis, but of those indicators that progress can be monitored, all but 10 of the Regeneration, Liveability and Housing KPIs are assessed as being on or above target. These can be seen in Table RLH2 below:

Table RLH2 – KPIs assessed as being below target

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Target (2005/06)	Outturn	Comment
BVPI 127a – Violent crime per 1000 population	31.21	11.4	Please note town wide figures have been compiled using cleansed data for the months of Apr to Aug 06 and unaudited figures for Sept 06. All data will be updated

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Target (2005/06)	Outturn	Comment
			upon receipt of cleansed JSU data.
BVPI 225 – actions against domestic violence	Yes	?	Unsure as to what outturn will be
CEPU PI 5a – Provision of effective Cleveland Community Risk Register – Complete 12 additional risks and add to register by 30/09/06			Only completed 8. HMCainet issued new criteria in Set 06 which has many assessments being completed have had to be reviewed and re-assigned
LAACS17 – Deliberate Fires (Hartlepool)	853	546	In conjunction with the Fire Brigade, the Council and other partners will review activity to reduce deliberate small fires. Deliberate property fires (building, vehicle) are reducing
LAACS21 – Personal, social and community disorder reported to police (Hartlepool)	9716	5435	The Police are now recording anti-social behaviour according to national incident recording standard introduced in Apr 06. This standard does not correlate with previous measures so is not directly comparable.
LAACS22 – Personal, social and community disorder reported to police (NRS)	6723	Q1 - 1797	Quarter 1 data represents 69.86% of the towns anti-social behaviour. Target was set for 67.1% so this indicator is judged unlikely to achieve its target
LAACS6 – Local Violence	1940		Deemed that this indicator will not reach its target
LAACS9 – Reduce the incidents of local violence		11.4 per 1000 pop'n	
LAAH13 – Number of new houses constructed in HMR intervention area	50		Delays associated with statutory progress post-inquiry mean that this target is unlikely to be met until Q3/Q4 2007/08
LPI RP3 – The number of sites developed or improved	7	3	Reasonable progress on key sites anticipate being slightly off target due to planning issues relating to TERRC

One LPI is still outstanding – LPI RP8. The number of business start ups with Council assistance

5.1.4 Key areas of progress made to date in the Regeneration and Liveability Portfolio includes: -

- The Green Star Award has been awarded to Transport Services for Sustainable Service Delivery.
- Hartlepool Borough Council hosted the Tees Valley Climate Change Conference.
- Dyke House/Stanton/Grange Draft NAP is being taken to the Hartlepool Partnership on 20th October, 2006, for agreement
- The project for improving training and employment prospects for carers went live in July, 2006 and is currently working with 13 carers. At the end of quarter 2 four carers have achieved a level 2 qualification and one has secured employment.
- Two floating support workers have commenced employment with Disc and operational in Hartlepool working with Hartlepool Housing to identify suitable beneficiaries. First two residents have been identified and currently receiving intensive support

5.2 **Financial Management Position Statement for Period Ending 30th September, 2006**

5.2.1 Details of Regeneration, Liveability and Housing's actual expenditure and expected expenditure as at 30th September, 2006, are shown at **Appendix D**.

5.2.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £5,688,100, compared to expected expenditure of £5,828,300, resulting in a current £140,200 favourable variance. The projected outturn is £11,012,200, compared to the latest budget of £11,048,200, resulting in a forecast favourable variance of £36,000.

5.2.3 The anticipated expenditure includes the 2006/2007 approved budget along with the planned use of Departmental Reserves created in previous years. A breakdown of these reserves is provided at **Appendix D**.

5.2.4 The main items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention are:-

Line 5: Development Control
Current Variance: £21,500 Adverse
Forecast Variance: Nil

The adverse variance has arisen because the level of fee income generated by the service is below the budgeted target. This service is demand led, so there is the potential for an upturn in fee income in the second half of the year. Therefore no projected outturn variance figure is identified at this stage but the position will be reviewed again at the end of the third quarter.

Line 10: Planning Policy and Regeneration

Current Variance: £174,900 Favourable

Forecast Variance: £176,000 Favourable

The favourable variance has arisen on three headings.

There is a favourable variance on the Victoria Harbour budget as it is expected the majority of expenditure will be incurred in future years. It is forecast that at outturn the variance will be £100,000, of which £50,000 is funded from a reserve, which will be carried forward into 2007/2008.

A favourable outturn variance of £26,000 is forecast on the Local Development Framework in relation to planning policy activity as a number of studies are likely to be concluded in 2007/2008. These studies are funded from a reserve, which will be carried forward to fund costs in 2007/2008.

A favourable outturn variance is also forecast for the Planning Delivery Grant. Ongoing discussions are being held with DCLG regarding the guidelines covering the use of the grant and it is anticipated that the favourable variance of £50,000 will be carried forward as a reserve to be used in 2007/2008.

Line 15: Environmental Action

Current Variance: £8,800 Adverse

Forecast Variance: £40,000 Adverse

Reduced funding from the NRF and NDC Warden schemes, not anticipated at the time of setting the original budget, has produced a budget deficit for salaries in this service. Additional funding is being pursued to alleviate this pressure but as yet it is still uncertain that this will be achieved.

Line 16: Town Care Management

Current Variance: £33,200 Adverse

Forecast Variance: £38,000 Adverse

This reflects the increased work currently being undertaken by this service. The Director is currently working on a strategy to realign this budget to bring it in line with service requirements.

Line 17: Housing Services

Current Variance: £2,500 Favourable

Forecast Variance: £5,000 Favourable

The latest budget includes a proposed £35,000 transfer from the Asylum Seekers Reserve, as the Asylum Seekers contract has now ended. This has prevented what would have otherwise been

an adverse variance for this budget, arising from income being less than anticipated.

6. CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

6.1 Performance Update for the Period Ending 30th September, 2006

6.1.1 Within the Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio there are a total of 14 actions that were identified in the 2006/2007 Corporate Plan. Generally performance towards these actions is very good, with all of the actions being on target for completion by the agreed milestone or have already been completed.

6.1.2 A 19 key performance indicators (KPIs) were included in the corporate plan as measures of success. A 4 of these can only be assessed and reported on an annual basis, but of those indicators that progress can be monitored, 14 KPIs of the Culture, Leisure and Transportation KPIs are assessed as being on or above target and one KPI has been assessed as being below target. The PI was the increasing or maintaining of the number of bus passenger journeys where the figure is below target and is unlikely to meet the end of year target due to the continuing reduction in bus journeys.

6.1.3 Key areas of progress made to date in the Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio include: -

- Grayfields Pavilion is opened for business in August, 2006 with further improvements set to continue.
- The Maritime Festival successfully took place in July, 2006.
- The Art Gallery exhibitions programme has demonstrated improved visitor levels – Face of Asia was a particular success.
- Improvements to social and private housing proceeding satisfactory to help achieve national decent homes standard by 2010.
- The number of landlords in the accreditation scheme has increased and advice/information sessions maintained.

6.2 Financial Management Position Statement for Period Ending 30th September, 2006

6.2.1 Details of Culture, Leisure and Transportation's actual expenditure and expected expenditure as at 30th September, 2006, are shown at **Appendix E**

6.2.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £6,537,600, compared to anticipated expenditure of £6,553,300, resulting in a current favourable variance of £15,700. The projected outturn is

£12,495,300, compared to the latest budget of £12,240,000, resulting in a forecast adverse variance of £255,300.

- 6.2.3 The anticipated expenditure includes the 2006/2007 approved budget along with the planned use of Departmental Reserves created in previous years. A breakdown of these reserves is provided at **Appendix E**
- 6.2.4 The main items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention are:-

Line 3: Arts, Events & Museums
Current Variance: £34,100 Adverse
Forecast Variance: Nil

The main adverse variance arises from the admissions income at the Historic Quay being lower than anticipated. (£87,500).

The recent decision by Cabinet to revise the split of admissions income between the Council and the HMS Trincomalee Trust from 70:30 to 50:50 has resulted in a reduction in the level of income retained by the Council for each admission. This has in part contributed to the adverse variance, however, a corporate budget is available to cover the anticipated shortfall (predicted to be £50,000 for the year) and it is intended to transfer this budget at year end to reduce the adverse variance.

Favourable variances at Sir William Gray House (£40,000) and The Borough Hall (£25,000) relating to salaries, premises costs and higher than anticipated income levels should result in a balanced position overall.

The specific department reserve for the Maritime Festival will be applied.

Line 4: Community Support
Current Variance: £104,500 Favourable
Forecast Variance: £5,000 Favourable

Grant payments to voluntary groups from the Community Grant Pool are £59,000 less than previously anticipated for this time of the year. It is anticipated that the level of grant payments will increase. However, any favourable variance will be carried forward for the Grants Committee to review and make decisions on grants usage. This, together with increased income levels in community centres, has resulted in the current favourable variance reported. It is anticipated that there will be a £5,000 favourable variance at the end of this financial year.

Line 5: Countryside

Current Variance: £32,460 Favourable

Forecast Variance: Nil

The current favourable variance is owing to staff vacancies in this area. Necessary maintenance work at Summerhill's BMX Track and the Boulder Park, together with works arising from the 'Access' Audit report will result in a balanced budget.

In accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules a transfer of resources from revenue to capital of £4,000 has been proposed by the Director of Adult and Community Services and agreed by the Chief Financial Officer. This will contribute towards the Parks capital schemes.

Line 6: Foreshore

Current Variance: £11,000 Favourable

Forecast Variance: £11,000 Favourable

A favourable position relates to an underspend on employees salaries and overtime costs (£9,000). As the busiest time of the year for this service is the summer it is anticipated that this favourable variance will be the outturn position.

Line 7: Libraries

Current Variance: £25,560 Favourable

Forecast Variance: Nil

The current favourable position consists of underspends on staffing, premises and supplies and services, together with a greater than anticipated level of income resulting from the sale of surplus library books and room hire charges. However, necessary expenditure on maintenance and the replacement of the lighting system will result in a balanced position at year end.

Line 8: Maintenance

Current Variance: £17,400 Adverse

Forecast Variance: £30,000 Adverse

The current adverse position is due to the necessary completion of ongoing building works to comply with health and safety standards at a number of establishments. It is projected that expenditure will continue until the end of the financial year resulting in an adverse position. It is expected that this adverse variance will be offset by underspends elsewhere in Adult & Community Services.

Line 11: Sport & Physical Recreation
Current Variance: £22,800 Favourable
Forecast Variance: £38,000 Adverse

The current favourable variance is attributable to the level of income received at Mill House being higher than anticipated by £27,000.

Officers continue to closely monitor the increase in income levels at Mill House and establish the impact of seasonal variations on the overall outturn position.

The projected adverse variances at outturn relates to the delayed closure of Eldon Grove and the transfer of the service to Brierton. The savings of £27,000 previously identified and included within the base budget will not therefore be achieved in this financial year resulting in the adverse variance reported.

Line 14: Highways Services
Current Variance: £114,400 Adverse
Forecast Variance: £118,500 Adverse

The variance is due to higher than projected work being undertaken in the provision of the Gully Cleansing service. Attempts are being made to cover this through careful control of other expenditure within this overall budget. This has also been highlighted as a continuing budget pressure for which additional funding is being sought.

Line 15: Traffic and Road Safety
Current Variance: £44,800 Adverse
Forecast Variance: £85,000 Adverse

The provision of a new School Crossing Patrol at Throston Grange School accounts for £15,000 of the projected variance. The balance reflects the lower than anticipated level of parking fine income. Every attempt will be made to reduce the variance by careful control of expenditure in other areas within this overall budget.

7. CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO

7.1 Performance Update for the Period Ending 30th September, 2006

7.1.1 Within the Children's Services Portfolio there are a total of 17 actions that were identified in the 2006/2007 Corporate Plan. Generally performance towards these actions is good, with all but one of the actions currently being on target for completion by the

agreed milestone. The action that is currently judged as below target can be seen in Table CS1.

Table CS1 – Actions assessed as being below target

Actions	Milestone	Comment
LL002 – Challenge and support schools to improve performance at Key Stage 3 faster than national rate in English, Science and ICT.	30/04/2006	By Sept 06 there have been improvements in L5+ in Maths, Science and ICT with ICT likely to be above national rate of increase, thereby narrowing the gap. Science was in line with national and English fell by 2% in line with national levels.

7.1.2 A 60 key performance indicators (KPIs) were included in the corporate plan as measures of success. 24 these can only be assessed and reported on an annual basis, but of those indicators that progress can be monitored, 81% of the Children's Services KPIs are assessed as being on or above target, which relates to a total of 29 performance indicators. There are 7 KPI's which are not expected to achieved target (see Table CS2).

Table CS2 – KPIs assessed as being below target

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Target (2005 06)	Outturn	Comment
BVPI181a – Percentage of pupils achieving level 5 or above in KS3 results – English	73%	69.3%	Decline in line with national therefore no narrowing of gap.
BVPI181c – Percentage of pupils achieving level 5 or above in KS3 results – Science	76%	69.9%	Increase in line with national therefore no narrowing of the gap
BVPI181d – Percentage of pupils achieving level 5 or above in KS3 results – ICT Assessment	73%	66.4%	Increase of 5% likely to be greater than national rate but national results not yet know but we will not achieve target.
BVPI194b – Proportion of children level 5 or above KS2 in maths	37%	34.9%	Best ever performance now above national but we have not achieved the target that was set.
BVPI40 – Percentage of pupils achieving Level 4 or above in KS2 maths test	86%	79.1%	Best ever performance above national average for third year in succession but still not achieved target that was set
LAAJE7 – Youth unemployment (Hartlepool)	31%	36.9%	Further resources have been identified for this group in 2006/07 with additional research being commissioned to identify the underlying issues faced by young people and NRF priorities have also been

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Target (2005 06)	Outturn	Comment
			targeted at this cohort
LAAJ E8 – Youth unemployment (Neighbourhood Renewal narrowing the gap)	31.60%	38%	A proposal has been submitted to the Job Centre Plus to develop a family caseload approach to worklessness through the Deprived Area Fund and this additional resource will be priorities to the 7 key neighbourhoods.

7.1.3 Key areas of progress made to date in the Children’s Services Portfolio include: -

- Six pupils have been successfully re-integrated into mainstream school in the summer term of 2006. A Hard to Place Pupil Protocol has now been completed and two consultation events have taken place in June and October to help reintegrate excluded pupils into mainstream school.
- A Social Inclusion Co-ordinator (Anti-bullying) has been appointed
- Children’s Scrutiny Forum has agreed to participation of young people in the Forum.
- The North NAP has elected a young person (14 years old) as Chair.
- The 6 month target for new foster cares has been achieved and this means that the yearly target looks likely to be achieved as well. Sufficient adopters have already been approved.

7.2 **Financial Management Position Statement for Period Ending 30th September, 2006**

7.2.1 **Background**

7.2.2 Members will be aware from the 2006/2007 Budget Setting Reports that this year saw a significant change in the funding of the Education Service. In previous years all resources were received as part of the Revenue Support Grant but commencing in 2006/2007 a specific ring-fenced grant (called the Dedicated Schools Grant – DSG) replaced the Revenue Support Grant in funding the ‘schools’ budget. The ‘schools’ budget includes not only all of the funding devolved to individual schools but other centrally retained school related expenditure such as the Access 2 Learning Centre, Independent and Extra District School fees and Education Out of School.

7.2.3 The DSG finances £55m of the total 2006/2007 Children’s Services base budget of £71m. As the DSG is ring-fenced, the

Authority has the option to fund from its own resources any overspend, or alternatively this overspend could be carried forward as the first call on the 2007/2008 schools budget. Any underspend on the schools budget, however, must now be retained and carried forward into 2007/2008 for use on the schools budget only.

7.2.4 This significantly reduces the flexibility within the Children's Services Department to offset any variances across the entire Children's Services budget and departmental procedures are currently being updated to effectively monitor this.

7.2.5 In 2006/2007 the Authority received £65,000 more DSG than originally anticipated owing to pupil number changes and the Schools Forum has agreed that this should be carried forward into 2007/2008.

7.2.6 **Current Position**

7.2.7 **Appendix F** provides details of Children's Services actual and expected expenditure as at 30th September, 2006. The anticipated expenditure includes the 2006/2007 approved budget along with the planned use of Departmental Reserves created in previous years. A breakdown of these reserves is also provided at **Appendix F**.

7.2.8 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £7,885,300, compared to anticipated expenditure of £8,157,000, resulting in a current favourable variance of £271,700. The projected outturn is £21,371,300, compared to the latest budget of £21,485,100, resulting in a forecast favourable variance of £113,800. Owing to the complexities of the DSG this forecast variance needs to be considered as follows: -

Table 1 – Forecast Outturn Split between DSG and LEA Funding

Funding	2006/07 Budget	2006/07 Project Outturn	2006/07 Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Schools – DSG	49,334.3	49,334.3	0.0
Centrally Retained – DSG	5,209.7	5,298.6	88.9
	54,544.0	54,632.9	88.9
LEA	16,275.4	16,072.7	(202.7)
Total	70,819.4	70,705.6	(113.8)

7.2.9 The main items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention are:-

Line 1: Access to Education

Current Variance: £106,700 Favourable

Forecast Variance: £181,400 Favourable

The current and forecast favourable variances are mainly the result of expenditure within the school transport budgets being lower than anticipated, partly owing to the achievement of efficiency savings. Officers are currently reviewing the transport service with a view to determining the level of additional cost pressures previously identified for 2006/2007. In addition, staff vacancies and a reduction in the working hours within the Education Social Work Team are resulting in a favourable variance, which at this stage is projected to remain at outturn.

Line 3: Children, Young People and Families Support

Current Variance: £28,500 Favourable

Forecast Variance: £162,000 Adverse

The main reasons for the current favourable variance are staff vacancies, lower than expected supplies and services costs and several children leaving care in July and August. This variance has been partly offset by adverse variances on Exmoor Grove and the in-house Fostering and Adoption budget.

Staffing costs at Exmoor Grove have been higher than expected owing to night allowance payments and agency supply cover for sickness absence.

In-house fostering and adoption costs have increased since the beginning of the year as more carers are employed directly through the Authority. A forecast adverse variance is projected based on current projections and a potential new residential placement.

Line 6: Other School Related Expenditure

Current Variance: £36,500 Favourable

Forecast Variance: £50,600 Favourable

The main reason for the current favourable variance is that expenditure on the swimming service has been lower than envisaged owing to reduced premises costs arising from the Rossmere pool closure. Transport costs have increased but this has been offset by increased income from schools. This favourable variance is projected to remain at outturn.

The 2006/2007 charge from Middlesbrough Borough Council for joint authority contributions to the Lanehead Centre increased significantly in 2005/2006. This increase was notified after the

2006/2007 budget was set therefore an adverse variance is expected in this area.

In addition, as part of the schools budget setting a sum of £51,000 is retained as a contingency to account for any changes to pupil numbers. It is currently anticipated that this funding will not be required and this favourable variance is therefore reflected in the forecast variance. This funding, however, is ring-fenced as it is funded from the DSG.

Line 8: Raising Educational Achievement

Current Variance: £98,400 Favourable

Forecast Variance: £110,000 Favourable

The main reason for both the current and forecast variances is that the Carlton Outdoor Centre has been closed since April owing to Phase 1 of the capital redevelopment programme.

Other Local Authority contributions have continued to be received on the understanding that this funding is earmarked for the Centre.

The Centre is scheduled to re-open in November 2006 and staff recruitment has recently commenced. A favourable variance of £108,000 is currently forecast and it is requested that the favourable variance on this budget at outturn is transferred to the existing Carlton Reserve. This reserve is to fund further capital works as part of the Phase 2 redevelopments.

Line 9: Special Educational Needs

Current Variance: £54,400 Adverse

Forecast Variance: £39,200 Adverse

The main reason for both the current and forecast adverse variance is the Access 2 Learning (A2L) Centre which has incurred additional agency staffing costs owing to sickness cover and increased premises costs arising from the move to larger premises. In addition, exclusions income is currently lower than anticipated.

In light of the adverse forecast position and proposals to reconfigure the service next year a fundamental base budget review exercise is currently being undertaken. It is envisaged that this review will identify ways to reduce the current adverse variance. If this variance cannot be eliminated the Department could cover this from corresponding savings on services outside the DSG.

In addition, an A2L Reserve of £81,000 exists and would also be available to offset the adverse variance, if necessary.

Alternatively, as this service falls within the DSG any deficit could, with agreement from the School's Forum, be carried forward to 2007/2008.

Options will be brought to Members once this review is complete and the impact on the DSG is confirmed.

Line 10: Strategic Management
Current Variance: £58,200 Favourable
Forecast Variance: £49,300 Favourable

The main reason for both the current and forecast favourable variance is staff vacancies and staff savings within the Student Support Team owing to the transfer of staff to the Student Loan Company at Darlington.

7.2.10 DSG Funded

7.2.11 In terms of monitoring expenditure against the Dedicated School's Grant there is an anticipated adverse variance of £88,900 on the 'schools' element of the budget, i.e. a projected overspend against the DSG. (See Table 1). The main reason for this is the adverse variance on the A2L Centre, (see Paragraph 7.2.9., Line 9), which is partly offset by a favourable variance on Pupil Number Contingency. (See Paragraph 7.2.9, Line 6).

7.2.12 As summarised above the A2L budget is being fundamentally reviewed prior to any decision on the application of reserves or discussions with the Schools Forum.

7.2.13 Officers will be closely monitoring the schools budget and progress against the Dedicated Schools Grant will be reported to Members as part of the budget monitoring process. At this stage in the year it is anticipated that the only carry forward of DSG will be the £65,000 additional funding referred to at paragraph 7.2.5 above.

7.2.14 LEA Funded

7.2.15 A favourable outturn variance on Raising Educational Achievement is anticipated and it is proposed to contribute this variance (currently £108,000) from the Carlton Outdoor Centre budget to the existing Carlton Reserve.

7.2.16 The position will continue to be reviewed until the year-end outturn is more certain and it is envisaged that any favourable variance will, at that time, be earmarked to support the Building Schools for the Future development.

7.2.17 **Table 2 – Summary of Forecast Outturn Variance**

Funding	2006/07 Projected Outturn Variance: Adverse/(Favourable) £'000	
DSG	88.9	A2L partly offset by Pupil Contingency
LEA	(94.7)	After Creation of Carlton Reserve
Net	(5.8)	

8. ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE PORTFOLIO

8.1 Performance Update for the Period Ending 30th September, 2006

8.1.1 Within the Adult and Public Health Service Portfolio there are a total of 25 actions that were identified in the 2006/2007 Corporate Plan. Two have been identified as actions that will be reported annually with the remaining actions currently being assessed as on or above target for completion by the agreed milestone.

8.1.2 There are 30 Performance Indicators that are within the Corporate Plan for the Adult and Public Health Service Portfolio with 26 being expected to achieve target, two being reported annually and the remaining two not expecting to achieve target (see table APH1).

Table APH1 – KPIs assessed as being below target

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Target (2005 06)	Outturn	Comment
LAAHC2 – Gap in Hartlepool and England life expectancy – Female	1.9	2.3	Plan to reduce premature deaths from major killers by implementing the CHD NSF and National Cancer Plan
LAAHC6 – Gap in NRA and Hartlepool -	1.5	1.8	Targeted community based prevention programmes in the NRA continue

8.1.3 Key areas of progress made to date in the Adult and Public Health Portfolio include: -

- Successful Summer season café provision by Havelock Day Centre to Summerhill along with the development of the learning disability garden project at Waverly allotment site.
- To help increase the number of adults holding recognised national qualifications additional work is in place to extend the range of courses on offer and ensure greater success rates among learners.
- There has been excellent performance for the first 6 months of the year in engagement and support for community groups in the Football Development Programme.

- 98 patients have now been through the 10 week GP referral scheme. New sessions are now being added and a second officer is in post. There has also been an enhancement of the cardiac rehab sessions – working in partnership with the PCT to increase the number of specialist instructors required and site offering these sessions.
- There has been an increase in activity in the Health and Environment Team following the appointment of a community nutritionist with working being focused on the Healthy Eating target in the LAA

8.2 **Financial Management Position Statement for Period Ending 30th September, 2006**

8.2.1 Details of Adult & Public Health Services actual expenditure and anticipated expenditure as at 30th September, 2006, are shown at **Appendix G**.

8.2.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £8,837,500, compared to anticipated expenditure of £9,277,600, resulting in a current favourable variance of £440,100. The projected outturn is £21,226,200, compared to the latest budget of £21,846,200, resulting in a forecast favourable variance of £620,000.

8.2.3 The anticipated expenditure includes the 2006/2007 approved budget along with the planned use of Departmental Reserves created in previous years. A breakdown of these reserves is provided at **Appendix G**.

8.2.4 The main items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention are:-

Line 1: Adult Education **Current Variance: £3,100 Adverse** **Forecast Variance: Nil**

The Adult Education Service is currently undertaking a staffing restructure. During this period of change committed staffing costs are being maintained. This combined with an extended timescale for the restructure has led to an overspend on the staffing budget for the 2005/2006 Academic Year. These increased costs will be funded from the main Adult Education Reserve.

There have also been additional costs relating to the provision of externally delivered courses to fulfil the contract requirements with the Learning Skills Council. These additional costs will be funded from the special project reserve as planned.

Line 3: Home Care

Current Variance: £79,210 Favourable

Forecast Variance: £219,000 Favourable

The reconfiguration of the service and the development of alternative services to assist people to live at home have generated partly this favourable variance. £79,000 of this favourable variance relates to a specific reserve for Home Care ERVS costs. This reserve will not be applied as fewer staff than anticipated are taking ERVS.

Line 4: Learning Disability Purchasing

Current Variance: £81,210 Favourable

Forecast Variance: Nil

This current favourable variance results from a slower than anticipated take up of clients in “transition” who are expected to receive personal care.

In addition, residents’ care income is higher than anticipated by £30,000 and a recovery of overpayments totals £24,000. However, owing to the volatility of this service area, as demonstrated by significant overspends in previous financial years, it is anticipated that a balanced budget will be achieved.

Line 5: Learning Disability Support Services

Current Variance: £41,800 Adverse

Forecast Variance: £50,000 Adverse

The current adverse variance results from an overspend in employee costs of £30,000 mainly owing to the employment of an agency worker. Also transport costs are £9,000 higher than anticipated. The forecast variance reflects continued additional costs in transport but a cessation of agency staffing.

Line 7: Older People Purchasing

Current Variance: £372,800 Favourable

Forecast Variance: £700,000 Favourable

The current favourable variance results from additional income received from house sales (£65,000) and an increasing trend in income from service users who pay for the full amount of their residential care (£159,000 to date rising to £300,000 at year end). There has also been a managed underspend (forecast to be £400,000 at the year end) created from a reduction in placements to residential care, to reinvest in community based services this year and next. This follows the departmental strategy to provide more community based services, in line with national and local policies.

In accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules a transfer of resources from revenue to capital of £65,000 may be made as a contribution towards the Joseph Rowntree Extra Care Housing for Older People and has been reflected in the figures. This position will be reviewed and reported back in the next monitoring report.

It is proposed that £242,000 of the managed underspend be earmarked for planned investments in community based alternatives such as Telecare, specialist adaptations, Direct Payments, Individualised budgets and also to develop a service to enable elderly people with mental health problems to stay in their own homes. The remainder would be required this year to balance the overall Adult and Community Services Department's budget.

The additional net income received of £163,000 may be transferred to support the overall budget position.

Further work is needed to assess the sustainability of these trends.

Line 9: Sensory Loss
Current Variance: £26,500 Adverse
Forecast Variance: £25,000 Adverse

The adverse variance reported relates to additional expenditure on agency staff employed to cover a senior officer's secondment and interpreter fees. The adverse position is not anticipated to increase at outturn.

Line 11: Support Services
Current Variance: £141,300 Adverse
Forecast Variance: £150,000 Adverse

The current adverse variance is the result of the costs of £54,000 for recruitment and advertising for two Assistant Director posts, a one off cost totalling £9,100, resulting from a long term sickness absence, £50,000 on IT equipment and £27,700 on other non-staff expenses.

Line 13: Consumer Services
Current Variance: £139,800 Favourable
Forecast Variance: £105,000 Favourable

A major cause of the variance is reduced salary costs as a result of the continued difficulty in employing suitably qualified staff in this area. Some of these savings will be offset by employing Agency staff to carry out essential statutory work. The remainder

of the variance results from higher than expected license fee income.

9. FINANCE PORTFOLIO

9.1 Performance Update for the Period Ending 30th September, 2006

9.1.1 Within the Finance Portfolios there are a total of 25 actions that were identified in the 2006/2007 Corporate Plan. Overall performance is good, with 90% (18) of the actions having been assessed as being on or above target for completion by the agreed milestone. A total of 2 actions have been assessed as not achieving target by the milestone date. The remaining 5 actions are reported annually. Table F1 below details the actions that have not achieved, along with an explanation for the delay as well as any remedial action planned.

Table F1 – actions assessed as being below target

Actions	Milestone	Comment
OD086 Complete spend analysis in key areas	31/07/2006	Initial savings have been identified – further investigations and actions needed
OD087 – Review on/ of contract spend	30/06/2006	Some review work completed and procurement exercises underway both within the Council and in collaboration with other Tees Valley Authorities and NEPO

9.1.2 There are 3 LAA indicators within the Corporate Plan for the Finance Portfolio all of which are either above or on target. These will continue to be monitored throughout the year.

9.1.3 Key areas of progress made to date in the Finance Portfolios include: -

- To help increase family resources within the family environment an activity programme has yielded positive results in terms of the number of new Council Tax exemptions and reductions granted. A TV message is being piloted within GP surgeries via 'Lifechannel'.
- A Customer Charter has been defined and agreed in relation to the Customer Standards Framework.
- An initial Budget and Policy Framework proposals are to be submitted to Cabinet 23/10/06, including details of proposals for bridging the budget gap.
- The Business Process Re-engineering is now a module in the LMDP and a 'How to' guide has also been produced.

9.2 Financial Management Position Statement for Period Ending 30th September, 2006

9.2.1 Details of Finance's actual expenditure and anticipated expenditure as at 30th September, 2006, are shown at **Appendix H**.

9.2.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £1,769,300, compared to anticipated expenditure of £1,867,500, resulting in a current favourable variance of £104,600. The projected outturn is £603,900, compared to the latest budget of £738,700, resulting in a forecast favourable variance of £134,800.

9.2.3 The anticipated expenditure includes the 2006/2007 approved budget along with the planned use of Departmental Reserves created in previous years. A breakdown of these Reserves is provided at **Appendix H**.

9.2.4 The overall favourable variance arises from temporary staff shortages that have produced one-off savings. The majority of these savings are expected to be used to fund agency costs to maintain service levels in 2006/07. These resources will be earmarked to meet the cost of implementing improved IT systems within Internal Audit which will secure an ongoing revenue saving and to meet restructuring costs within Finance and Corporate Strategy which will also produce ongoing revenue savings.

10. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO

10.1 Performance Update for the Period Ending 30th September, 2006

10.1.1 Within the Performance Management Portfolio there are a total of 52 actions that were identified in the 2006/2007 Corporate Plan eight of which have been completed and are no longer included in the analysis. Overall performance is good, with 88% (37) of the actions having been assessed as being on or above target for completion by the agreed milestone. A total of 5 actions (12%) have been assessed as being below target and as such is unlikely to be achieved by the milestone. One actions will be reported annually. Table PM1 below details these actions, along with an explanation for the delay as well as any remedial action planned.

Table PM1 – actions assessed as being below target

Actions	Milestone	Comment
OD012 – Complete development and roll-out of information security plans	31/12/2006	Phase 1 roll out complete. Phase 2 policies developed and about to be rolled out. Phase 3 currently under discussion. Some slippage due to staff

		availability and union negotiations. Proposed revised date – March 2007
OD046 – Review Communications with councillors	30/09/2006	Some measures came out of Executive/Scrutiny joint investigation into relationships. It was felt best to evaluate the success of this first before progressing further. Proposed revised date - March 2007
OD063 – Review workforce development plan	31/12/2006	Group has been established with a revised plan due in April 2007
OD071 – Implement revised pay and grading structure	31/03/2007	Delays in completing evaluation and moderation process will result in agreement of new pay and grading structure being delayed until June 2007 at the earliest.
OD072 – Harmonise terms and conditions	31/10/2006	Delays in completing evaluation and moderation process will result in agreement of new pay and grading structure being delayed until June 2007 at the earliest.

10.1.2 There are four KPI's that are within the Corporate Plan but they are only available on an Annual update. Therefore there is no progress to report this quarter.

10.1.3 Key areas of progress made to date in the Performance Management Portfolios include: -

- The CPA Self Assessment was submitted to Audit Commission on the 16th October, 2006.
- The Strategic and Departmental Risk Registers were reviewed in September, 2006.
- All scrutiny reviews now as standard practice produce press releases at the start and the end of each review. The majority of reviews recently have as a result of this practice received coverage.
- A successful joint event between Executive and Scrutiny was held on 21st September, 2006. The next joint meeting is planned in December, 2006 and thereafter on a quarterly basis.
- Hartlepool has received some positive press coverage particularly surrounding the successful Tall Ships bid and the Victoria Harbour progress. The Council has also featured on BBC1's Big Story programme for its good practice in addressing environmental crime.
- The LMDP Programme has been developed and being rolled out across the authority incorporating the 8 themes of the Way Forward

- Contact Centre works is on schedule for completion early in 2007. Launch plan for Hartlepool Connect branding is being finalised,

10.2 **Financial Management Position Statement for Period Ending 30th September, 2006**

10.2.1 Details of Performance Management's actual expenditure and anticipated expenditure as at 30th September, 2006, are shown at **Appendix I**.

10.2.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £6,193,500, compared to anticipated expenditure of £6,186,600, resulting in a current adverse variance of £6,900. The projected outturn is £4,357,400, compared to the latest budget of £4,223,900, resulting in a forecast adverse variance of £133,500.

10.2.3 The anticipated expenditure includes the 2006/2007 approved budget along with the planned use of Departmental Reserves created in previous years. A breakdown of these Reserves is provided at **Appendix I**.

10.2.4 The main items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention are:-

Line 3: Corporate Strategy & Public Consultation
Current Variance: £41,000 Favourable
Forecast Variance: £66,800 Favourable

This favourable variance arises mainly from temporary staff shortages in excess of plans that have produced one-off savings. Other savings are owing to fewer than expected surveys and consultations carried out to date and a temporary reduction in supplies and services costs.

Line 5: Other Office Services
Current Variance: £25,700 Adverse
Forecast Variance: £65,700 Adverse

The current adverse variance is the result of reduced fee income from Land Searches. This trend is expected to continue and is reflected within the forecast adverse variance.

This area is to be highlighted as a pressure against the 2007/08 budget.

Line 12: Property Services and Procurement

Current Variance: £43,000 Adverse

Forecast Variance: £85,000 Adverse

The latest budget figure includes a proposed £58,000 transfer from the Legionella Reserve. The adverse variance results from lower than expected fee income and staffing difficulties as the service is becoming more reliant on the employment of Agency staff to fulfil its obligations. This is a very inefficient way to provide the required service. The position is being carefully monitored and attempts are being made to directly employ the required expertise. The current indications are, however, that this account will exceed budget at the year end.

Line 13: Building Cleaning

Current Variance: £19,300 Adverse

Forecast Variance: £38,000 Adverse

Previously reported financial pressure on this service has been compounded by requirements to provide cleaning services at Carnegie Buildings and Middleton Grange offices. Additional funding is being sought for these areas but if this is not successful then this account will remain overspent at the year end.

11. CONCLUSIONS

11.1 The report details progress towards achieving the Corporate Plan objectives and progress against the Council's own 2006/2007 Revenue Budget for the period to 30th September, 2006.

11.2 Neighbourhood Services Department are currently projecting a £0.285m overspend at the end of the financial year. It is suggested that the following strategy be adapted to address this issue:

- j) In the event that the final corporate underspends exceeds the previously committed figure, then the unallocated resources should be earmarked to meet the Neighbourhood Services underspend;
- i) In the event that additional corporate resources are not available the Neighbourhood Services overspend will need to be funded pro-rata from departmental underspends.

12 RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 It is recommended that Members: -

- note the current position with regard to performance and revenue monitoring;

- take any decisions necessary to address the performance or financial risks identified;
- approve the virement of £75,818 from the Centralised Estimates budget to the Neighbourhood Services budget to cover the annual costs of mechanical street cleansing vehicles operating leases;
- approve the proposed strategy to address Neighbourhood Services overspend as detailed in paragraph 4.7.

High Risk Budget Areas by Department**Appendix A**

Best Value Unit / Best Value Sub Unit	2006/2007 Budget £'000	Variance to 30 September 2006 (Favourable) / Adverse £'000	Forecast Variance 2006/07 (Favourable) / Adverse £'000
Adult & Community Services			
Older People Purchasing	6,452.5	(369.0)	(700.0)
Learning Disabilities Purchasing	967.8	(56.4)	0.0
Occupational Therapy Team	91.0	(22.4)	0.0
Arts, Events & Museums, Sports & Recreation	1,508.4	0.6	0.0
Building Maintenance	259.6	17.4	30.0
Foreshore	119.0	(9.0)	(9.0)
Total	9,398.3	(438.8)	(679.0)
Regeneration & Planning			
Planning Building Control	124.9	6.3	0.0
Economic Development	1,189.9	(16.4)	0.0
Total	1,189.9	(16.4)	0.0
Neighbourhood Services			
Engineers, Traffic & Road Safety, Highways, Highways & Transportation & Transporation	3,817.4	83.8	312.5
Housing Services	620.0	(2.5)	(5.0)
Property Services	293.3	43.0	85.0
Total	4,730.7	124.3	392.5
Corporate Budgets			
Centralised Estimates	5,816.3	(375.0)	(710.7)
Total	5,816.3	(375.0)	(710.7)
Children's Services			
Individual School Budget	48,872.6	0.0	0.0
Individual Pupils Budget for SEN	1,092.4	0.0	0.0
Home to School Transport Costs	1,485.0	(66.3)	(131.0)
Broadband Contract	278.7	0.0	0.0
Independent School Fees	245.6	0.0	(7.2)
Extra District Charges/Income	443.7	0.0	0.0
Youth Service Staffing	702.7	(50.2)	(50.0)
Independent Foster Placements	1,000.0	0.0	0.0
Total	54,120.7	(116.5)	(188.2)

SUMMARY - REVENUE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT STATEMENT TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Expenditure	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/07	2006/07	
	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (D=C-B)		Latest Budget	Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	£'000	£'000	£'000	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	Col. E	£'000	£'000	£'000
				TABLE 1 - Departmental Expenditure			
1	12,720.4	12,236.9	(483.5)	Adult & Community Services	27,006.1	26,543.1	(463.0)
2	8,157.0	7,885.3	(271.7)	Childrens Services (excl Schools)	21,485.1	21,371.3	(113.8)
3	10,756.1	10,888.2	132.1	Neighbourhood Services	14,417.6	14,702.3	284.7
4	2,278.8	2,096.5	(182.3)	Regeneration & Planning	4,154.6	4,054.6	(100.0)
5	3,958.0	3,804.4	(153.6)	Resources	4,518.7	4,395.0	(123.7)
6	37,870.3	36,911.3	(959.0)	Total Departmental Expenditure	71,582.1	71,066.3	(515.8)
				TABLE 2 - Corporate Costs			
				EXTERNAL REQUIREMENTS			
7	48.8	40.6	(8.2)	Probation and Coroner's Court	168.0	168.0	0.0
8	30.7	30.2	(0.5)	North Eastern Sea Fisheries Precept	30.7	30.2	(0.5)
9	43.0	42.5	(0.5)	Land Drainage Levy	43.0	42.5	(0.5)
10	(41.7)	(41.7)	0.0	Discretionary Rates	31.0	31.0	0.0
11	15.0	14.5	(0.5)	Parish Precepts	15.0	15.0	0.0
				CORPORATE COMMITMENTS			
12	1,028.8	1,028.8	0.0	Northgate Information Partnership	2,426.0	2,426.0	0.0
13	140.0	134.9	(5.1)	Audit Fees	319.0	300.0	(19.0)
14	1,299.7	924.7	(375.0)	Centralised Estimates	5,740.3	5,029.6	(710.7)
15	1.2	1.2	0.0	Insurances	203.0	203.0	0.0
16	0.0	4.8	4.8	Designated & Custodian Authority Costs	171.0	21.0	(150.0)
17	73.7	58.3	(15.4)	Pensions	437.0	412.0	(25.0)
18	164.0	156.7	(7.3)	Members' Allowances	328.0	313.4	(14.6)
19	35.5	33.3	(2.2)	Mayoral Allowance	71.0	66.7	(4.3)
20	0.0	0.0	0.0	Archive Service	7.0	7.0	0.0
21	218.3	165.7	(52.6)	Emergency Planning	86.0	86.0	0.0
				NEW PRESSURES			
23	0.0	0.0	0.0	Increased Employers Pension Contributions	(150.0)	(150.0)	0.0
24	0.0	0.0	0.0	Contingency - Loss Of External Support	540.0	540.0	0.0
25	0.0	2.5	2.5	Contingency-General	21.0	21.0	0.0
26	0.0	0.0	0.0	Planning Delivery Grant Termination	150.0	0.0	(150.0)
27	50.0	51.3	1.3	Tees Valley Regeneration Contribution	50.0	51.3	1.3
28	0.0	0.0	0.0	HMS Trincomalee Support	53.0	53.0	0.0
29	0.0	0.0	0.0	Supporting People	77.9	77.9	0.0
30	0.0	0.0	0.0	Extension of Recycling Scheme	110.0	110.0	0.0
31	0.0	0.0	0.0	Strategic Contingency	2,185.8	1,785.8	(400.0)
32	0.0	0.0	0.0	Final Council Commitments	245.0	200.0	(45.0)
33	0.0	0.0	0.0	Benefit Subsidy	(150.0)	(150.0)	0.0
34	0.0	0.0	0.0	Procurement & Contact Centre Savings	(400.0)	(400.0)	0.0
35	2.5	4.9	2.4	Secure Remand-Corporate Contribution	5.0	5.0	0.0
36	0.0	11.4	11.4	Tall Ships Preparation	0.0	11.4	11.4
37	0.0	0.4	0.4	Teesside Airport Study	0.0	0.4	0.4
38	0.0	6.5	6.5	Health Service Re-Organisation - Legal Costs	0.0	6.5	6.5
39	3,109.5	2,671.5	(438.0)	Total Corporate Costs	12,813.7	11,313.7	(1,500.0)
				Contributions From Reserves			
40	0.0	0.0	0.0	RTB Income Reserve	(1,000.0)	(1,000.0)	0.0
41	0.0	0.0	0.0	Fundamental Budget Review Reserve	(1,000.0)	(1,000.0)	0.0
42	0.0	0.0	0.0	Budget Support Fund	(1,007.0)	(1,007.0)	0.0
43	0.0	0.0	0.0	Population Grant Adjustment-2005/2006 & 2006/2007	(645.0)	(645.0)	0.0
44	0.0	0.0	0.0	Stock Transfer Reserve	(200.0)	(200.0)	0.0
45	40,979.8	39,582.8	(1,397.0)	Total General Fund Expenditure	80,543.8	78,528.0	(2,015.8)

SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL SAVINGS AND REDUCTIONS IN SERVICE LEVELS - ADULT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Budget Heading	Description of Efficiency (E) /Saving (S)	Value of efficiency/ saving £'000	Actual to Date £'000	Projected Outturn £'000	Comment
Support Services - departmental non-pay heads	S - Deletion of budgets for consultancy support, commissioning & other non-pay heads	48	26	37	Saving on professional consultants not achievable
Support Services - interdepartmental recharges	S - Deletion of budget for additional work from central departments (HR)	28	28	28	Saving made in budget
Community Services - Arts events and Museums	E - Increase income from Borough Hall bar	30	0	30	It is anticipated that saving will be achieved over the Christmas period.
Community Services - Libraries	E - Absorb inflation in book prices using regional procurement developments	10	0	10	Still expected to be achieved
Community Services - Sports & Leisure	E - Reduce staffing in Health Suite at Mill House Leisure Centre	22	11	22	on target
Community Services - Arts, Events & Museums	S - Increase hire rates for Town Hall Theatre and Borough Hall Theatre	15	6	15	It is anticipated that saving will be achieved over the Christmas period.
Community Services - Parks & Countryside	S - Close Summerhill (toilets) at 5.30 on summer evenings	5	3	5	on target
	S - Tree Maintenance Contract	10	5	10	budget reduced
Adult Social Care - Learning Disability - Older people	S - Increase charges to service users Day care meals etc	5	5	5	saving may increase.
	Day care meals etc	10	0	0	saving on meals will not be achieved but Older people have higher than budgetted income from residents contributions to offset.
- Older people	S - Home care charges	70	27	70	Although down on target at mid year it is anticipated that this target will be achieved.
Adult Social Care	S - Negotiation of new Supporting People contracts across Adult Social Care	260	260	260	achieved
Adult Social Care - Assessment and care Management	S - Reductions linked to higher eligibility threshold				
- Mental health	Equipment for disabilities	60	30	60	on target
- Older people	Preventative services and advocacy	20	10	20	on target
- Older people	Mobile Meals Service subsidy	25	13	25	on target
- Older people	Anchor Community Support	60	60	60	on target
- Older people	LD Support Team	60	60	60	Achieved - team disbanded
Adult Social care - Older People	E - Absorb demographic pressure on residential placements and long-term care through intensive intermediate care	240	120	240	will be achieved
Adult Social Care - Older people	E - Absorb pressure caused by reduction in Access and Capacity Grant through tighter control of placements and spending.	190	95	190	will be achieved
Community Services - Sport and Recreation	S - Close Eldon Grove Leisure Centre and potentially develop enhanced service from Brierton school	27	0	0	Leisure Centre will not be closed this financial year
Community Services - Community Support	S - Development Fund	10	5	10	on target
Totals		1,205	763	1,157	

Budget Heading	Description of Efficiency (E) /Saving (S)	Value of efficiency/ saving £'000	Actual to Date £'000	Projected Outturn £'000	Comments
Fraud	E - increase in DWP grant income from increase in fraud detection.	15	10	15	These savings are on target to be achieved by the year end
Registrars	S - increase in income and reduction in cost base	18	9	18	These savings are on target to be achieved by the year end
Corporate Strategy and Dem. services	E - reduction in printing and distribution costs across a range of activities	30	10	30	These savings are on target to be achieved by the year end
Legal	S - Books & Publications - reduce available budget	2	1	2	These savings are on target to be achieved by the year end
Legal	S - Increase income by 4% - review range and levels of charging	2.5	0	2.5	These savings are on target to be achieved by the year end
Legal	S - Give up part surplus from unfilled post	20	10	20	These savings are on target to be achieved by the year end
Human Resources	S - Reduce Postal service within Civic Centre	17	8.5	17	These savings are on target to be achieved by the year end
Workforce Devpment & Diversity	S - miscellaneous training savings	3	1.5	3	These savings are on target to be achieved by the year end
Human Resources	E - Not responding to unsuccessful candidates	2.5	1.3	2.5	These savings are on target to be achieved by the year end
Totals		110	51	110	

Budget Heading	Description of Efficiency (E) /Saving (S)	Value of efficiency/ saving £'000	Actual to Date £'000	Projected Outturn £'000	Comments
Strategic Management	S - Restructure:Finance Officer PO1 (vacant)	32	32	32	Post Deleted from Structure - Saving Achieved
Strategic Management	S - Restructure:Review Officer PO1 (part post coded here)	28	28	28	Post Deleted from Structure - Saving Achieved
Strategic Management	E - Restructure:Part Review Officer PO1 (vacant post)	4	4	4	Post Deleted from Structure - Saving Achieved
Strategic Management	E - Planning & service Integration 0.5 vacant post	16	16	16	Post Deleted from Structure - Saving Achieved
Strategic Management	S - Restructure - staff	43	21	43	Currently on Target to achieve savings on Supplies & Services budgets
Other school-related expenditure	S - Existing premature retirement costs	55	0	55	Majority of costs occur later in the year however it is currently anticipated the savings will be achieved at outturn.
Other school-related expenditure	S - Existing premature retirement costs	5	0	5	Majority of costs occur later in the year however it is currently anticipated the savings will be achieved at outturn.
Other school-related expenditure	S - New premature retirement costs	17	0	17	Majority of costs occur later in the year however it is currently anticipated the savings will be achieved at outturn.
Other school-related expenditure	S - New premature retirement costs	20	0	20	Majority of costs occur later in the year however it is currently anticipated the savings will be achieved at outturn.
Other school-related expenditure	E - New premature retirement costs	13	0	13	Majority of costs occur later in the year however it is currently anticipated the savings will be achieved at outturn.
Strategic Management	S - Central Administration	20	10	20	Currently on Target to achieve savings on Supplies & Services budgets
Access	E - Asset Management Planning	20	10	20	Currently on Target to achieve savings on Supplies & Services budgets
Strategic Management	E - ICT Development	22	22	22	Post Deleted from Structure - Saving Achieved
Strategic Management	S - ICT Development	33	33	33	Post Deleted from Structure - Saving Achieved
Central support costs	S - Unspecified	22	11	22	Currently on Target to achieve savings on Supplies & Services budgets
Residential and Foster Placements	S	450	225	450	Volatile Budget - Expected to achieve at year end but being closely monitored
Totals		800	412	800	

Budget Heading	Description of Efficiency (E) /Saving (S)	Value of efficiency/ saving £'000	Actual to Date £'000	Projected Outturn £'000	Comments
Car Parking	S - There could be a backlash over the introduction of Sunday charges	120	45	120	On line to achieve but dependant on increased Christmas trade in Town Centre area.
Departmental Overspend	S - Precedent in dealing with overspends	51	51	51	Achieved
DSO	S - Trading account prices will rise a very small amount across the board putting small pressure on client and trading budgets	130	50	130	Will increase in run in towards year end when higher volumes of work come through the Trading accounts
Environmental Action	S - There could be public criticism over higher levels of enforcement	30	15	30	On target
Public Protection fee income (Income Increase)	S - There will be some public and member criticism. Portfolio Holder may not support this	20	10	20	On target
Facilities Management	E - May be difficult to gain acceptance to change of approach to delivery of security	40	0	10	Delay in transfer of post has made the saving impossible to achieve. Alternate saving being identified..
Transport, Mileage and Subsistence	E - Could be difficult to achieve and there may be staff resistance	20	10	20	On target
Reduction in Admin and Support	S - Corporate Management may suffer. (e.g. IIP support/PM etc)	80	25	50	Efficiencies achieved in trading areas. Identification of efficiencies and alternate savings being undertaken in other areas.
Vehicle Procurement Savings (including short term hire costs)	E - May be difficult to achieve in 2006/07. Reduced costs should be passed onto client budget. Difficult to administer	120	20	120	Proving extremely difficult to quantify. Alternate efficiencies currently being evaluated in fleet.
Reduce Welfare/Community Transport to Budget	E - A difficult and sensitive issue. Would assist trading position. Difficult to reflect in revenue budget	51	51	51	Achieved
Consumer Services - Licensing Act (Administrative)	S - Gaming legislation is to follow	20	0	20	Original saving not achievable. Alternate saving being identified.
NEPO Savings	S - Extend use of NEPO contracts by departments	10	0	0	E Auction deferred to November and new contact until to February 2007
Totals		692	277	622	

Budget Heading	Description of Efficiency (E) /Saving (S)	Value of efficiency/ saving £'000	Actual to Date £'000	Projected Outturn £'000	Comments
Development Control	E - National fee increases introduced on 1.4.05 and relatively high numbers of applications compared with previous years. No increase in processing staff and targets and ODPM expectations met	60	10	60	Potential for underachievement highlighted in revenue monitoring report. At present no outturn variance is project as income levels are prone to change quickly. Will review at Q3.
Landscape Planning	S - Review of charging for the graphics design service	10	0	10	Mainly TI based income. Delays because of new FMS in processing charges to depts
Community Safety	E - Contribution to mediation service	10	5	10	
Economic Development	S - Contribution to sub regional partnerships	13	6.5	13	
Youth Offending	E - Contribution from another local authority to share Youth Offending carer provision	15	7.5	15	Did not proceed with shared provision as one carer left and was not replaced
Community Safety	S - Renegotiation of Security Contract	20	0	6	Security Contract was extended and will not now be relet until 27.11.06 Assuming 4 months savings but this might increase/decrease based on final contract price
Totals		128	29	114	

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Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Best Value Unit	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (D=C-B)	Col. E	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
1	254.5	245.8	(8.7)	Administration	93.6	93.6	0.0
2	29.5	35.8	6.3	Building Control	124.9	124.9	0.0
3	393.8	376.2	(17.6)	Community Safety	793.1	793.1	0.0
4	156.2	179.6	23.4	Community Strategy	243.8	243.8	0.0
5	42.0	63.5	21.5	Development Control	199.7	199.7	0.0
6	51.3	51.8	0.5	Divisional Management	14.0	14.0	0.0
7	266.3	266.5	0.2	Drug Action Team	10.2	10.2	0.0
8	533.4	517.0	(16.4)	Economic Development	1,189.9	1,189.9	0.0
9	200.3	195.1	(5.2)	Landscape & Conservation	331.5	331.5	0.0
10	351.7	176.8	(174.9)	Planning Policy & Regeneration	952.7	776.7	(176.0)
11	(30.2)	(28.2)	2.0	Regeneration Staff Savings	(32.4)	(32.4)	0.0
12	263.0	249.6	(13.4)	Youth Offending Service	378.4	378.4	0.0
13	46.0	46.0	0.0	Neighbourhood Element	412.8	412.8	0.0
14	3,029.9	3,043.4	13.5	Environment	6,046.3	6,046.3	0.0
15	117.4	126.2	8.8	Environmental Action	234.8	274.8	40.0
16	61.5	94.7	33.2	Town Care Management	123.0	161.0	38.0
17	386.2	383.7	(2.5)	Housing Services	620.0	615.0	(5.0)
18	4.5	4.5	0.0	Minor Works	4.5	4.5	0.0
19	0.0	(10.9)	(10.9)	HRA Residual	0.0	(9.0)	(9.0)
20	(329.0)	(329.0)	0.0	Use of Reserves	(692.6)	(616.6)	76.0
21	5,828.3	5,688.1	(140.2)	TOTAL	11,048.2	11,012.2	(36.0)

Note 1

Note 1 - Analysis of Use of Reserves

Description of Reserve	Projected Outturn Position		
	2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
	Col. A	Col. B	Col. C (C=B-A)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Asylum seekers	(35.0)	(35.0)	0.0
Local Development Framework Studies	(59.0)	(59.0)	0.0
Morrisons Traffic Management Project	(15.0)	(15.0)	0.0
Major Regeneration Project (Victoria Harbour)	(50.0)	0.0	50.0
Contib.towards North Hartlepool Partnership	(50.7)	(50.7)	0.0
Secretary to Divisional Heads Post	(13.0)	(13.0)	0.0
Sports Services Information Assistant	(4.7)	(4.7)	0.0
Housing Market Renewal Reserve	(20.0)	(20.0)	0.0
Drugs Action Team Accommodation Reserve	(10.0)	(10.0)	0.0
Conservation Area Appraisal	(15.2)	(15.2)	0.0
Backscanning Project	(70.0)	(70.0)	0.0
Franking Equipment	(10.7)	(10.7)	0.0
Development Control Monitoring Officer	(20.8)	(20.8)	0.0
Development Control Information Officer	(5.3)	(5.3)	0.0
Urban Policy Staffing	(24.2)	(24.2)	0.0
Youth Offending Service Corporate Reserve	(5.0)	(5.0)	0.0
Housing-Supporting People	(100.0)	(100.0)	0.0
Local Plan/Local Development Framework Studies	(42.0)	(16.0)	26.0
Youth Offending - match for YIP scheme	(75.0)	(75.0)	0.0
Youth Offending - Football Project	(35.0)	(35.0)	0.0
Youth Offending - Careworks System	(22.0)	(22.0)	0.0
Youth Offending - Backscanning	(10.0)	(10.0)	0.0
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Total Use of Reserves	(692.6)	(616.6)	76.0

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Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Best Value Unit	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (D=C-B)	Col. E	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
1	0.8	3.0	2.2	Allotments	56.6	56.6	0.0
2	57.3	53.5	(3.8)	Archaeology Services	28.6	28.6	0.0
3	604.0	638.1	34.1	Arts, Events & Museums	1,130.1	1,130.1	0.0
4	385.2	280.7	(104.5)	Community Support	806.5	801.5	(5.0)
5	195.9	163.4	(32.5)	Countryside	396.0	396.0	0.0
6	123.9	112.9	(11.0)	Foreshore	163.8	152.8	(11.0)
7	867.1	841.5	(25.6)	Libraries	1,830.2	1,830.2	0.0
8	110.5	127.9	17.4	Maintenance	259.6	289.6	30.0
9	19.3	14.8	(4.5)	Parks	463.4	463.4	0.0
10	268.1	270.3	2.2	Recharge Accounts	1.9	1.9	0.0
11	592.1	569.3	(22.8)	Sports & Physical Recreation	1,440.7	1,478.7	38.0
12	310.5	318.5	8.0	Engineers	373.8	373.8	0.0
13	372.3	348.2	(24.1)	Highways and Transportation	516.7	516.7	0.0
14	1,064.1	1,178.5	114.4	Highways Services	3,341.2	3,459.7	118.5
15	160.8	205.6	44.8	Traffic & Road Safety	(414.3)	(329.3)	85.0
16	1,421.4	1,421.4	0.0	Transport Services	1,936.2	1,936.0	(0.2)
17	0.0	0.0	0.0	Use of Reserves	(91.0)	(91.0)	0.0
18	6,553.3	6,547.6	(5.7)	TOTAL	12,240.0	12,495.3	255.3

Note 1

Note 1 - Analysis of Use of Reserves

Description of Reserve	Projected Outturn Position		
	2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
	Col. A	Col. B	Col. C
	£'000	£'000	(C=B-A) £'000
Maritime Festival	(20.0)	(20.0)	0.0
Seaton Community Centre	(50.0)	(50.0)	0.0
Action for Jobs (Sports)	(2.0)	(2.0)	0.0
Countryside	(14.0)	(14.0)	0.0
Sports Awards	(3.0)	(3.0)	0.0
Foreshore	(2.0)	(2.0)	0.0
Total Use of Reserves	(91.0)	(91.0)	0.0

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Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Best Value Unit	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (D=C-B)	Col. E	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
1	1,000.0	893.3	(106.7)	Access to Education	2,620.3	2,438.9	(181.4)
2	18.2	18.2	0.0	Central Support Services	909.0	909.0	0.0
3	4,131.9	4,103.4	(28.5)	Children, Young People and Families Support	8,707.3	8,869.3	162.0
4	658.9	658.9	0.0	Early Years	442.0	442.0	0.0
5	77.9	77.9	0.0	Information, Sharing & Assessment	136.3	136.3	0.0
6	97.1	60.6	(36.5)	Other School Related Expenditure	1,836.5	1,785.9	(50.6)
7	100.1	108.4	8.3	Play & Care of Children	160.4	155.2	(5.2)
8	310.6	212.2	(98.4)	Raising Educational Achievement	1,069.5	959.5	(110.0)
9	973.2	1,027.6	54.4	Special Educational Needs	3,728.9	3,768.1	39.2
10	191.0	132.8	(58.2)	Strategic Management	1,042.9	993.6	(49.3)
11	150.8	142.7	(8.1)	Youth Justice	302.6	303.1	0.5
12	480.4	482.4	2.0	Youth Service	998.4	998.4	0.0
13	(33.1)	(33.1)	0.0	Use of Reserves	(469.0)	(388.0)	81.0
14	8,157.0	7,885.3	(271.7)	TOTAL	21,485.1	21,371.3	(113.8)

Note 1

MEMO ITEMS

15	317.7	285.4	(32.3)	Sure Start North	0.0	0.0	0.0
16	301.1	245.0	(56.1)	Sure Start South	0.0	0.0	0.0
17	201.9	170.0	(31.9)	Sure Start Central	0.0	0.0	0.0
18	206.2	206.3	0.1	Children's Fund	0.0	0.0	0.0
19	1,026.9	906.7	(120.2)	TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0

Note 1 - Analysis of Use of Reserves

Description of Reserve	Projected Outturn Position		
	2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
	Col. A	Col. B	Col. C
	£'000	£'000	(C=B-A) £'000
Building Schools for the Future	(30.0)	(30.0)	0.0
Special Educational Needs Provision	(49.0)	(49.0)	0.0
Advisors	(13.0)	(13.0)	0.0
Information Sharing & Assessment	(62.0)	(62.0)	0.0
Play & Care	(9.0)	(9.0)	0.0
Children's Services Implementation	(50.0)	(50.0)	0.0
Staff Accommodation	(1.0)	(1.0)	0.0
Playing for Success	(14.0)	(14.0)	0.0
A2L Reserve	(81.0)	0.0	81.0
Early Years	(70.0)	(70.0)	0.0
Broadband Implementation	(90.0)	(90.0)	0.0
Total Use of Reserves	(469.0)	(388.0)	81.0

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Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Best Value Unit	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (F=E-D)	Col. C	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
1	24.5	27.6	3.1	Adult Education	104.7	104.7	0.0
2	1,665.4	1,656.6	(8.8)	Assessment and Care Management	3,151.3	3,251.3	100.0
3	719.2	640.0	(79.2)	Home Care	1,561.0	1,342.0	(219.0)
4	1,147.7	1,066.5	(81.2)	Learning Disability - Purchasing	2,746.3	2,746.3	0.0
5	738.2	780.0	41.8	Learning Disability - Support Services	1,504.5	1,554.5	50.0
6	576.2	568.0	(8.2)	Mental Health	1,261.0	1,261.0	0.0
7	3,093.3	2,720.5	(372.8)	Older People - Purchasing	6,791.8	6,091.8	(700.0)
8	750.7	766.9	16.2	Physical Disability	1,476.5	1,476.5	0.0
9	355.2	381.7	26.5	Sensory Loss	725.4	750.4	25.0
10	86.8	83.4	(3.4)	Service Strategy & Regulation	173.3	173.3	0.0
11	393.7	535.0	141.3	Support Services	1,425.6	1,575.6	150.0
12	(715.5)	(715.5)	0.0	Supporting People	28.6	28.6	0.0
13	446.3	306.5	(139.8)	Consumer Services	968.0	863.0	(105.0)
14	68.6	93.0	24.4	Environmental Standards	366.9	366.9	0.0
15	(72.7)	(72.7)	0.0	Use of Reserves	(438.7)	(359.7)	79.0
16	9,277.6	8,837.5	(440.1)	TOTAL	21,846.2	21,226.2	(620.0)

Note 1

Note 1 - Analysis of Use of Reserves

Description of Reserve	Projected Outturn Position		
	2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
	Col. A	Col. B	Col. C (C=B-A)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Licensing	(13.0)	(13.0)	0.0
Local Air Pollution	(12.0)	(12.0)	0.0
Trading Standards Student Bursary	(12.0)	(12.0)	0.0
Homecare	(79.0)	0.0	79.0
ERVS Costs	(144.0)	(144.0)	0.0
Bad Debt Provision	(74.0)	(74.0)	0.0
Adult Ed Pressures	(54.7)	(54.7)	0.0
Adult Ed Projects	(50.0)	(50.0)	0.0
Total Use of Reserves	(438.7)	(359.7)	79.0

REVENUE FINANCIAL MONITORING STATEMENT PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Best Value Unit	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (D=C-B)	Col. E	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
1	480.7	478.1	(2.6)	Accountancy	839.3	789.3	(50.0)
2	(47.6)	(77.2)	(29.6)	Benefits	63.9	63.9	0.0
3	228.3	199.0	(29.3)	Internal Audit	364.7	364.7	0.0
4	123.0	158.2	35.2	Payments Unit	213.8	213.8	0.0
5	501.8	476.0	(25.8)	Revenues	1,086.4	1,086.4	0.0
6	105.8	108.9	3.1	Fraud	209.2	209.2	0.0
7	206.3	160.3	(46.0)	R & B Central	14.3	14.3	0.0
8	248.8	286.5	37.7	Legal Services	502.8	502.8	0.0
9	161.4	116.6	(44.8)	Miscellaneous	(2,273.1)	(2,357.9)	(84.8)
			0.0				
10	(141.0)	(137.1)	3.9	Use of Reserves	(282.6)	(282.6)	0.0
11	1,867.5	1,769.3	(98.2)	TOTAL	738.7	603.9	(134.8)

Note 1

Note 1 - Analysis of Use of Reserves

Description of Reserve	Projected Outturn Position		
	2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
	Col. A	Col. B	Col. C (C=B-A)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Legal Staffing Reserve	(20.0)	(20.0)	0.0
Audit ERVS Costs	(60.0)	(60.0)	0.0
Benefits Agency Staff	(40.0)	(40.0)	0.0
TWF Q Learning Management Development	(34.0)	(34.0)	0.0
TWF Business Process Re-Engineering	(128.6)	(128.6)	0.0
Total Use of Reserves	(282.6)	(282.6)	0.0

REVENUE FINANCIAL MONITORING STATEMENT PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Best Value Unit	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (D=C-B)	Col. E	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
1	62.0	67.1	5.1	Public Relations	135.1	136.4	1.3
2	106.1	107.5	1.4	Democratic Services	220.1	222.7	2.6
3	329.4	288.3	(41.1)	Corporate Strategy & Public Consultation	821.6	754.8	(66.8)
4	84.2	83.6	(0.6)	Support To Members	172.6	172.6	0.0
5	(64.3)	(38.6)	25.7	Other Office Services	(140.1)	(74.4)	65.7
6	88.6	111.5	22.9	Printing	98.6	98.6	0.0
7	37.8	38.2	0.4	Registration Services	126.2	126.2	0.0
8	368.2	390.1	21.9	Human Resources	861.9	861.9	0.0
9	159.6	159.0	(0.6)	Training & Equality	314.9	314.9	0.0
10	166.2	130.3	(35.9)	Contact Centre	360.4	360.4	0.0
11	838.7	779.1	(59.6)	Miscellaneous	1,400.9	1,409.2	8.3
12	273.4	316.4	43.0	Property Services & Procurement	296.8	381.8	85.0
13	109.6	128.9	19.3	Building Cleaning	249.1	287.1	38.0
14	3,713.1	3,713.1	0.0	DSO	(44.0)	(44.6)	(0.6)
15	(86.0)	(81.0)	5.0	Use of Reserves	(650.2)	(650.2)	0.0
16	6,186.6	6,193.5	6.9	TOTAL	4,223.9	4,357.4	133.5

Note 1

Note 1 - Analysis of Use of Reserves

Description of Reserve	Projected Outturn Position		
	2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
	Col. A	Col. B	Col. C
	£'000	£'000	(C=B-A) £'000
Legionella	(58.0)	(58.0)	0.0
Contact Centre Staffing	(63.2)	(63.2)	0.0
National Trainee Grade	(28.0)	(28.0)	0.0
HR Organisational & Corp Workforce Dev	(51.0)	(51.0)	0.0
HR Corporate Diversity	(11.0)	(11.0)	0.0
HR Employee Wellbeing	(25.0)	(25.0)	0.0
HR Service Improvement	(32.0)	(32.0)	0.0
HR Resource Investment	(84.0)	(84.0)	0.0
Corp Strategy Contact Centre	(15.0)	(15.0)	0.0
Corp Strategy Perf Mgmt Development	(15.0)	(15.0)	0.0
Corp Strategy Corporate Consultation	(30.0)	(30.0)	0.0
Corp Strategy Legal Services	(35.0)	(35.0)	0.0
Corp Strategy Civic Refurbishment Costs	(15.0)	(15.0)	0.0
Corp Strategy Student Placement	(20.0)	(20.0)	0.0
Corp Strategy CPA Administration	(30.0)	(30.0)	0.0
Corp Strategy ICT Implementation	(60.0)	(60.0)	0.0
Registrars Building Maintenance	(50.0)	(50.0)	0.0
Accommodation Maintenance	(28.0)	(28.0)	0.0
Total Use of Reserves	(650.2)	(650.2)	0.0

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

24th November, 2006



Report of: Chief Financial Officer

Subject: QUARTER 2 - NRF, CAPITAL &
ACCOUNTABLE BODY PROGRAMME
MONITORING REPORT 2006/2007

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide details of progress against the Council's overall Capital budget for 2006/2007 the Neighbourhood Revenue Fund (NRF) and the Spending Programme where the Council acts as the Accountable Body.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES

- 2.1 A separate report has not been prepared for your Committee as a comprehensive report was submitted to Cabinet on 20th November, 2006 and this report is attached at **Appendix A**. This report sets out the key issue to bring to your attention.
- 2.2 Previous monitoring reports were submitted to Cabinet with an overall summary report providing an overall picture of the Council's own 2006/2007 Capital Budget, the NRF programme and the spending programmes. This report was supported by individual Portfolio reports which provided more detailed information.
- 2.3 The report has now been integrated into one comprehensive document. This has enabled the report to be page numbered, thus allowing Members easier navigation around the report. See Contents Table on page 1 on main report. The report firstly provides a summary, followed by a section for each Portfolio where more detailed information is provided.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members consider the report.

CABINET REPORT

20th November, 2006



Report of: Chief Financial Officer

Subject: QUARTER 2 – NRF, CAPITAL AND ACCOUNTABLE
BODY PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT
2006/2007

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide details of progress against the Council's overall Capital budget for 2006/2007, the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) and the Spending Programmes where the Council acts as the Accountable Body.

The report considers the following areas: -

- NRF
- Capital Monitoring
- Accountable Body Programme Monitoring

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report provides detailed monitoring for Capital for each Portfolio up to 30th September, 2006. The report follows a different format from that adopted for previous reports, but still allows each Portfolio Holder to readily review their area of responsibility. A full description of the revised arrangements is described in the background section of this report.

3. RELEVANCE TO CABINET

Cabinet has overall responsibility for the monitoring of the Council's budgets.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

None.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Cabinet 20th November, 2006.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

Cabinet is asked to note the report.

Report of: Chief Financial Officer

Subject: QUARTER 2 – NRF, CAPITAL AND
ACCOUNTABLE BODY PROGRAMME
MONITORING REPORT 2006/2007

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of progress against the Council's own 2006/2007 Capital budget, the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) and the spending programmes where the Council acts as the Accountable Body for the period to 30th September, 2006.
- 1.2 This report considers the following areas :-
- NRF
 - Capital Monitoring;
 - Accountable Body Programme Monitoring;

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Previous monitoring reports were submitted to Cabinet with an overall summary report providing an overall picture of the Council's own 2006/07 Capital Budget, the NRF programme and the spending programmes. This report was supported by individual Portfolio reports which provided more detailed information.
- 2.2 The report has now been integrated into one comprehensive document. This has enabled the report to be page numbered, thus allowing Members easier navigation around the report. See Contents Table below. The report firstly provides a summary, followed by a section for each Portfolio where more detailed information is provided.

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2.3 This report will be submitted to Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 24th November, 2006. This will ensure that Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee is able to review the report at the earliest opportunity.

3. NRF MONITORING 2006/2007

3.1 Details of NRF expenditure are summarised at Appendix A. Details of individual schemes are contained in appendices D, G and I (blue pages). At this stage actual expenditure amounts to £1,489,000, compared to expected expenditure of £1,574,800, a favourable variance of £85,800. The Local Strategic Partnership reviews any variances and agrees a revised programme budget to ensure the full spend of the NRF Programme. Therefore this budget will be fully spent by the year-end.

4. CAPITAL MONITORING 2006/2007

4.1 Expenditure for all Portfolios is summarised at Appendix B. Total projected expenditure is £45,272,300, compared to an approved budget of £44,679,200, an increase of £573,100. This relates to increased spending on the North Central Hartlepool Housing Regeneration Scheme and NDC Area Remodelling Projects. Cabinet was advised at its meeting on 23rd October, 2006, that the Council was pursuing an additional grant allocation to be brought forward from 2007/2008 to fund these costs. Officers are confident that this funding can be secured, but, if not, will act to ensure the timing of expenditure matches the available funding.

4.2 Actual expenditure to 30th September, 2006, totals £10,052,800, compared to the approved budget of £43,827,800, leaving £33,775,000 to be paid, excluding the cost increase of £573,100, detailed above. Some £27,372,300 of this expenditure remaining is expected to be spent in 2006/2007, with £6,975,800 rephased into 2007/2008.

4.3 The main schemes where there is expenditure rephased into 2007/2008 are:

Portfolio	£'000
<u>Culture, Leisure & Transportation</u>	
Hartlepool Transport Interchange	1.728
H2O Watersports Centre	1.999
<u>Children's Services</u>	
Children's Centres Grant – Unallocated (2006-2008)	0.919
<u>Adult and Public Health Services</u>	
Mental Health (to be allocated)	0.223
Three Rivers Housing (Extra Care Housing)	0.308
<u>Finance</u>	
Civic Centre Capital Maintenance	1.274

Further details are included in the relevant Portfolio sections.

5. ACCOUNTABLE BODY PROGRAMME

- 5.1 The Council acts as Accountable Body for the Hartlepool New Deal for Communities (NDC) and Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) and the Children's Fund Partnership. As part of its role as Accountable Body the Council needs to be satisfied that expenditure is properly incurred and is progressing as planned. In addition, the Council has been allocated monies from the Tees Valley Single Programme Partnership (SP). Although, we are not the Accountable Body for the Partnership, the Council still has responsibilities for ensuring that expenditure is properly incurred and progressing as planned. This objective is achieved through a variety of means, including your consideration of monitoring reports for these areas as follows:-

i) **New Deal for Communities (NDC)**

The management of NDC resources is subject to specific Government regulations where the Partnership is able to renegotiate the annual allocation during mid year review with Government Office for the North East. This provides the Partnership with a degree of flexibility in managing the overall programme. The programme is currently forecasting full year expenditure at £6,638,400 against a grant approval of £6,702,000.

Details of progress against NDC revenue and capital budgets are summarised at Appendix C, Table 1. Detailed reports showing individual schemes are included within Appendices K, Table 2 and L, Table 3.

There are no items to bring to Members attention and expenditure will be within the approved limits.

ii) **Single Regeneration Budget (SRB)**

The Council act as Accountable Body for the North Hartlepool Partnership. Details of progress against the approved budget are summarised at Appendix C, Table 2. Detailed reports showing individual schemes are included with Appendices K, Table 1 and L, Table 2.

There are no items to bring to Members attention and expenditure will be on target at the year-end.

ii) **Single Programme (SP)**

These monies are allocated to the Council by Tees Valley Single Programme Partnership. The Partnership Board approves the annual delivery plan. Details of progress against budgets are summarised at Appendix C, Table 4. Schemes are detailed within Appendices K, Table 3 and L, Table 4.

There are no items to bring to Members attention and expenditure will be on target at the year-end.

iv) **Children's Fund**

The Children's Fund is funded by the Department for Education and Skills (DfES).

The Children's Fund have been granted a budget of £410,600 for financial year 2006/2007. Actual expenditure to date amounts to £206,300 as set out in Appendix C, Table 5 (blue pages). Detailed information is set out in Appendix K, Table 4.

There are no items to bring to Members attention and expenditure will be on target at the year end.

6. REGENERATION, LIVEABILITY AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO

6.1 NRF Monitoring for Period Ending 30th September, 2006

6.1.1 Details of NRF actual and anticipated expenditure as at 30th September, 2006 are shown at **Appendix D**.

6.1.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £1,166,400, compared to anticipated expenditure of £1,159,700, resulting in a current adverse variance of £6,700. It is anticipated there will be no variance at outturn.

6.1.3 There are no major items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention.

6.2 Capital Monitoring for Period Ending 30th September, 2006

6.2.1 Details of anticipated and actual capital expenditure as at 30th September, 2006, is summarised in **Appendix E** and show s:

- Column A - Scheme Title
- Column B - Budget for Year
- Column C - Actual expenditure to 30th September, 2006
- Column D - Expected remaining expenditure to be incurred in the period October, 2006 to March, 2007
- Column E - Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008
- Column F - Total expenditure to be incurred including expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008
- Column G - Variance from Budget
- Column H - Type of financing

6.2.2 Detailed analysis of these schemes are on deposit in the Member's Library.

6.2.3 Actual expenditure to date amounts to £1,904,200, compared to the approved budget of £4,940,200, with £3,998,100 of expenditure remaining. At this stage it is not possible to ascertain whether any expenditure will be rephased into 2007/2008.

6.2.4 The main items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention are: -

North Central Hartlepool Housing Re generation Current Variance: £960,100 Adverse

This variance results from the need to incur expenditure in advance of funding which may not be received until 2007/2008. Approval is currently being sought from Cabinet to provide temporary funding.

7. CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

7.1 Capital Monitoring for Period Ending 30th September, 2006

7.1.1 Details of anticipated and actual capital expenditure as at 30th September, 2006, is summarised in **Appendix F** and show s:

- Column A - Scheme Title
- Column B - Budget for Year
- Column C - Actual expenditure to 30th September, 2006
- Column D - Expected remaining expenditure to be incurred in the period October, 2006 to March, 2007
- Column E - Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008
- Column F - Total expenditure to be incurred including expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008
- Column G - Variance from Budget
- Column H - Type of financing

- 7.1.2 Detailed analysis of these schemes are on deposit in the Member's Library.
- 7.1.3 Actual expenditure to date amounts to £1,645,800, compared to the approved budget of £8,130,100, with £6,484,300 of expenditure remaining. Some £4,698,700 of the remaining expenditure is expected to be spent in 2006/2007, with the balance of £1,738,000 rephased into 2007/2008.
- 7.1.4 The main items to bring to Portfolio Holders attention are:

**H2O Watersports Centre
Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £1,998,700**

Plans for the development of the proposed H2O Watersports Centre have been put on hold pending the identification of additional funding. Therefore the £1.999m allocated will not be spent in this financial year.

**Jutland Road Play Area Upgrade
Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £20,000**

This project is at the consultation stage. The £20,000 allocated budget will not be spent in this financial year.

**Seaton Carew Cricket Club Ground Improvements
Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £20,000**

Owing to the need to identify further funding the £20,000 allocated budget will not be spent in this financial year.

8. CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO

8.1 NRF Monitoring for Period Ending 30th September, 2006

- 8.1.1 Details of Children's Services NRF actual expenditure and anticipated expenditure as at 30th September, 2006, are shown at **Appendix G**.
- 8.1.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £33,000, compared to anticipated expenditure of £33,000, resulting in a nil current variance. It is anticipated there will be no variance at outturn.
- 8.1.3 The majority of expenditure will be incurred from September, 2006, onwards, coinciding with the start of the new academic year.

8.1.4 There are no major items to bring to the Portfolio Holder's attention.

8.2 Capital Monitoring for Period Ending 30th September, 2006

- 8.2.1 Details of anticipated and actual capital expenditure as at 30th September, 2006, is summarised in **Appendix H** and show s:
- Column A - Scheme Title
 - Column B - Budget for Year
 - Column C - Actual expenditure to 30th September, 2006
 - Column D - Expected remaining expenditure to be incurred in the period October, 2006 to March, 2007
 - Column E - Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008
 - Column F - Total expenditure to be incurred including expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008
 - Column G - Variance from Budget
 - Column H - Type of financing
- 8.2.2 Detailed analysis of these schemes are on deposit in the Member's Library.
- 8.2.3 Appendix 3.2 provides a summary of the Children's Service's Capital Programme, which includes schemes funded from specific capital allocations and schemes from the revenue budget which are managed as capital projects owing to the nature of the expenditure and the accounting regulations.
- 8.2.4 Actual expenditure to date amounts to £1,946,900, compared to the approved budget of £7,437,500, with £5,490,600 of expenditure remaining. Some £4,142,000 of the remaining expenditure is expected to be spent in 2006/2007, with the balance of £1,348,600 rephased into 2007/2008.
- 8.2.5 The main reason for the expenditure rephased is £918,600 of the £1.55m Children's Centre grant as the allocation is for two years (2006/2007 and 2007/2008) with a large proportion of the grant currently unallocated. The balance of rephased expenditure consists of schemes to be undertaken next financial year, expected slippage and retention payments and an estimate of carried forward Devolved Capital.
- 8.2.6 There are a number of schemes on the Appendix from previous years where the final account balance is still outstanding. Officers are currently working to try and finalise any outstanding payments in order they are paid this financial year.
- 8.2.7 There are some funding sources not currently fully allocated – Children's Centre Grant and Modernisation/Access Grants and RCCO funding. Children's Centre grant is a two year allocation (2006-2008) and schemes are currently in the process of being developed. The other funding will be allocated as the year progresses either towards schemes still at feasibility stage or for schemes required to be undertaken for immediate Health and Safety requirements.

9. ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE PORTFOLIO

9.1 NRF Monitoring for Period Ending 30th September, 2006

9.1.1 Details of NRF actual and anticipated expenditure as at 30th September, 2006 are shown at **Appendix I**.

9.1.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £289,600, compared to anticipated expenditure of £382,100, resulting in a current favourable variance of £92,500. It is anticipated there will be no variance at outturn.

9.1.3 There are no major items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention.

9.2 Capital Monitoring for Period Ending 30th September, 2006

9.2.1 Details of anticipated and actual capital expenditure as at 30th September, 2006, is summarised in **Appendix J** and shows:

- Column A - Scheme Title
- Column B - Budget for Year
- Column C - Actual expenditure to 30th September, 2006
- Column D - Expected remaining expenditure to be incurred in the period October, 2006 to March, 2007
- Column E - Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008
- Column F - Total expenditure to be incurred including expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008
- Column G - Variance from Budget
- Column H - Type of financing

9.2.2 Detailed analysis of these schemes are on deposit in the Member's Library.

9.2.3 Capital expenditure to date amounts to £143,300 compared to the approved budget of £7,753,100, with £7,609,800 of expenditure remaining. Some £7,078,300 of the remaining expenditure is expected to be spent in 2006/2007, with the balance of £531,500 rephased into 2007/2008.

9.2.4 Of the total approved budget, £6,650,000 relates to the Joseph Rowntree Development, Extra Care Housing. The site preparation is complete and works started in August, with completion by December, 2008.

9.2.5 The main items to bring to Portfolio Holders attention are:

Learning Disability – Extra Care Housing Scheme

In association with the Three Rivers Housing Group this scheme to build six sheltered accommodation units is at the planning stage and no expenditure will be incurred in this financial year.

Mental Health

Officers are currently developing a strategy to utilise this funding. It is anticipated that no expenditure will be incurred in 2006/2007.

10. FINANCE PORTFOLIO

10.1 Accountable Body Revenue Monitoring for Period Ending 30th September, 2006

10.1.1 The Council acts as Accountable Body for the North Hartlepool, Hartlepool New Deal for Communities, Single Programme Partnerships and the Children's Fund. Details of progress against the approved revenue budgets are summarised at **Appendix K**.

10.1.2 Table 1 – Single Regeneration Budget (SRB)

Details of progress against the approved revenue budgets are summarised at Table 1. Actual expenditure to date amounts to £155,400, compared to anticipated expenditure of £191,900, resulting in a current favourable variance of £36,500.

10.1.3 There are no major items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention and expenditure is expected to be on target at year-end.

10.1.4 Table 2 – New Deal for Communities (NDC)

The management of NDC resources is subject to specific Government regulations were the Partnership is able to renegotiate the annual allocation during the mid year review with Government Office for the North East. This provides the Partnership with a degree of flexibility in managing the overall programme. The programme is currently forecasting full year expenditure at £6,876,500 against a grant approval of £6,702,000. Actual expenditure towards that target as at 30th September, 2006, was £2,264,600. The forecast is close to the allocation at this early stage in the year and will be closely monitored.

Details of progress against the approved revenue budgets are summarised at Table 2. Actual expenditure to date amounts to £1,853,000, compared to anticipated expenditure of £2,225,300, resulting in a current favourable variance of £372,300.

10.1.5 There are no major items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention and expenditure is expected to be on target at year-end.

10.1.6 **Table 3 – Single Programme**

These monies are allocated to the Council by Tees Valley Single Programme Partnership. The Council has been allocated £921,400 to spend in 2006/2007 on revenue projects. Actual expenditure to date amounts to £413,500, compared to anticipated expenditure of £460,700 resulting in a favourable variance of £47,200.

10.1.7 There are no major items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention and expenditure is expected to be on target at year-end.

10.1.8 **Table 4 – Children's Fund Programme**

The Children's Fund Programme is wholly funded by the Children and Young Person's Unit (CYPU).

The Children's Fund has been granted a budget of £410,600 for financial year 2006/2007. Actual expenditure to date amounts to £206,300, compared to expected spend to date of £206,200 as set out in Appendix 5.1, Table 4.

10.1.9 There are no major items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention and expenditure is expected to be on target at year-end.

10.2 **Capital Monitoring for Period Ending 30th September, 2006**

10.2.1 Details of anticipated and actual capital expenditure as at 30th September, 2006, is summarised in **Appendix L** and shows:

Column A - Scheme Title
 Column B - Budget for Year
 Column C - Actual expenditure to 30th September, 2006
 Column D - Expected remaining expenditure to be incurred in the period October, 2006 to March, 2007
 Column E - Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008
 Column F - Total expenditure to be incurred including expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008
 Column G - Variance from Budget
 Column H - Type of financing

10.2.2 Detailed analysis of these schemes are on deposit in the Member's Library.

10.2.3 **Table 1 – Resources**

Actual expenditure to date amounts to £1,066,800, compared to the approved budget of £5,019,900, with £3,953,100 of expenditure

remaining. Some £2,666,700 of the expenditure remaining is expected to be spent in 2006/2007, with the balance of £1,286,400 rephased into 2007/2008.

10.2.4 The main reason for the expenditure rephased is £1,273,800 relating to Civic Centre Maintenance as there have been delays owing to the consultation and design stages taking longer than originally planned.

10.2.5 **Table 2 – Single Regeneration Budget**

Details of progress against the approved capital budgets are summarised at Table 2. Actual expenditure to date amounts to £358,700, compared to the approved budget of £2,490,100, with £2,131,400 of expenditure remaining.

10.2.6 There are no major items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention and expenditure is expected to be on target at year-end.

10.2.7 **Table 3 – New Deal for Communities**

The management of NDC resources is subject to specific Government regulations where the Partnership is able to renegotiate the annual allocation during mid year review with Government Office for the North East. This provides the Partnership with a degree of flexibility in managing the overall programme. The programme is currently forecasting full year expenditure at £6,876,500 against a grant approval of £6,702,000. Actual expenditure towards that target as at 30th September, 2006, was £2,264,600. The forecast is very close to the allocation at this early stage in the year and will be closely monitored.

Details of progress against the approved capital budgets are summarised at Table 3. Actual expenditure to date amounts to £2,244,800 compared to the approved budget of £6,148,200, with £3,903,400 of expenditure remaining.

10.2.8 There are no major items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention and expenditure is expected to be on target at year-end.

10.2.9 **Table 4 – Single Programme**

These monies are allocated to the Council by the Tees Valley Single Programme Partnership. The Council has been allocated £379,700 to spend in 2006/2007 on capital projects, including a Council contribution of £57,000. Actual expenditure to date amounts to £129,500 with £250,200 of expenditure remaining.

10.2.10 There are no major items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention and expenditure is expected to be on target at year-end.

11. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO

11.1 Capital Monitoring for Period Ending 30th September, 2006

11.1.1 Details of anticipated and actual capital expenditure as at 30th September, 2006, is summarised in **Appendix M** and shows:

- Column A - Scheme Title
- Column B - Budget for Year
- Column C - Actual expenditure to 30th September, 2006
- Column D - Expected remaining expenditure to be incurred in the period October, 2006 to March, 2007
- Column E - Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008
- Column F - Total expenditure to be incurred including expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008
- Column G - Variance from Budget
- Column H - Type of financing

11.1.2 Detailed analysis of these schemes are on deposit in the Member's Library.

11.1.3 Actual expenditure to date amounts to £612,800, compared to the approved budget of £1,130,000 with £517,200 of expenditure remaining.

11.1.4 There are no major items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 It is recommended that Members note the report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND - REVENUE MONITORING REPORT TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Best Value Unit	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/07 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col.C	Col. D (D=C-B)	Col. E	Col. F	Col.G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
1	33.0	33.0	0.0	Childrens Services	248.7	248.7	0.0
2	382.1	289.6	(92.5)	Adult & Public Health	764.3	764.3	0.0
3	1,159.7	1,166.4	6.7	Regeneration, Liveability & Housing	3,333.9	3,333.9	0.0
4	1,574.8	1,489.0	(85.8)		4,346.9	4,346.9	0.0

CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2006

Line No	Portfolio	2006/2007 Budget	2006/2007 Actual	2006/2007 Expenditure Remaining	Expenditure Rephased into 2007/08	2006/2007 Expenditure	2006/2007 Variance from budget
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D	Col. E	Col. F	Col. G (G=D+E+F)	Col. H (H=G-C)
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1	Regeneration, Liveability & Housing	5,329.2	1,904.2	3,998.1	0.0	5,902.3	573.1
2	Culture, Leisure & Transportation	8,140.1	1,645.8	2,685.0	3,809.3	8,140.1	0.0
3	Children's Services	7,437.5	1,946.9	4,142.0	1,348.6	7,437.5	0.0
4	Adult & Public Health Services	7,753.1	143.3	7,078.3	531.5	7,753.1	0.0
5	Finance	14,037.9	3,799.8	8,951.7	1,286.4	14,037.9	0.0
6	Performance Management	1,130.0	612.8	517.2	0.0	1,130.0	0.0
7	Total Capital Expenditure	43,827.8	10,052.8	27,372.3	6,975.8	44,400.9	573.1

ACCOUNTABLE BODY PROGRAMMES

Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Expenditure	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/07 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (D=C-B)	Col. E	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
				<u>TABLE 1 - New Deal for Communities</u>			
1	2225.3	1853.0	(372.3)	Revenue Projects	5,223.2	5,223.2	0.0
2	3074.1	2244.8	(829.3)	Capital Projects	6,148.2	6,148.2	0.0
3	5299.4	4097.8	(1,201.6)	Total NDC	11,371.4	11,371.4	0.0
				<u>TABLE 2 - SRB North Hartlepool Partnership</u>			
4	191.9	155.4	(36.5)	Revenue Projects	397.7	397.7	0.0
5	1245.1	358.7	(886.4)	Capital Projects	2,490.1	2,490.1	0.0
6	1437.0	514.1	(922.9)	Total SRB	2,887.8	2,887.8	0.0
				<u>TABLE 3 Single Programme</u>			
7	460.7	413.5	(47.2)	Revenue Projects	921.4	921.4	0.0
8	189.9	129.5	(60.4)	Capital Projects	379.7	379.7	0.0
9	650.6	543.0	(107.6)	Total SP	1,301.1	1,301.1	0.0
				<u>TABLE 4 - Miscellaneous</u>			
10	206.2	206.3	0.1	Childrens Fund	410.6	410.6	0.0
11	206.2	206.3	0.1	Total Miscellaneous	410.6	410.6	0.0

PORTFOLIO : REGENERATION, LIVEABILITY & HOUSING

Appendix D

NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND

REVENUE MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Best Value Unit	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (D=C-B)	Col. E	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
1	5.0	2.5	(2.5)	Community Safety Small Grants Fund	10.0	10.0	0.0
2	33.1	18.8	(14.3)	Anti Social Behaviour Officer	66.1	66.1	0.0
3	75.0	84.9	9.9	Community Safety Wardens	150.0	150.0	0.0
4	44.2	44.2	0.0	Partnership Working with Communities	180.0	180.0	0.0
5	1.6	1.6	0.0	Hartlepool Scheme for Prolific Offenders	105.0	105.0	0.0
6	11.2	13.1	1.9	Project Assistant Small Grants / Community Safety	22.5	22.5	0.0
7	30.8	43.3	12.5	Cool Project Out of School activities for children	61.6	61.6	0.0
8	83.3	83.3	0.0	Families Changing Communities	222.7	222.7	0.0
9	11.5	11.5	0.0	Advance Project drug user reintegration into community	22.9	22.9	0.0
10	0.0	1.6	1.6	Burglary Prevention	58.1	58.1	0.0
11	0.0	9.7	9.7	Landlord Accreditation Scheme	10.0	10.0	0.0
12	0.0	0.0	0.0	Young Firefighters	33.0	33.0	0.0
13	0.0	0.0	0.0	PINS Parents in need of support dealing with drug abuse	23.0	23.0	0.0
14	0.0	0.0	0.0	Neighbourhood Policing	273.0	273.0	0.0
15	0.0	(0.8)	(0.8)	Management & Consultancy	66.5	66.5	0.0
16	18.4	18.6	0.2	Neighbourhood Renewal Officer	36.9	36.9	0.0
17	0.0	0.0	0.0	Neighbourhood Action Plan Development	40.0	40.0	0.0
18	2.0	3.4	1.4	Administration of Lifelong Learning Partnership - HCFE	4.0	4.0	0.0
19	0.0	0.0	0.0	Level 3 Progression - HCFE	79.0	79.0	0.0
20	12.5	12.5	0.0	Active Skills - West View Project	25.0	25.0	0.0
21	15.0	10.0	(5.0)	Hartlepool Deaf Centre	30.0	30.0	0.0
22	16.0	10.7	(5.3)	Career Coaching HVDA	32.0	32.0	0.0
23	0.0	0.0	0.0	Hartlepool On Track Project	45.0	45.0	0.0
24	0.0	0.0	0.0	HVDA Business Development Project	15.0	15.0	0.0
25	0.0	0.0	0.0	Dyke House/Stranton/Grange Neighbourhood Action Plan	65.3	65.3	0.0
26	0.0	0.0	0.0	Central Neighbourhood Action Plan	29.0	29.0	0.0
27	0.0	0.0	0.0	West View/King Oswy Neighbourhood Action Plan	90.3	90.3	0.0
28	25.5	24.7	(0.8)	Targeted Training	51.0	51.0	0.0
29	18.7	39.5	20.8	Womens Opportunities	37.5	37.5	0.0
30	38.9	52.7	13.8	Jobsbuild	77.8	77.8	0.0
31	108.4	108.4	0.0	Intermediate Labour Market(ILM) Employment Assistance	137.0	137.0	0.0
32	12.2	12.9	0.7	Marketing Assistant	24.5	24.5	0.0
33	0.0	0.0	0.0	Employment Co-ordinator	23.3	23.3	0.0
34	22.0	23.2	1.2	Improving the Employment Offer	44.0	44.0	0.0
35	0.0	0.0	0.0	North Central Hartlepool Delivery Team Staff Cost	128.0	128.0	0.0
36	0.0	0.0	0.0	Dyke House Neighbourhood Action Plan	0.0	0.0	0.0
37	48.5	46.1	(2.4)	Assisting Local People into Work	97.0	97.0	0.0
38	143.1	143.1	0.0	Incubator System	175.0	175.0	0.0
39	81.0	81.0	0.0	Volunteering into Employment	81.0	81.0	0.0
40	0.0	0.0	0.0	Skills & Knowledge	2.0	2.0	0.0
41	75.0	62.5	(12.5)	Community Employment Outreach	150.0	150.0	0.0
42	35.0	7.6	(27.4)	STEP Homelessness Project	70.0	70.0	0.0
43	5.0	32.6	27.6	Positive Choices for Carers - Training & Education	32.6	32.6	0.0
44	17.5	26.3	8.8	Owton Manor West N'hood Watch Residents Association	35.0	35.0	0.0
45	15.0	22.5	7.5	West View Project - Training for Young People	30.0	30.0	0.0
46	3.4	5.2	1.8	RESPECT Employment & Training Support 16-18 years	6.9	6.9	0.0
47	15.0	22.5	7.5	Grange Road Methodist Church Employment Project	30.0	30.0	0.0
48	11.5	11.1	(0.4)	Burbank Neighbourhood Action Plan	23.0	23.0	0.0
49	25.4	5.0	(20.4)	Rift House/Burn Valley Neighbourhood Action Plan	50.8	50.8	0.0
50	25.6	18.7	(6.9)	Owton Neighbourhood Action Plan	51.2	51.2	0.0
51	11.5	20.8	9.3	Rossmere Neighbourhood Action Plan	23.0	23.0	0.0
52	0.0	0.0	0.0	Headland Neighbourhood Action Plan	33.7	33.7	0.0
53	50.0	31.1	(18.9)	Environment Team	100.0	100.0	0.0
54	11.9	0.0	(11.9)	Environmental Education	23.7	23.7	0.0
55	1,159.7	1,166.4	6.7		3,333.9	3,333.9	0.0

PORTFOLIO : REGENERATION, LIVEABILITY & HOUSING

Appendix E

CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Project Code	A Scheme Title	EXPENDITURE IN CURRENT YEAR							H Type of financing
		B	C	D	E	F	G		
		2006/2007 Budget £'000	2006/2007 Actual as at 30/09/06 £'000	2006/2007 Expenditure Remaining £'000	Expenditure Rephased into 2007/08 £'000	C+D+E 2006/2007 Total Expenditure £'000	F-B 2006/2007 Variance from budget £'000		
7205	ASBO Police Office Jutland Road	25.5	0	25.5	0.0	25.5	0.0	UCPB	
7208	CSS - Alleyway Stopping Up Programme	1.6	0.2	1.4	0.0	1.6	0.0	UCPB	
7233	Security Grants for Businesses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	MIX	
7368	Building Safer Communities Initiatives	45.2	9.4	35.8	0.0	45.2	0.0	GRANT	
7416	Brougham Enterprise Centre Refurbishment	522.0	343.4	178.6	0.0	522.0	0.0	GRANT	
7431	Community Safety Strategy	143.4	0.0	143.4	0.0	143.4	0.0	UCPB	
7436	CSS-CCTV Digital Recording	1.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	UCPB	
7510	Interreg Seaport Theme 1	7.3	0.0	7.3	0.0	7.3	0.0	GRANT	
7579	Newburn Bridge Units-Elec Refit Works	13.1	0.0	13.1	0.0	13.1	0.0	UCPB	
7222	Minor Works - North	87.5	12.1	75.4	0.0	87.5	0.0	MIX	
7223	Minor Works - South	119.3	0.0	119.3	0.0	119.3	0.0	MIX	
7224	Minor Work - Central	81.2	0.0	81.2	0.0	81.2	0.0	MIX	
7272	Wheely Bin Purchase	86.5	45.6	40.9	0.0	86.5	0.0	UDPB	
7398	Sand.Rd/Sheriff St Improvements	4.5	0.7	3.8	0.0	4.5	0.0	UCPB	
7465	Recycling Scheme	698.5	255.3	443.2	0.0	698.5	0.0	UDPB	
NEW	Covert Cameras Fly Tipping	15.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	RCCO	
7591	Burbank Estate Gateway Improvements	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1	RCCO	
7404	HRA Residual Expenditure	23.9	0.0	23.9	0.0	23.9	0.0	CORP RES	
7218	Disabled Facility Grants	433.0	147.5	285.5	0.0	433.0	0.0	MIX	
7230	North Central Hartlepool Housing Regeneration	1,928.9	945.9	1,554.1	0.0	2,500.0	571.1	MIX	
7226	Housing Regeneration Strategy Consultancy	6.0	5.8	0.2	0.0	6.0	0.0	SHIP	
NEW	Tees Valley Empty Property Initiative	60.0	0.0	60.0	0.0	60.0	0.0	SHIP	
7219	Home Plus Grants (provided by Endeavour HA)	140.0	52.9	87.1	0.0	140.0	0.0	SHIP	
7231	Housing Thermal Efficiency	231.0	53.9	177.1	0.0	231.0	0.0	SHIP	
7220	Private Sector Housing Grants	530.0	47.3	482.7	0.0	530.0	0.0	SHIP	
7488	CPO of Private Dwelling	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	CAP REC	
7530	Developers Contributions	40.0	(17.8)	57.8	0.0	40.0	0.0	CAP REC	
7522	HERS-Headland Building Grants	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	GRANT	
7523	HERS-Headland Env Imps	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	GRANT	
7524	HLF-Private Housing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	GRANT	
7525	Railing Restoration	34.7	0.0	34.7	0.0	34.7	0.0	GRANT	
7611	Drug Interventions Programme	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	GRANT	
		5,329.2	1,904.2	3,998.1	0.0	5,902.3	573.1		

Key

RCCO Revenue Contribution towards Capital

MIX Combination of Funding Types

UCPB Unsupported Corporate Prudential Borrowing

SCE @ Supported Capital Expenditure (Revenue)

GRANT Grant Funded

CAP REC Capital Receipt

UDPB Unsupported Departmental Prudential Borrowing

SPB Supported Prudential Borrowing

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Appendix F

CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Project Code	A Scheme Title	EXPENDITURE IN CURRENT YEAR							H Type of financing
		B	C	D	E	F	G		
		2006/2007 Budget £'000	2006/2007 Actual as at 30/09/06 £'000	2006/2007 Expenditure Remaining £'000	Expenditure Rephased into 2007/08 £'000	C+D+E 2006/2007 Total Expenditure £'000	F-B 2006/2007 Variance from budget £'000		
7080	NRF Street Lighting	44.0	0.1	43.9	0.0	44.0	0.0	GRANT	
7081	Waverley Allotments Refurbishment	29.0	24.8	4.2	0.0	29.0	0.0	MIX	
7203	Sir William Gray House - DDA	19.2	0.0	19.2	0.0	19.2	0.0	MIX	
7207	Community Safety-Car Park Security/CCTV	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	SPB	
7208	Community Safety-Alleyway Stopping Up Prog.	1.6	0.2	1.4	0.0	1.6	0.0	CAPREC	
7213	Grayfields Sports Pavillion	910.2	650.0	260.2	0.0	910.2	0.0	MIX	
7214	Burn Valley Park Improvements	50.4	21.2	29.2	0.0	50.4	0.0	MIX	
7215	Seaton Carew Cricket Club Ground Imps	20.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	CAPR	
7217	Throston Community Centre Refurbishment	7.1	3.5	3.6	0.0	7.1	0.0	MIX	
7235	Low Floor Infrastructure	20.0	0.0	22.0	0.0	22.0	2.0	SPB	
7236	Bus Shelter Improvements	10.0	0.8	9.2	0.0	10.0	0.0	SPB	
7237	Cycle Routes General	73.5	19.7	53.8	0.0	73.5	0.0	SPB	
7240	Hartlepool Transport Interchange	1,837.6	(1.3)	168.0	1,728.5	1,895.2	57.6	SPB	
7241	Dropped Crossings	30.0	10.6	19.4	0.0	30.0	0.0	SPB	
7242	Other Street Lighting	70.0	0.3	69.7	0.0	70.0	0.0	SPB	
7243	Highways Maintenance Other Schemes	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	SCE	
7244	Travel Plans Workplace	15.0	7.5	7.5	0.0	15.0	0.0	SPB	
7245	Cycle Parking	5.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	SPB	
7247	Bus Quality Corridor	20.0	16.8	6.0	0.0	22.8	2.8	SPB	
7250	Sustainable Travel Awareness	10.0	8.6	1.4	0.0	10.0	0.0	SPB	
7251	Public Transport CCTV	20.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	SPB	
7252	Safer Streets Initiative	20.0	7.8	12.2	0.0	20.0	0.0	SPB	
7255	Advanced Cycle Route Scheme Design	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	SPB	
7265	Coastal Protection Strategic Study	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	GRANT	
7267	Morrisons Supermarket-S 278	6.5	6.5	0.0	0.0	6.5	0.0	GRANT	
7269	Rural Bus Challenge Scheme	30.1	0.0	30.1	0.0	30.1	0.0	GRANT	
7271	Rossmere Fountain Improvements	1.3	0.6	0.7	0.0	1.3	0.0	MIX	
7355	Bowling Green Improvements	19.7	21.4	(1.7)	0.0	19.7	0.0	MIX	
7367	Ward Jackson Park Refurbishment	19.6	0.0	19.6	0.0	19.6	0.0	MIX	
7372	Seaton Play Area Improvements	2.3	4.5	(2.2)	0.0	2.3	0.0	MIX	
7375	Countryside Development Works	15.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	15.0	0.0	MIX	
7380	H2O Watersports Centre	1,998.7	0.0	0.0	1,998.7	1,998.7	0.0	MIX	
7382	Greatham Play Area Equipment	40.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	MIX	
7408	Cycling Strategy	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	SCE	
7410	LTP2 Development	20.0	17.3	2.7	0.0	20.0	0.0	SPB	
7412	Basement Car Park	15.9	0.0	15.9	0.0	15.9	0.0	UPB	
7414	Jutland Road Play Area Upgrade	20.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	GRANT	
7421	LTP-School Travel Plans	15.0	0.5	14.5	0.0	15.0	0.0	SPB	
7424	Pride in Hartlepool	18.3	0.0	18.3	0.0	18.3	0.0	UCPB	
7452	Local Safety Scheme	20.0	11.3	8.7	0.0	20.0	0.0	SPB	
7454	Murray Street LSS	63.0	0.0	63.0	0.0	63.0	0.0	SPB	
7455	Hart Lane Road Safety Improvements	392.0	233.0	159.0	0.0	392.0	0.0	SPB	
7456	New Car Park York Road Flatlets	8.7	0.1	8.6	0.0	8.7	0.0	CAPREC	
7457	Coronation Drive Coast Protection Works Phase 3	73.7	73.7	0.0	0.0	73.7	0.0	MIX	
7458	Marks & Spencer Car Park Refurbishment	38.2	2.4	35.8	0.0	38.2	0.0	UDPB	
7462	Hart To Haswell Cycleway	11.5	11.5	0.0	0.0	11.5	0.0	0	
7474	Briarfields Allotments	75.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	RCCO	
7487	Local Transportation Plan-Monitoring	5.0	0.2	4.8	0.0	5.0	0.0	SPB	
7499	Lithgo Close - Contaminated Land	100.0	15.7	84.3	0.0	100.0	0.0	CAPREC	
7508	Anhydrite Mine	200.0	14.3	185.7	0.0	200.0	0.0	UCPB	
7537	Grayfields Running Track	30.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	MIX	
7538	LTP-Advance Traffic Management Design	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	SPB	
7540	Tees Valley Major Scheme Bid	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	SPB	
7541	Safer Routes to School	70.0	0.0	70.0	0.0	70.0	0.0	SPB	
7542	LTP-Parking Lay-bys	25.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	SPB	
7543	LTP-School Safety Zones	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	SPB	
7544	LTP-Shop Mobility	10.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	SPB	

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		2006/2007 Budget £'000	2006/2007 Actual as at 30/09/06 £'000	2006/2007 Expenditure Remaining £'000	Expenditure Rephased into 2007/08 £'000	C+D+E 2006/2007 Total Expenditure £'000	F-B 2006/2007 Variance from budget £'000		
7545	LTP-Motorcycle Training	20.0	0.0	21.5	0.0	21.5	1.5	SPB	
7546	LTP-Road Safety Education & Training	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	SPB	
7547	LTP-Dial-a-Ride	92.0	0.0	92.0	0.0	92.0	0.0	SPB	
7548	LTP-Greatham Creek Bridge Repairs	80.0	0.0	80.0	0.0	80.0	0.0	SPB	
7549	LTP-Other Bridge Schemes	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	SPB	
7550	LTP-Hart Lane/Wiltshire Way Maintenance	200.0	0.0	200.0	0.0	200.0	0.0	SPB	
7551	LTP-Murray Street Maintenance	40.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	SPB	
7552	LTP-Owton Manor Lane Maintenance	375.0	268.2	24.7	0.0	292.9	(82.1)	SPB	
7553	LTP-Arncliffe Gardens Maintenance	26.0	0.0	29.0	0.0	29.0	3.0	SPB	
7554	LTP-Groves Street Maintenance	14.0	0.0	17.0	0.0	17.0	3.0	SPB	
7555	LTP-York Road Footways Maintenance	34.0	0.3	33.7	0.0	34.0	0.0	SPB	
7556	LTP-Victoria Road Maintenance	56.0	2.0	54.0	0.0	56.0	0.0	SPB	
7557	LTP-Winterbottom Avenue Maintenance	8.0	0.0	11.0	0.0	11.0	3.0	SPB	
7558	LTP-Nesbyt Road Maintenance	12.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	15.0	3.0	SPB	
7559	LTP-Ridlington Way Maintenance	23.0	0.0	26.0	0.0	26.0	3.0	SPB	
7560	LTP-North Hart Lane Maintenance	2.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	5.0	3.0	SPB	
7580	Highways Remedial Works - Hartlepool Marina	9.7	0.0	9.7	0.0	9.7	0.0	TDC	
7581	Tees Valley Boundary Signs	5.4	0.0	0.0	5.4	5.4	0.0	GRANT	
7582	Alleygates Capital Works	13.8	8.4	5.4	0.0	13.8	0.0	CAPREC	
7583	Greenland Creosote Works	16.7	0.0	0.0	16.7	16.7	0.0	SCE	
7584	Open Market Resurfacing	43.4	0.0	43.4	0.0	43.4	0.0	UCPB	
7590	Ward Jackson Car Park - Tunstall Court	79.6	1.5	78.1	0.0	79.6	0.0	MIX	
7605	Focus - Section 278 Highways Scheme	25.0	2.5	22.5	0.0	25.0	0.0	GRANT	
7607	Waterproofing phase 1 - Multi Storey Car Park	189.0	76.1	112.9	0.0	189.0	0.0	UCPB	
7609	Hart Lane/Raby Road Traffic Signals	27.5	23.4	4.1	0.0	27.5	0.0	SPB	
7613	Newburn Bridge LSS	30.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	SPB	
7614	Traffic Signal Improvements	10.0	8.7	1.3	0.0	10.0	0.0	SPB	
7624	LTP - Headland Traffic Management	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	SPB	
7364 & 7365	Summerhill Maintenance	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	MIX	
		8,140.1	1,645.8	2,685.0	3,809.3	8,140.1	0.0		

Key

RCCO	Revenue Contribution towards Capital	GRANT	Grant Funded
MIX	Combination of Funding Types	CAP REC	Capital Receipt
UCPB	Unsupported Corporate Prudential Borrowing	UDPB	Unsupported Departmental Prudential Borrowing
SCE @	Supported Capital Expenditure (Revenue)	SPB	Supported Prudential Borrowing

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Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Best Value Unit	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (D=C-B)	Col. E	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
1	21.7	21.7	0.0	NRF - Education Business Links	55.0	55.0	0.0
2	3.1	3.1	0.0	NRF - Project Co-ordination	6.0	6.0	0.0
3	0.0	0.0	0.0	NRF - Contingency	3.0	3.0	0.0
4	0.0	0.0	0.0	NRF - New Initiatives (Boys Underachieving)	35.0	35.0	0.0
5	8.2	8.2	0.0	NRF - Occupational Care for Kids - Dyke House	40.0	40.0	0.0
6	0.0	0.0	0.0	NRF - Reducing Childhood Obesity	109.7	109.7	0.0
7	33.0	33.0	0.0		248.7	248.7	0.0

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7448	Barnard Grove - Replace Roofing/Windows (04/05)	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	MIX	
7273	Barnard Grove - (04/05) Modifications to Entrance	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	SCE (R)	
7528	Barnard Grove - Improvements to Kitchen Ventilation	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	GRANT	
7534	Barnard Grove - Boiler Plant Replacement	64.5	0.3	64.2	0.0	64.5	0.0	MODERN	
7274	Brierton - Roof Repair (Phase 2)	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	GRANT	
7275	Brierton - Relocation to Single Site	6.7	0.0	0.0	6.7	6.7	0.0	MIX	
7276	Brierton - Remove Boundary Fence	14.3	0.0	0.0	14.3	14.3	0.0	MIX	
7277	Brierton - Convert Top Site to Access 2 Learning School	6.6	0.0	0.0	6.6	6.6	0.0	MIX	
7478	Brierton - Re-Roof Craft Block	64.2	56.2	8.0	0.0	64.2	0.0	GRANT	
7279	Brierton - Replace Boiler in Caretakers House	1.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	RCCO	
7360	Brierton - Purchase of Mobile Unit	1.9	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.9	0.0	MIX	
7420	Brierton - Build Sports Hall & Sports Facilities	20.4	0.0	0.0	20.4	20.4	0.0	MIX	
7451	Brierton - Internal Alterations & Purchase ICT	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.0	MIX	
7501	Brougham - Install Nursery Toilet / Change Facility	45.0	0.0	45.0	0.0	45.0	0.0	SCE (R)	
7497	Brougham - Roof Repairs	32.9	0.0	32.9	0.0	32.9	0.0	GRANT	
7357	Brougham - Develop Outside Play Area	4.9	0.0	4.9	0.0	4.9	0.0	GRANT	
7599	Brougham - Develop Outside Play Area - Phase 2	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	GRANT	
7626	Brougham - Improve Acoustics in Hall	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	RCCO	
TBA	Brougham - Improvements to Kitchen/Courtyard	3.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	GRANT	
7281	Catcote - Install Shower/Changing/Toilet Facilities	3.2	0.0	3.2	0.0	3.2	0.0	GRANT	
7535	Catcote - Window Replacement	38.5	29.4	9.1	0.0	38.5	0.0	GRANT	
7283	Clavering - Improvements to Kitchen Ventilation	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	GRANT	
7539	Clavering - Replace Timber in Nursery	1.9	0.0	1.9	0.0	1.9	0.0	GRANT	
7284	Clavering - Replace Boiler Control	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	GRANT	
7285	Dyke House - Refurbish Boys Toilet (04/05)	3.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	MIX	
7286	Dyke House - Replace Boiler in Science Block	10.5	0.0	10.5	0.0	10.5	0.0	GRANT	
7574	Dyke House - Replace Boiler in Caretakers House	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	GRANT	
7575	Dyke House - ICT Equipment Purchase	85.0	0.0	85.0	0.0	85.0	0.0	RCCO	
7562	Dyke House - Sports Hall Floor Renewal	60.2	0.0	60.2	0.0	60.2	0.0	GRANT	
7489	Dyke House - Replace Science Block Windows	25.0	23.0	2.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	RCCO	
7586	Dyke House - City Learning Centre Equipment Purchase	150.0	122.4	27.6	0.0	150.0	0.0	GRANT	
7385	Dyke House - City Learning Centre Extension & ICT Purchase	19.1	0.0	19.1	0.0	19.1	0.0	MIX	
7386	Dyke House - Extension to Blue Room	2.7	0.0	0.0	2.7	2.7	0.0	MIX	
TBA	Dyke House - Purchase ICT Equip & Refurb Technology Class	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	GRANT	
7288	English Martyrs - Build New Outdoor Sports Pitch	20.6	12.4	8.2	0.0	20.6	0.0	MIX	
7358	English Martyrs - Remodel School Site inc build new VI Form	172.1	0.0	172.1	0.0	172.1	0.0	MIX	
7287	Eldon Grove - Improve Access to School	5.7	0.0	5.7	0.0	5.7	0.0	SCE (R)	
7628	Eldon Grove - Major Internal Works	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	RCCO	
7289	Fens - Roof Repair (Main Hall)	1.6	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.6	0.0	GRANT	
7290	Fens - Purchase & Install Playground Equipment	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	MIX	
7291	Fens - Improve Access (04/05)	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	SCE (R)	
7292	Fens - Rewire (Phase 2)	11.7	0.0	11.7	0.0	11.7	0.0	GRANT	
7570	Fens - Replace Fire Alarm System (Rewire Ph 3)	24.6	0.0	24.6	0.0	24.6	0.0	GRANT	
7477	Fens - Replace Hall Windows	57.3	47.0	10.3	0.0	57.3	0.0	GRANT	
7563	Fens - Boiler Replacement	17.5	15.1	2.4	0.0	17.5	0.0	GRANT	
7293	Golden Flatts - Build Multi Use Games Area	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	MIX	
7294	Golden Flatts - Classroom Alterations	1.2	0.0	1.2	0.0	1.2	0.0	GRANT	
7295	Grange - Replace Classrooms (03/04)	26.5	0.0	0.0	26.5	26.5	0.0	GRANT	
7297	Grange - Renew Annexe Timber Windows (04/05)	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	MIX	
7298	Grange - Air Conditioning 04/05	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	MIX	
7629	Grange - Internal Works to Kitchen	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	RCCO	
7527	Greatham - Improvements to Kitchen Ventilation	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	GRANT	
7359	Greatham - Car Park Improvements	7.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	MIX	
7300	Greatham - Boiler Replacement (04/05)	5.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	MIX	
7302	High Tunstall - Build New Gym	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	MIX	
7303	High Tunstall - (04/05) Refurbish Toilets & Footpaths	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	SCE (R)	
7561	High Tunstall - Dining Hall Roof Repairs	35.6	27.2	8.4	0.0	35.6	0.0	GRANT	
7633	High Tunstall - 'C' Block Roof Repairs (06/07)	94.2	0.0	94.2	0.0	94.2	0.0	GRANT	
7305	High Tunstall - Install Step Lift	2.9	0.0	2.9	0.0	2.9	0.0	GRANT	
7500	High Tunstall - Refurb Classrooms / Equipment Purchase	100.0	34.4	65.6	0.0	100.0	0.0	GRANT	
7533	Jesmond Rd - Relocate Nursery to form Foundation Unit, installation of ramps & internal works	390.0	263.3	126.7	0.0	390.0	0.0	MIX	
7589	Jesmond Rd - Install Extractor Fan (06/07)	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	RCCO	
7498	Jesmond Rd - Install Handrail on Staircase	13.1	13.1	0.0	0.0	13.1	0.0	SCE (R)	
7306	Jesmond Rd - Build Multi-Use Games Area	3.3	0.0	3.3	0.0	3.3	0.0	MIX	

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7307	Jesmond Rd - Resite Kitchen	6.6	0.0	6.6	0.0	6.6	0.0	GRANT	
7576	Jesmond Rd - Roof Works	23.7	0.0	23.7	0.0	23.7	0.0	GRANT	
7492	Kingsley - Roof Repairs	62.0	0.4	61.6	0.0	62.0	0.0	GRANT	
7308	Kingsley - Modification to Entrance (05/06)	1.9	0.0	1.9	0.0	1.9	0.0	RCCO	
7513	Kingsley - Install Kitchen Interlocks	2.8	0.0	2.8	0.0	2.8	0.0	GRANT	
7469	Kingsley - Extension to School for Children's Centre	250.0	0.0	250.0	0.0	250.0	0.0	GRANT	
7310	Lynnfield - Install Ramps	2.1	0.0	2.1	0.0	2.1	0.0	GRANT	
7311	Lynnfield - Roof Repairs (05/06)	12.9	0.0	12.9	0.0	12.9	0.0	GRANT	
7493	Lynnfield - Boiler Renewal (Caretakers House)	4.5	4.3	0.2	0.0	4.5	0.0	MIX	
7057	Lynnfield - Build Community Facility	17.8	0.0	17.8	0.0	17.8	0.0	GRANT	
7312	Manor - Build New Science Lab	6.6	0.0	6.6	0.0	6.6	0.0	MIX	
7313	Manor - Build New Tennis Courts	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	MIX	
7572	Manor - Install Swimming Pool Ramp	22.9	0.0	22.9	0.0	22.9	0.0	SCE (R)	
7314	Manor - Build E Learning Centre	31.4	0.0	31.4	0.0	31.4	0.0	MIX	
7315	Manor - Replace Boiler to Drama Block	2.5	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.5	0.0	GRANT	
7316	Manor - Replace Windows (05/06)	8.5	0.0	8.5	0.0	8.5	0.0	GRANT	
7568	Manor - Develop New SEN/Resource Centre	90.0	0.0	90.0	0.0	90.0	0.0	MIX	
7317	Owton Manor - Build New Sports Hall	12.6	0.0	12.6	0.0	12.6	0.0	MIX	
7318	Owton Manor - Replace Boiler	13.0	0.1	12.9	0.0	13.0	0.0	MIX	
TBA	Owton Manor - Internal Modifications to create Childrens Ctre	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	GRANT	
7596	Owton Manor - Relocate Entrance, Extend for Children's Centre & Relocate/Refurbish Library	215.0	0.0	215.0	0.0	215.0	0.0	MIX	
7319	Rift House - Boiler Replacement (04/05)	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	MIX	
TBA	Rift House - Relocation of Nursery & refurbish existing Nursery	30.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	GRANT	
7320	Rossmere - Improve Access (04/05)	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	SCE (R)	
7529	Rossmere - Caretakers House Heating	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.0	4.6	0.0	MIX	
7321	Sacred Heart - Hall Extension (05/06)	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	RCCO	
7322	Springwell - Build Trim Trail & Ball Play Area	2.3	0.0	2.3	0.0	2.3	0.0	MIX	
7323	Stranton - Build New Community Facility	27.1	0.0	27.1	0.0	27.1	0.0	MIX	
7566	Stranton - Replace School Heating System	175.0	0.8	174.2	0.0	175.0	0.0	GRANT	
7587	Stranton - Heating System Renewal at Caretakers (06/07)	4.8	0.0	4.8	0.0	4.8	0.0	RCCO	
7597	Stranton - Develop Outside Play Area	67.0	0.0	67.0	0.0	67.0	0.0	GRANT	
TBA	Stranton - Children's Centre modifications to kitchen & offices	80.0	0.0	80.0	0.0	80.0	0.0	GRANT	
7515	Stranton - Improvements to Kitchen Ventilation	1.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	GRANT	
7505	St Aidans - Extend Playground	49.5	22.5	25.9	1.1	49.5	0.0	MIX	
7325	St Begas - Build Community Room/Toilets (Children's Centre)	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	GRANT	
7567	St Cuthberts - Boiler Replacement	70.0	0.3	69.7	0.0	70.0	0.0	MIX	
7326	St Helens -Extension to build Children's Centre	4.7	0.0	4.7	0.0	4.7	0.0	GRANT	
7327	St Helens - Kitchen Refurbishment	7.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	GRANT	
7597	St Helens - Develop Outside Play Area	27.0	0.0	27.0	0.0	27.0	0.0	MIX	
TBA	St John Vianney - Develop Outside Nature Garden	6.1	0.0	6.1	0.0	6.1	0.0	GRANT	
7328	St John Vianney - Build Children's Centre	6.3	0.0	6.3	0.0	6.3	0.0	GRANT	
7023	St John Vianney - Build Early Years Centre	10.1	10.1	0.0	0.0	10.1	0.0	MIX	
7330	St Teresa's - Extension to Build Childrens Centre	2.1	0.0	2.1	0.0	2.1	0.0	GRANT	
7588	St Teresa's - Boiler Replacement	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	MIX	
7422	St Hilda's - New School Build	45.8	0.0	0.0	45.8	45.8	0.0	MIX	
7476	Ward Jackson - Replace Kitchen Windows	33.3	26.8	6.5	0.0	33.3	0.0	GRANT	
7333	Ward Jackson - Create Storage Space	1.6	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.6	0.0	MIX	
7334	Ward Jackson - Replace Windows Phase 2	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.9	0.0	GRANT	
7335	Ward Jackson - Replace Windows Phase 3 (05/06)	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	GRANT	
7336	West Park - Roof Repair - Phase 2 (03/04)	4.4	0.0	4.4	0.0	4.4	0.0	GRANT	
7337	West Park - Develop Playground	2.4	0.0	2.4	0.0	2.4	0.0	GRANT	
7338	West Park - Re-roof Phase 3 (04/05)	1.6	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.6	0.0	GRANT	
7339	West Park - Roof Repairs Phase 5 (06/07)	26.8	0.3	26.5	0.0	26.8	0.0	GRANT	
7573	West View - Replace Windows in Key Stage 1 Area	44.6	0.0	44.6	0.0	44.6	0.0	GRANT	
7598	West View - Improve Refurbish Nursery & Reception	80.0	0.0	80.0	0.0	80.0	0.0	GRANT	
7340	West View - Develop Football Facilities (03/04)	5.5	0.0	0.0	5.5	5.5	0.0	GRANT	
7593	West View - Replace Boiler Control (06/07)	2.1	0.0	2.1	0.0	2.1	0.0	RCCO	
7341	West View - Replace Hall Windows	2.9	0.0	2.9	0.0	2.9	0.0	GRANT	
7342	Carlton Outdoor Centre Redevelopment Phase 1 - New Accommodation Block; Create Meeting Room & Storage; Develop Challenge Course and other on-site adventure opportunities;	768.1	527.0	227.3	13.8	768.1	0.0	MIX	
TBA	Improve Kitchen Ventilation - Various Schools	30.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	GRANT	
7521	Childrens Centre - Miscellaneous Capital Expenditure	9.9	0.1	9.8	0.0	9.9	0.0	GRANT	
TBA	Installation of Sound Systems - Various Schools	5.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	SCE (R)	
7428	Workforce Remodelling - Misc School Projects to better utilise space	194.9	108.9	86.0	0.0	194.9	0.0	GRANT	
7384	Devolved Capital - Various Individual School Projects	1,210.5	514.5	596.0	100.0	1,210.5	0.0	GRANT	

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CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Project Code	A Scheme Title	EXPENDITURE IN CURRENT YEAR							H Type of financing
		B	C	D	E	F	G		
		2006/2007 Budget £'000	2006/2007 Actual as at 30/09/06 £'000	2006/2007 Expenditure Remaining £'000	Expenditure Rephased into 2007/08 £'000	C+D+E 2006/2007 Total Expenditure £'000	F-B 2006/2007 Variance from budget £'000		
TBA	Construction Design Management Fee - Lump Sum Charge for entire 2006/07 Children's Services Capital Programme	12.5	0.0	12.5	0.0	12.5	0.0	GRANT	
7463	Youth Capital Fund - Spend to be Determined by Young People	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	GRANT	
7437	Playing for Success - Develop New Classroom at H'pool Utd	4.3	0.5	3.8	0.0	4.3	0.0	MIX	
7502	A2L - Install Lift, Ramp & New Disabled Toilet plus internal works	72.0	0.0	72.0	0.0	72.0	0.0	SCE (R)	
7421	School Travel Plans - Develop Cycle Storage at schools	84.5	2.5	82.0	0.0	84.5	0.0	GRANT	
7387	Rossmere Pool Demolition	13.0	0.0	13.0	0.0	13.0	0.0	RCCO	
7348	Education Development Centre - Works to Dining Room & Kitchen	2.7	0.0	0.0	2.7	2.7	0.0	RCCO	
7520	Preparation Works for installing watercoolers (Various Schools)	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	RCCO	
7518	Access 2 Learning - Mechanical & Engineering Works	13.7	0.0	13.7	0.0	13.7	0.0	RCCO	
7606	Access 2 Learning - Demolition of Music Block	47.0	33.7	13.3	0.0	47.0	0.0	RCCO	
N/A	Funding (Modernisation, Access, RCCO) Currently Unallocated	125.3	0.0	50.3	75.0	125.3	0.0	MIX	
7447	Purchase of Interactive Whiteboards (Various Schools)	2.1	0.0	0.0	2.1	2.1	0.0	GRANT	
7344	Brinkburn Pool - Reinstatement after Fire	4.1	0.0	4.1	0.0	4.1	0.0	MIX	
7577	Boys Welfare Refurbishment/Redevelopment	149.6	34.8	114.8	0.0	149.6	0.0	RCCO	
7347	Sure Start South - Build Children's Centre Ext at Rossmere	5.3	0.0	5.3	0.0	5.3	0.0	GRANT	
7625	Children's Social Services - Expenditure to be allocated	34.0	0.0	34.0	0.0	34.0	0.0	SCE (R)	
N/A	Children's Centres Grant - Unallocated (2006-08)	918.6	0.0	0.0	918.6	918.6	0.0	GRANT	
7345	Sure Start North - Refurbish Office at West View Comm Ctre	2.5	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.5	0.0	GRANT	
TBA	Purchase and Install new Integrated Childrens Computerised System for Children & Families	62.4	0.8	61.6	0.0	62.4	0.0	GRANT	
TBA	Sure Start Central - Refurbish Daycare Suite at Chatham House	18.0	0.0	18.0	0.0	18.0	0.0	GRANT	
TBA	Sure Start North - Landscaping Works at Main Centre	6.0	0.0	6.0	0.0	6.0	0.0	GRANT	
7210	Capital Grant Contribution towards building Rift House Neighbourhood Nursery	4.3	0.0	0.0	4.3	4.3	0.0	MIX	
		7,437.5	1,946.9	4,142.0	1,348.6	7,437.5	0.0		

Key

RCCO Revenue Contribution towards Capital
MIX Combination of Funding Types
UCPB Unsupported Corporate Prudential Borrowing
SCE (R) Supported Capital Expenditure (Revenue)

GRANT Grant Funded
CAP REC Capital Receipt
UDPB Unsupported Departmental Prudential Borrowing
SPB Supported Prudential Borrowing

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Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Best Value Unit	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (D=C-B)	Col. E	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
1	12.5	0.0	(12.5)	NRF - Cardiac Rehab through Exercise	25.0	25.0	0.0
2	31.4	31.4	0.0	NRF - Mental Health Development Project	62.9	62.9	0.0
3	4.5	5.0	0.5	NRF - Mobile Maintenance Worker	9.0	9.0	0.0
4	58.6	0.0	(58.6)	NRF - Connected Care / Health Trainers	117.3	117.3	0.0
5	15.6	15.6	0.0	NRF - Anchor Trust Community Development	31.1	31.1	0.0
6	12.5	0.0	(12.5)	NRF - Integrated Health & Social Care Teams	25.0	25.0	0.0
7	20.0	9.2	(10.8)	NRF - Owton Ross Health Dev Worker	40.0	40.0	0.0
8	36.2	15.3	(20.9)	NRF - Smoking Issues	72.5	72.5	0.0
9	31.0	31.0	0.0	NRF - Alzheimers Day Service	61.9	61.9	0.0
10	23.5	23.5	0.0	NRF - MIND Manager & NDC Support Network	47.0	47.0	0.0
11	10.3	10.3	0.0	NRF - Hartlepool Carers	20.6	20.6	0.0
12	10.4	10.4	0.0	NRF - Mental Health Carers Support	20.8	20.8	0.0
13	20.5	21.5	1.0	NRF - TNEY / MIND Common Mental Health Needs	41.0	41.0	0.0
14	15.0	0.0	(15.0)	NRF - Discharge Planning Post	30.0	30.0	0.0
15	60.6	96.9	36.3	NRF - VCS Core Costs	121.2	121.2	0.0
16	19.5	19.5	0.0	NRF - Belle Vue Sports Project	39.0	39.0	0.0
17	382.1	289.6	(92.5)		764.3	764.3	0.0

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Appendix J

CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Project Code	A Scheme Title	EXPENDITURE IN CURRENT YEAR						
		B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		2006/2007 Budget £'000	2006/2007 Actual as at 30/09/06 £'000	2006/2007 Expenditure Remaining £'000	Expenditure Rephased into 2007/08 £'000	C+D+E 2006/2007 Total Expenditure £'000	F-B 2006/2007 Variance from budget £'000	Type of financing
7229	Cemetery Flooding Works	37.8	0.0	37.8	0.0	37.8	0.0	UDPB
7234	Chronically Sick & Disabled Persons Adaptations	108.1	32.5	75.6	0.0	108.1	0.0	MIX
7351	Improving Information Management Systems	101.9	0.0	101.9	0.0	101.9	0.0	MIX
7352	Brooklyn 'UK On-line' ICT Initiative	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	GRANT
7356	Joseph Rowntree Development (Extra Care Housing)	6,650.0	0.0	6,650.0	0.0	6,650.0	0.0	MIX
7389	Mental Health	223.1	0.0	0.0	223.1	223.1	0.0	SCE(R)
7403	Spion Kop Cem Environmental Project (INCA)	3.5	2.1	1.4	0.0	3.5	0.0	GRANT
7438	Adult Education - Capital Equip Replacement	23.8	0.0	23.8	0.0	23.8	0.0	GRANT
7441	Adult Education - Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities Fund	81.3	40.4	40.9	0.0	81.3	0.0	MIX
7473	Grant to 'Peoples Relief of Pressure' Mental Health Initiative	11.0	11.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	0.0	SCE(R)
7531	Adult Education - Education Development Centre - Refurbishment	68.2	56.2	12.0	0.0	68.2	0.0	MIX
7578	Lynne Street ATC - Demolition	119.3	1.1	118.2	0.0	119.3	0.0	RCCO
7616	Three Rivers Housing (Extra Care Housing)	308.4	0.0	0.0	308.4	308.4	0.0	GRANT
7620	Kilmarnock Road Day Centre - ERDF Project	2.5	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.5	0.0	GRANT
7622	Adult Education - Capital Equipment Replacement	13.2	0.0	13.2	0.0	13.2	0.0	GRANT
		7,753.1	143.3	7,078.3	531.5	7,753.1	0.0	

Key

RCCO Revenue Contribution towards Capital
MIX Combination of Funding Types
UCPB Unsupported Corporate Prudential Borrowing
SCE @ Supported Capital Expenditure (Revenue)

GRANT Grant Funded
CAP REC Capital Receipt
UDPB Unsupported Departmental Prudential Borrowing
SPB Supported Prudential Borrowing

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Appendix K

ACCOUNTABLE BODY REVENUE MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

TABLE 1 - SINGLE REGENERATION BUDGET

Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Project	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (D=C-B)	Col. E	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000		£'000
1	100.8	81.2	(19.6)	Programme Administration	201.5	201.5	0.0
2	1.0	1.0	0.0	Contribution to Abbey Street Project	1.0	1.0	0.0
3	0.5	0.5	0.0	Headland History Project	1.1	1.1	0.0
4	0.0	0.0	0.0	Headland Promenade CCTV	5.0	5.0	0.0
5	20.0	18.5	(1.5)	Jobsbuild - Promote Employment of Local People	20.0	20.0	0.0
6	16.4	11.9	(4.5)	Targeted Training Project	48.2	48.2	0.0
7	35.0	23.1	(11.9)	Headland Tourism Marketing	84.5	84.5	0.0
8	18.2	19.2	1.0	Intermediate Labour Market	36.4	36.4	0.0
9	191.9	155.4	(36.5)		397.7	397.7	0.0

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ACCOUNTABLE BODY REVENUE MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

TABLE 2 - NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES

Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Project	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (D=C-B)	Col. E	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000		£'000
10	14.1	11.9	(2.2)	Longhill - Site Manager	39.3	39.3	0.0
11	4.8	0.0	(4.8)	Longhill - Business Security Scheme	14.4	14.4	0.0
12	41.9	65.0	23.1	Longhill - ILM Scheme	65.0	65.0	0.0
13	6.2	4.2	(2.0)	Childcare Training	15.2	15.2	0.0
14	82.2	52.8	(29.4)	Employment Advice and Support: At Work	229.3	229.3	0.0
15	46.5	40.7	(5.8)	Enterprise Development Package	139.6	139.6	0.0
16	14.8	3.6	(11.2)	Commercial Areas - Building Modernisation	41.3	41.3	0.0
17	21.7	17.3	(4.5)	Commercial Areas - Bus Support Manager	47.0	47.0	0.0
18	44.9	44.9	0.0	Mental Health Support Workers	89.8	89.8	0.0
19	2.4	0.0	(2.4)	Complementary Therapies	7.1	7.1	0.0
20	12.6	12.6	(0.0)	Drop in for Health - Health Bus	25.3	25.3	0.0
21	53.4	20.4	(33.1)	Health Dev. Workers & Activity Block Fund	53.4	53.4	0.0
22	88.6	1.6	(87.0)	Sure Start Extension	265.0	265.0	0.0
23	83.8	91.4	7.6	Practical Support to Individuals	124.1	124.1	0.0
24	0.0	0.0	0.0	Low Level Support	32.4	32.4	0.0
25	20.2	0.0	(20.2)	Drug Outreach	60.7	60.7	0.0
26	17.4	0.5	(17.0)	Childrens Emotional Wellbeing	52.3	52.3	0.0
27	12.7	0.0	(12.7)	Football Development Officer	38.0	38.0	0.0
28	5.0	5.0	0.0	Hartlepool Access - Shopmobility	5.0	5.0	0.0
29	0.0	0.0	0.0	Access to Health	51.0	51.0	0.0
30	141.5	124.8	(16.7)	Community Wardens	323.8	323.8	0.0
31	51.9	57.1	5.2	Target Hardening - Phase 3 Security Initiative	98.2	98.2	0.0
32	6.7	9.4	2.7	Community Safety Grants Pool	20.0	20.0	0.0
33	13.0	13.0	0.0	Good Citizenship Initiative	26.0	26.0	0.0
34	16.7	12.5	(4.2)	Drug Enforcement Unit	50.0	50.0	0.0
35	14.0	14.0	0.0	Victim Support	28.0	28.0	0.0
36	35.7	31.0	(4.7)	Community Safety Premises	72.6	72.6	0.0
37	22.1	21.9	(0.2)	Domestic Violence	44.5	44.5	0.0
38	13.3	0.2	(13.1)	Dordrecht	39.6	39.6	0.0
39	0.0	0.0	0.0	CCTV Implementation	0.0	0.0	0.0
40	0.0	0.0	0.0	CCTV Implementation - Phase 2	12.3	12.3	0.0
41	7.7	3.2	(4.5)	Offender / Mentoring Scheme	23.1	23.1	0.0
42	38.2	28.5	(9.7)	Anti-Social Behaviour	81.7	81.7	0.0
43	29.8	23.6	(6.2)	Community Learning Centre - Stranton	72.2	72.2	0.0
44	32.9	26.8	(6.1)	Community Learning Centre - Lynnfield	72.4	72.4	0.0
45	18.3	18.1	(0.2)	Social Inclusion	37.0	37.0	0.0
46	12.5	8.4	(4.1)	Continuing Education and Vocational Training	19.8	19.8	0.0
47	26.2	20.2	(6.0)	Bursary Fund	65.6	65.6	0.0
48	9.3	6.2	(3.1)	Hoop Dreams (Education)	14.9	14.9	0.0
49	0.1	0.1	(0.0)	Educational Achievement Project	204.8	204.8	0.0
50	0.0	0.0	0.0	Raising Aspirations	29.0	29.0	0.0
51	0.0	0.0	0.0	Key Stage 2 & 3 Transition	56.4	56.4	0.0
52	14.3	22.0	7.7	Community Chest	25.0	25.0	0.0
53	0.0	0.0	0.0	Learn Through Play	0.0	0.0	0.0
54	9.2	13.9	4.6	Belle Vue Extension	18.5	18.5	0.0
55	5.7	9.4	3.7	Osbourne Road Hall	13.1	13.1	0.0
56	57.0	43.9	(13.1)	Ethnic Minorities	110.0	110.0	0.0
57	16.5	16.5	(0.0)	Money Advice and Debt Counselling Service	32.9	32.9	0.0
58	44.1	48.1	4.0	Money Wise Community Banking	84.3	84.3	0.0
59	32.9	50.4	17.5	Peoples Centre	67.9	67.9	0.0
60	26.8	21.6	(5.2)	Family Support	29.9	29.9	0.0
61	2.0	0.0	(2.0)	Voluntary Sector Premises Pool	6.0	6.0	0.0
62	87.1	87.1	(0.0)	Hartlepool Youth Project	174.2	174.2	0.0
63	52.9	44.6	(8.3)	Capacity Building	130.0	130.0	0.0
64	1.8	2.7	0.9	Sunday Opening	5.4	5.4	0.0
65	9.0	8.7	(0.4)	Arts Development Initiative	9.0	9.0	0.0
66	4.9	4.9	0.0	Grange Road Methodist Church	4.9	4.9	0.0
67	5.1	4.9	(0.2)	Community Transport	12.5	12.5	0.0
68	24.8	30.9	6.0	Horizon Centre	43.6	43.6	0.0
69	52.7	51.9	(0.9)	Childrens Activities Project	105.6	105.6	0.0
70	13.7	19.6	5.9	Hartbeat	41.1	41.1	0.0
71	22.0	21.7	(0.2)	Housing Advice and Tenancy Support Service	44.1	44.1	0.0
72	74.9	76.6	1.8	Environmental Task Force	161.1	161.1	0.0
73	157.9	76.5	(81.3)	Housing Regeneration Company	434.5	434.5	0.0
74	52.4	39.4	(13.0)	Evaluation Project	119.0	119.0	0.0
75	35.7	33.7	(2.0)	Communications Project	65.0	65.0	0.0
76	46.8	29.7	(17.1)	Neighbourhood Management	118.2	118.2	0.0
77	7.0	3.5	(3.5)	Hartlepool Partners	7.0	7.0	0.0
78	304.8	300.1	(4.7)	Management and Administration	573.6	573.6	0.0
79	2,225.3	1,853.0	(372.3)		5,223.2	5,223.2	0.0

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TABLE 3 - SINGLE PROGRAMME

Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Project	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (D=C-B)	Col. E	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000		£'000
80	30.0	30.0	0.0	Management and Administration	60.0	60.0	0.0
81	376.5	362.9	(13.6)	Building Futures	753.0	753.0	0.0
82	19.5	8.7	(10.8)	Coastal Arc Coordinator	38.9	38.9	0.0
83	30.0	7.2	(22.8)	Coastal Arc Marketing	60.0	60.0	0.0
84	2.5	4.7	2.2	Coastal Arc Tourism (Events Hartlepool)	5.0	5.0	0.0
85	2.3	0.0	(2.3)	Coastal Arc Tourism (Events Redcar)	4.5	4.5	0.0
86	460.7	413.5	(47.2)		921.4	921.4	0.0

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TABLE 4 - ACCOUNTABLE BODY PROGRAMME

Line No	Actual Position 30/09/06			Description of Best Value Unit	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/07 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
Col. A	Col. B	Col. C	Col. D (D=C-B)	Col. E	Col. F	Col. G	Col. H (H=G-F)
	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000		£'000
87	206.2	206.3	(0.1)	Children's Fund Partnership	410.6	410.6	0.0
88	206.2	206.3	0.1		410.6	410.6	0.0

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CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

TABLE 1 - RESOURCES

Project Code	A Scheme Title	EXPENDITURE IN CURRENT YEAR						
		B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		2006/2007 Budget £'000	2006/2007 Actual as at as at 30/09/06 £'000	2006/2007 Expenditure Remaining £'000	Expenditure Rephased into 2007/08 £'000	C+D+E 2006/2007 Total Expenditure £'000	F-B 2006/2007 Variance from budget £'000	Type of financing
7256	Memorial for Lives Lost at Sea	4.8	0.0	4.8	0.0	4.8	0.0	CAP REC
7258	Improvements to Public Facilities	6.6	0.0	6.6	0.0	6.6	0.0	CAP REC
7259	Demolition of Stranton House	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	CAP REC
7260	Piazza and Slipway - Trincomalee Trust	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	GRANT
7262	Archive Store Refurbishment	7.9	0.4	7.5	0.0	7.9	0.0	CAP REC
7263	York Flatlets Demolition	7.7	0.0	7.7	0.0	7.7	0.0	CAP REC
7264	Mobile Benefits	135.7	3.5	132.2	0.0	135.7	0.0	RCCO
7464	Establishment of Contact Centre	1,011.3	200.8	797.9	12.6	1,011.3	0.0	UDPB
7467	War Memorials Refurbishment	98.0	0.0	98.0	0.0	98.0	0.0	UCPB
7445	Financial Management System Development	265.9	265.9	0.0	0.0	265.9	0.0	RCCO
7446	EDRMS and Workflow Development	283.3	283.3	0.0	0.0	283.3	0.0	RCCO
7418	St Benedicts/Barlows Building Work	34.8	23.1	11.7	0.0	34.8	0.0	CAP REC
7468	Information Technology Strategy	500.0	0.0	500.0	0.0	500.0	0.0	UDPB
7623	Corporate Information Technology Projects	114.6	4.1	110.5	0.0	114.6	0.0	RCCO
7631	Members ICT/Flexible /Remote Access	200.8	166.8	34.0	0.0	200.8	0.0	RCCO
7634	Town Centre LIFT Scheme	90.0	0.0	90.0	0.0	90.0	0.0	CAP REC
7257	DDA Works / BVPI 156	77.7	0.0	77.7	0.0	77.7	0.0	UCPB
7201	Corp Plan Maint - Civic Centre - PH4 Bal System	3.9	0.9	3.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	RCCO
7449	Corp Plan Maint - Rossmere YC - DDA Works	7.1	0.0	7.1	0.0	7.1	0.0	RCCO
7602	Corp Plan Maint - EDC PH2 Roofing - Conf Hall	0.7	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.1	RCCO
7603	Corp Plan Maint - EDC PH3 Roofing - Conf Hall	60.0	0.2	59.2	0.0	59.4	(0.6)	RCCO
7496	Corp Plan Maint - Throston Library - Roofing	30.0	0.1	29.9	0.0	30.0	0.0	RCCO
7503	Corp Plan Maint - Church St Offices - Boiler Repairs	30.0	0.2	37.5	0.0	37.7	7.7	RCCO
7604	Corp Plan Maint - Civic Centre - Electrical Testing	20.0	0.0	8.6	0.0	8.6	(11.4)	RCCO
7585	Corp Plan Maint - A2I - Boiler Replacement	74.6	72.2	12.2	0.0	84.4	9.8	RCCO
7200	Civic Centre Capital Maintenance	1873.8	38.1	561.9	1,273.8	1,873.8	0.0	UCPB
7483	Civic Centre - HR Relocation	79.6	7.2	66.8	0.0	74.0	(5.6)	MIX
		5,019.9	1,066.8	2,666.7	1,286.4	5,019.9	0.0	

PORTFOLIO : FINANCE

Appendix L (cont)

CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

TABLE 2 - SINGLE REGENERATION BUDGET

Project Code	A Scheme Title	EXPENDITURE IN CURRENT YEAR						
		B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		2006/2007 Budget £'000	2006/2007 Actual as at 30/06/2006 £'000	2006/2007 Expenditure Remaining £'000	Expenditure Rephased into 2007/08 £'000	C+D+E 2006/2007 Total Expenditure £'000	F-B 2006/2007 Variance from budget £'000	Type of financing
7000	Voluntary Sector Premises Pool	30.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	SRB
7001	Headland Community Resource Centre Ph 1 & 2	20.9	0.0	20.9	0.0	20.9	0.0	HBC
7002	Sports Improvement Scheme	75.6	51.9	23.7	0.0	75.6	0.0	MIX
7003	Carnegie Building Refurbishment	159.9	22.1	137.8	0.0	159.9	0.0	HBC
7004	Tackling Crime Together - Street Lighting Project	8.5	1.1	7.4	0.0	8.5	0.0	MIX
7007	Oakesway Industrial Improvement Area	7.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	SRB
7008	Commercial Improvement Area	207.6	0.0	207.6	0.0	207.6	0.0	MIX
7009	Developing Enterprise Scheme	13.4	0.0	13.4	0.0	13.4	0.0	SRB
7010	Heugh Battery Project	4.9	1.2	3.7	0.0	4.9	0.0	SRB
7021	Heugh Battery Project - Phase 2/2B	549.1	0.0	549.1	0.0	549.1	0.0	MIX
7011	Repair & Restoration of Headland Key Buildings (grants)	262.5	0.0	262.5	0.0	262.5	0.0	MIX
7012	Headland Environmental Public Arts Programme	316.8	7.3	309.5	0.0	316.8	0.0	MIX
7013	Headland Town Square	317.4	224.3	93.1	0.0	317.4	0.0	MIX
7015	Targeted Private Housing Improvements	267.0	47.2	219.8	0.0	267.0	0.0	MIX
7016	Environmental Improvements - Key Residential Areas	204.6	3.6	201.0	0.0	204.6	0.0	MIX
7417	Friarage Field Buildings Demolition	44.9	0.0	44.9	0.0	44.9	0.0	MIX
		2,490.1	358.7	2,131.4	0.0	2,490.1	0.0	

PORTFOLIO : FINANCE

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CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

TABLE 3 - NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES

Project Code	A Scheme Title	EXPENDITURE IN CURRENT YEAR						
		B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		2006/2007 Budget £'000	2006/2007 Actual as at 30/06/2006 £'000	2006/2007 Expenditure Remaining £'000	Expenditure Rephased into 2007/08 £'000	C+D+E 2006/2007 Total Expenditure £'000	F-B 2006/2007 Variance from budget £'000	Type of financing
7058	Longhill Junction Improvements	129.4	0.0	129.4	0.0	129.4	0.0	MIX
7059/7060	Longhill Business Security and Environmental Imps	148.2	25.0	123.2	0.0	148.2	0.0	MIX
7061	Business Security Fund	85.2	45.4	39.8	0.0	85.2	0.0	NDC
7062	CIA Building Modernisation Grant	555.7	209.8	345.8	0.0	555.7	0.0	NDC
7063	CIA Environmental Improvements	411.6	78.5	333.2	0.0	411.6	0.0	NDC
7054	Crime Premises	40.0	1.3	38.7	0.0	40.0	0.0	NDC
7056	Target Hardening Phase 3	124.0	0.8	123.2	0.0	124.0	0.0	NDC
7051	Voluntary Sector Premises Pool	106.5	30.5	76.0	0.0	106.5	0.0	NDC
7052	Peoples Centre	65.6	2.4	63.2	0.0	65.6	0.0	NDC
7053	Hartlepool Youth Project	14.5	6.7	7.8	0.0	14.5	0.0	NDC
7071	Area Remodelling Project	3740.0	1833.2	1,906.8	0.0	3,740.0	0.0	MIX
7065	Neighbourhood management	27.5	0.9	26.6	0.0	27.5	0.0	NDC
7076	Physical Improvements	550.0	10.3	539.7	0.0	550.0	0.0	NDC
7079	Ethnic Minorities Building Purchase	150.0	0.0	150.0	0.0	150.0	0.0	NDC
		6,148.2	2,244.8	3,903.4	0.0	6,148.2	0.0	

PORTFOLIO : FINANCE

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CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

TABLE 4 - SINGLE PROGRAMME

Project Code	A Scheme Title	EXPENDITURE IN CURRENT YEAR						
		B 2006/2007 Budget £'000	C 2006/2007 Actual as at 30/06/2006 £'000	D 2006/2007 Expenditure Remaining £'000	E Expenditure Rephased into 2007/08 £'000	F C+D+E 2006/2007 Total Expenditure £'000	G F-B 2006/2007 Variance from budget £'000	H Type of financing
7103	Coastal Arc CAA – Wingfield Castle	367.1	129.5	237.6	0.0	367.1	0.0	GRANT
7102	Interreg Joint Costs Planning new Activities	12.6	0.0	12.6	0.0	12.6	0.0	GRANT
		379.7	129.5	250.2	0.0	379.7	0.0	

Key

RCCO Revenue Contribution towards Capital

MIX Combination of Funding Types

UCPB Unsupported Corporate Prudential Borrowing

SCE © Supported Capital Expenditure (Revenue)

GRANT Grant Funded

CAP REC Capital Receipt

UDPB Unsupported Departmental Prudential Borrowing

SPB Supported Prudential Borrowing

PORTFOLIO : PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Appendix M

CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Project Code	A Scheme Title	EXPENDITURE IN CURRENT YEAR						
		B	C	D	E	F	G	H
		2006/2007 Budget £'000	2006/2007 Actual as at 30/09/06 £'000	2006/2007 Expenditure Remaining £'000	Expenditure Rephased into 2007/08 £'000	C+D+E 2006/2007 Total Expenditure £'000	F-B 2006/2007 Variance from budget £'000	Type of financing
7466	DSO Vehicle Purchase	1,130.0	612.8	517.2	0.0	1,130.0	0.0	UDPB
		1,130.0	612.8	517.2	0.0	1,130.0	0.0	

Key

RCCO

Revenue Contribution towards Capital

GRANT

Grant Funded

MIX

Combination of Funding Types

CAP REC

Capital Receipt

UCPB

Unsupported Corporate Prudential Borrowing

UDPB

Unsupported Departmental Prudential Borrowing

SCE @

Supported Capital Expenditure (Revenue)

SPB

Supported Prudential Borrowing

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

24 November 2006



Report of: Scrutiny Manager

Subject: CLOSURE OF ROSSMERE LEARNER POOL
SCRUTINY REFERRAL – EVIDENCE FROM THE
AUTHORITY'S ELECTED MAYOR – COVERING
REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee that the Elected Mayor has been invited to attend this meeting to provide evidence in relation to the on-going investigation into the Closure of Rossmere Learner Pool Scrutiny Referral.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 At the last ordinary meeting of this Committee held 20 October 2006 consideration was given to:
- (a) the various factors that lead to the decision to close Rossmere Learner Pool; together with
 - (b) information on the current condition of Rossmere Pool and the likely cost of reinstatement, replacement and demolition.
- 2.2 In addition to the above, additional evidence was also provided verbally by the Elected Members of the Rossmere Ward with regard to the Elected Mayor's future intentions of the Rossmere Pool and the surrounding area.
- 2.3 Consequently, it was agreed that arrangements be undertaken for the Elected Mayor to be invited to this meeting to provide verbal clarification / evidence to the Committee with regard to the Authority's future intentions of the Rossmere Pool and the surrounding area.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee consider the views of the Elected Mayor to enable any additional findings, conclusions and subsequent recommendations to be incorporated into the content of the Draft Final Report into the Closure of the Rossmere Learner Pool Scrutiny Referral, to be considered as the next agenda item during this meeting.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background paper was used in the preparation of this report-

- (a) Minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee held on 20 October 2006.

COUNCIL

14 December 2006



Report of: Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

**Subject DRAFT FINAL REPORT – CLOSURE OF
ROSSMERE SWIMMING POOL SCRUTINY
REFERRAL**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the findings of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee following its enquiry into the Closure of Rossmere Swimming Pool.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Joint Liveability and Children's Services Portfolios held on 13 December 2004, a decision was taken to close the Rossmere Swimming Pool in light of its deteriorating condition and non-compliance with the required Health and Safety Standards.
- 2.2 During a meeting of the Full Council held on 3 February 2005, it was unanimously agreed that the Executive be requested to reconsider its decision to close the Rossmere Swimming Pool and that the issue be referred to the Authority's Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee in order to allow a public investigation to be undertaken.
- 2.3 Furthermore, at a meeting of the Joint Liveability and Children's Services Portfolios held on 24 February 2005, a second 'Referral' was made to the Authority's Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee for a full and detailed investigation to be undertaken with regard to the associated costs involved in the refurbishment and/or demolition of the Rossmere Swimming Pool, with particular focus being placed upon external funding streams together with a conditions assessment of the school swimming pools across the town to prevent the recurrence of the current situation with the Rossmere Swimming Pool.
- 2.4 During the initial stages of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee undertaking the combined Scrutiny Referrals back in April 2005, emphasis was placed upon the health and safety inspections relating mainly to

Rossmere Swimming Pool for the years 2002 to 2004. It was at this point that the Committee agreed to adjourn the undertaking of the combined Scrutiny Referral, for a variety of reasons, mainly, pending the completion of the Authority's Swimming Strategy.

2.5 More so recently, at a meeting of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee held on 4 August 2006, consideration was given to the reconvening of the Scrutiny Referral. In doing so Members acknowledged that a considerable amount of time had elapsed since the actual dates of the Scrutiny Referrals (February 2005) together with the high turnover of staff with management responsibilities for the Authority's swimming pool provision, therefore to undertake the combined Scrutiny Referrals in accordance with the original Terms of Reference would have been problematic.

2.6 Consequently, in responding to the two mandatory Scrutiny Referrals, a combined alternative Terms of Reference for undertaking of the enquiry were agreed, as outlined in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this report.

3. INTRODUCTION - SETTING THE SCENE

3.1 Rossmere Swimming Pool was at the time of the initial Scrutiny Referrals, the only one metre depth learner pool available within the town for delivering weekly swimming lessons to school pupils and other pool users via the Authority's former Education and Community Services Departments.

3.2 Furthermore, the Rossmere Swimming Pool had been in a state of deterioration for some time. Following a series of problems relating to the plant, pool operation and condition of the premises along with the significant cost required to rectify all of the defects, the decision was taken to close the Rossmere Swimming Pool in December 2004 in the interest of public and staff safety.

3.3 Since the closure of the Rossmere Swimming Pool in December 2004, the condition of the site has further deteriorated thus being subjected to on-going vandalism, raising further health and safety concerns.

4. OVERALL AIM OF THE SCRUTINY REFERRAL

4.1 The revised overall aim of the Scrutiny Referral was to determine the circumstances leading to the closure of Rossmere Pool and the proposed future use of the site.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SCRUTINY REFERRAL

5.1 The revised Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Referral were as outlined below :-

- (a) To gain an understanding of the circumstances leading to the closure of Rossmere Pool?
- (b) To determine the Council's policy around health and safety in relation to the maintenance of Rossmere Pool; and
- (c) To establish the current and future proposals in relation to the Rossmere Pool site?

6. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

6.1 The membership of the Committee was as detailed below :-

Councillors S Allison, Barker, Clouth, RW Cook, Fleet, Gibbon, Hall, James, Laffey, A Marshall, J Marshall, Preece, Shaw, Wallace, Wistow and Wright.

Resident Representatives: Ian Campbell, Iris Ryder, Linda Shields and Evelyn Leck (until October 2006).

7. METHODS OF INVESTIGATION

- 7.1 Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee initially met during the month of April 2005 (in addition to the issue also being considered by the former Resources Scrutiny Forum within its financial capacity) prior to the Referral being adjourned.
- 7.2 However, following a significant period of time the Referral was formally reconvened during 10 March 2006 to 24 November 2006 to discuss and receive evidence to conclude the enquiry. A detailed record of the issues raised during these meetings is available from the Council's Democratic Services.
- 7.3 A brief summary of the methods of investigation are outlined below :-
 - (a) Detailed Officer reports supplemented by verbal evidence;
 - (b) Verbal evidence from the Authority's Elected Mayor; and
 - (c) Verbal evidence from Elected Members representing the Rossmere Ward of Hartlepool.

FINDINGS

8. CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE CLOSURE OF ROSSMERE POOL

8.1 First and foremost the Committee acknowledged that difficulties were encountered throughout the undertaking of the Scrutiny Referral in

determining the circumstances that lead to the closure of the Rossmere Swimming Pool. Mainly due to the fact that many of the senior officers closely involved in the assessment of information, drafting of reports and advising Members of the circumstances that lead to the decision being made to close the Rossmere Swimming Pool no longer worked for the Authority.

- 8.2 However, based on the evidence presented to the Committee, it was evident that the Rossmere Swimming Pool had been in a state of deterioration for some time. It was visually unattractive and there were defects in the plant operation which meant it could only take half the normal bathing load. As a result of the defects in the plant operation, the pool was only used during the afternoons with one early evening letting per week. This further resulted in a high rate of sessions being cancelled, causing a lot of dissatisfaction amongst the schools who used the facility.
- 8.3 Furthermore, it was evident that a Health and Safety Inspection was carried out in early November 2004, which highlighted a number of problems within the building. In the interest of the safety of the staff and the users, the pool was closed in December 2004 until the most immediate risks were dealt with. The other issues identified did not pose a risk to the users of the pool, but required fundamental changes to the way in which the pool and the facilities operated.
- 8.4 Members were also informed that the cost of rectifying all of the defects was expected to be significant, in excess of £500,000, therefore in light of the problems already experienced it was felt that it was not cost effective to make such an investment into the Rossmere Swimming Pool, given its construction was similar to the original fabrication of the Brinkburn Swimming Pool, therefore posing the same fire risk.

9. HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL'S HEALTH AND SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS - MAINTENANCE OF ROSSMERE SWIMMING POOL

- 9.1 The Committee felt it was appropriate to their enquiry to determine the Council's policy around health and safety in relation to the maintenance of Rossmere Pool together with the wider implications this would have for other school swimming pools across the town.
- 9.2 Following earlier evidence from the Authority's Health and Safety Advisor and more recently from the Chief Personnel Services Officer, it was evident that there were clear health and safety requirements set out for the management of school swimming pools. Health and Safety Inspections were undertaken by the Well-Being Team (formerly known as the Health and Safety Unit) for all of the Authority's school swimming pools on an annual basis. Members noted that the annual inspections were in addition to the regular and routine checks undertaken by qualified pool plant operators and facilities managers.

- 9.3 Members were further advised that when the Annual Health and Safety Inspection reports were issued by the Well-Being Team, responsibility for implementation of the recommendations passed to the Local Education Authority for the Rossmere Swimming Pool and the Community Services Department for the Brinkburn Swimming Pool.
- 9.4 As such Members gave consideration to various health and safety documentation, with particular attention being placed upon the IRSM Report (an independent consultants inspection report undertaken in 2001 into all community and school pools in Hartlepool) and the Health and Safety Inspection Reports undertaken for the Rossmere Swimming Pool for 2002 to 2004.
- 9.5 The Committee were extremely concerned to find that the Well Being Team, possibly due to the long-term sickness of key personnel, had not undertaken a Health and Safety Inspection for 2003 which may have resulted in the safety of the staff and the pool users being compromised.
- 9.6 However, further concerns were also expressed amongst Members as there appeared to be no follow up evidence from the responsible Service Departments that ensured that the IRSM Report for 2001 and the Annual Health and Safety Inspection Reports' recommendations for 2002 and 2004 were implemented within the agreed timescales.
- 9.7 The Health and Safety Advisor admitted culpability with regard to the failure to ensure a Health and Safety Inspection was undertaken for the Rossmere Swimming Pool in 2003 was accepted by the Health and Safety Advisor and assurances were given that following an independent investigation, that processes had been implemented to ensure that no similar failures in the reporting and acting upon Health and Safety Inspections would occur in the future.

10. CURRENT AND FUTURE PROPOSALS FOR THE ROSSMERE SWIMMING POOL SITE

- 10.1 Members of the Committee were informed that the Authority's Children's Services Department had commissioned the Neighbourhood Services Department during early September 2006 to undertake a comprehensive condition survey of the Rossmere Swimming Pool and its surrounding area.
- 10.2 The comprehensive condition survey covered three key areas in relation to the Rossmere Swimming Pool, the findings of which were as outlined below :-
- (a) **Building Fabric** – In general terms the building was considered to be in very poor condition. Should the pool be retained, complete replacement was recommended and there was also an immediate need to replace the timber floor, the pool lining and address access issues;

- (b) **Mechanical Installation** – It was reported that there was a number of issues which failed to meet the current standards / regulations. There was also an immediate need to re-commission existing space heating, ventilation and water services. In addition to this, the pool dosing equipment needed replacing and the pool filtration and heating plant systems were a cause for concern.
- (c) **Electrical Installation** – A number of aspects of the electrical installation also gave cause for concern. Of greatest concern was the absence of any emergency lighting, a fire alarm system or an intruder alarm system.

10.3 The Committee's attention was also drawn to the concluding section of the condition survey, which outlined the estimated costs in relation to the future use of the Rossmere Swimming Pool, as summarised in **Table 1** below :-

Table 1 – Estimated Costs of the Future Use of the Rossmere Swimming Pool

Options for the Future Use of Rossmere Pool	£
The full refurbishment of the Pool	515,000
A Stop Gap Scheme to get the Pool up and running	208,000
To build a new pool on the existing site (including demolition)	600,000
To demolish the pool and reinstate the area	36,000

10.4 Having considered the condition survey for the Rossmere Swimming Pool, Members were keen to receive the views of the Elected Members representing the Rossmere Ward with regard to its future use. As such, verbal evidence was sought from the Ward Members on 20 October 2006 as summarised below :-

- (a) Concern was expressed that the building was in danger of becoming a target for acts of vandalism;
- (b) That due to the fact that the construction of the building included some asbestos, the potential for the building to become a health and safety problem within the immediate community needed to be taken into account;

- (c) That the Brinkburn Swimming Pool seemed to be following the same sequence of events with regard to its current condition and maintenance regime;
- (d) That the undertaking of the initial Rossmere Swimming Pool Scrutiny Referral had appeared to have been lengthy thus the Committee were urged to conclude its findings/recommendations to enable the Elected Members and the public to move on, and
- (e) That Councillor Johnson had informed the Committee that he had received a letter recently from the Elected Mayor that clearly indicated the Rossmere Swimming Pool was to be demolished.

10.5 Members expressed their disappointment that the additional evidence provided to the Committee by Councillor Johnson needed to be clarified, as it indicated that the Elected Mayor had provided information to a Ward Councillor and failed to share such information with the on-going Scrutiny Enquiry. In line with the openness and transparency of the scrutiny process, the Committee invited the Mayor to their meeting on 24 November 2006 to seek an explanation of his intervention and to discuss his future intentions for the Rossmere Swimming Pool. In summary it was found:-

- (a) ***** TO BE COMPLETED FOLLOWING THE SCC MEETING OF 24/11/06 *****

11. CONCLUSIONS

11.1 The Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee concluded:-

- (a) That difficulties were encountered throughout the undertaking of the Scrutiny Referral mainly due to the fact that many of the senior officers closely involved in the circumstances leading to the closure of the Rossmere Swimming Pool no longer worked for the Authority;
- (b) That the Health and Safety Inspection Report of 2004 for Rossmere Swimming Pool triggered the decision to close the swimming pool although other reports of Property Services together with earlier Health and Safety Inspection Reports (should one of been undertaken during 2003), would have highlighted the problems sooner;
- (c) That the circumstances leading to the closure of Rossmere Swimming Pool were clearly an example of bad practice and that of corporate neglect;
- (d) That there was no evidence available to determine that the responsible Service Departments had taken appropriate action to respond to the recommendations of the independent IRSM Report undertaken in 2001

and the routine Annual Health and Safety Inspection Reports undertaken in 2002 and 2004;

- (e) That in response to the health and safety concerns raised during the initial undertaking of the Scrutiny Referral and during a debate by Full Council in April 2005, the Performance Management Portfolio Holder commissioned an independent investigation into the health and safety arrangements in community and school pools in Hartlepool to ensure that processes would be implemented to ensure that no similar failures in the reporting and acting upon Health and Safety Inspections would occur in the future;
- (f) That the recent conditions assessment/survey of the Rossmere Swimming Pool raised significant concerns in relation to the building's fabric, mechanical and electrical installations;
- (g) That the Children's Services Department has a robust asset management plan and manages its school property effectively, however, both Rossmere and Brinkburn Swimming Pools are anomalies within the Department's property portfolio which may explain why the process leading to the closure of Rossmere Swimming Pool did not follow the department's usual consultation process;
- (f) That the Brinkburn Swimming Pool seems to be following the same sequence of events, in particular with its current condition and maintenance regime which led to the closure of the Rossmere Swimming Pool and this should be addressed as a matter of urgency via the responsible Portfolio Holder; and
- (h) ***** TO BE COMPLETED FOLLOWING THE SCC MEETING OF 24/11/06 *****
- (i) That the support provided by the Chief Personnel Services Officer, the Assistant Director for Children's Services (Resources and Support Services) and the Scrutiny Support Team during the undertaking of this Scrutiny Referral was provided in an open and transparent manner.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 The Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee has taken evidence from a wide range of sources to assist in the formulation of a balanced range of recommendations. The Committee's key recommendations to the Council are outlined below :-

- (a) ****TO BE DETERMINED DURING THE SCC MEETING OF 24/11/06 ****

13. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

13.1 The Committee is grateful to all those who have presented evidence during the course of our enquiry. We would like to place on record our appreciation, in particular of the willingness and co-operation we have received from the below named:-

Hartlepool Borough Council:

Stuart Drummond – Elected Mayor

Elected Members representing the Rossmere Ward, Hartlepool

Joanne Machers – Chief Personnel Services Officer

Paul Briggs – Assistant Director for Children’s Services (Resources and Support Services)

Albert Williams – Maintenance and Building Manager

COUNCILLOR MARJORIE JAMES
CHAIR OF THE SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

November 2006

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were consulted or referred to in the preparation of this report:-

- (a) Report of the Scrutiny Manager/Scrutiny Support Officer entitled ‘Scrutiny Topic Referral – Rossmere Pool Progress Report’ presented to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 10 March 2006.

- (b) Report of the Scrutiny Manager entitled 'Scoping Report – Rossmere Learner Pool (Council and Portfolio Holder Referral)' presented to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 4 August 2006.
- (c) Report of the Scrutiny Manager entitled 'Timeline of Events Leading to the Closure of Rossmere Pool / Involvement of Scrutiny To Date' presented to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 15 September 2006.
- (d) Joint Report of the Chief Personnel Services Officer / Scrutiny Manager entitled 'Health and Safety Issues Related to Swimming Pool Provision' presented to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee of 15 September 2006.
- (e) Report of the Scrutiny Manager entitled 'Rossmere Pool: Evidence from the Authority's Children's Services Interim Assistant Director – Covering Report' presented to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee of 15 September 2006.
- (f) Report of the Interim Assistant Director of Children's Services (Resources and Support Services) entitled 'Rossmere Pool – Condition Assessment' presented to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee of 20 October 2006.
- (g) Report of the Director of Children's Services and the Chief Personnel Officer entitled 'Issues in relation to Rossmere Pool' presented to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee of 20 October 2006.
- (h) Report of the Scrutiny Manager entitled 'Closure of Rossmere Learner Pool Scrutiny Referral - Evidence from the Authority's Elected Mayor – Covering Report' presented to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee of 24 November 2006.
- (i) Draft Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee entitled 'Draft Final Report into the Closure of Rossmere Learner Pool Scrutiny Referral' presented to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee of 24 November 2006.
- (j) Minutes of the meetings of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee held on 10 March 2006, 4 August 2006, 15 September 2006, 20 October 2006 and 24 November 2006.

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

24 November 2006



Report of: Director of Children's Services

Subject BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE: STAGE ONE CONSULTATION

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee of the outcomes of the first stage of consultation together with the agreed outcome(s) arising from the Cabinet meeting of 20 November 2006 with regard to the second stage of the consultation process, in preparation for the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the last meeting of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee held on 15 September 2006, consideration was given to this Committee's involvement in the various key stages of the consultation process for the Authority's BSF programme submission.
- 2.2 Owing to the Access to Information procedural rules, attached as **Appendix A** is a copy of the report to be considered by the Authority's Cabinet on 20 November 2006 in relation to the outcomes of the Stage One Consultation Process together with approval being sought for the undertaking of the second stage of the consultation process in preparation for the BSF, the outcome(s) of which will be reported verbally during the presentation of this report.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee:-
- (a) note the outcomes of the first stage of the consultation in preparation for the Building Schools for the Future; and
 - (b) considers the Cabinet's proposed preparations for the second stage of the consultation process which will be reported verbally during the consideration of this item.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

CABINET

20 November 2006



Report of: Director of Children's Services

Subject: Building Schools for the Future: Stage One Consultation

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform members of the outcomes of the first stage of consultation in preparation for the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme.

To seek approval to prepare the second stage of consultation.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

This report provides a summary of the outcomes of the first stage consultation process in preparation for Building Schools for the Future.

3. RELEVANCE TO CABINET

Building Schools for the Future (BSF) will have a significant impact on the future provision of education in Hartlepool.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non Key.

5. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

Members are requested to note the outcomes of the first stage of consultation in preparation for Building Schools for the Future.

Members are requested to approve the preparation of a second stage of consultation in preparation for Building Schools for the Future.

Report to: Cabinet

Report of: Director of Children's Services

Date: 20 November 2006

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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To seek approval to prepare the second stage of consultation.

2. BACKGROUND

Hartlepool Borough Council presented a submission to Government on 13th October 2006, indicating that it considered that Hartlepool would be ready to be formally launched as a BSF Authority in Autumn 2007.

The Council indicated to Government that it would need approximately one year to prepare for a BSF launch, during which time it would consult on the general context of BSF and the Hartlepool context, suggest options for change and allow for statutory processes to be conducted and decisions made about the future shape of secondary education provision in Hartlepool.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY FACTS ABOUT BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

The total amount of BSF funding available to spend on Hartlepool schools is likely to be between £80 million and £90 million, of which approximately £9 million will be earmarked for spending on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) equipment and infrastructure.

Government expects authorities preparing for BSF implementation to project pupil numbers for ten years into the future and plan accordingly.

Hartlepool secondary schools currently educate approximately 6,500 secondary age pupils. Demographic projections provided to Hartlepool Borough Council by the Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit predict a fall of approximately 1,000 secondary age pupils over the ten year planning period.

It seems evident that BSF planning will inevitably require planning for a reduction in pupil places in schools, if the Authority's "Strategy for Change" is to be approved by a Minister. Submission of the Strategy for Change is the first formal stage of the BSF process and it is likely that Hartlepool will be required to make this submission in the Spring of 2008.

4. THE STAGE ONE CONSULTATION PROCESS

On 25th September 2006 Cabinet authorised a first stage of consultation in preparation for Building Schools for the Future. The purposes of the consultation were to bring facts about the BSF programme and the context of Hartlepool secondary education to the attention of as many people as possible and seek views on how the Council might approach the implementation of BSF in Hartlepool.

Approximately 13,000 consultation documents were distributed throughout the town, to families with children of pre-school, primary school and secondary school ages. Copies were made available in schools and in a significant number of public buildings and were sent to key partners and stakeholders. Availability of the consultation document and details of the consultation meetings were advertised widely, in the Hartlepool Mail and on radio.

Consultation began on 26th September and closed on 3rd November. 48 consultation meetings took place during this period, including:

- Seven ward councillor briefings
- Four meetings at each secondary school:
 - Headteacher and Chair of Governors
 - Teaching and Support Staff
 - Members of the Governing Body
 - Parents and Public
- Two meetings at Access to Learning (A2L)
 - Headteacher
 - Staff
- Two additional public meetings, on the Headland and at Seaton Carew
- Three Neighbourhood Forum meetings
- One meeting for college governors, staff and students
- One briefing for the NDC Steering Group
- One briefing for Hartlepool Partnership
- One meeting with the Borough Librarian and senior staff
- Two meetings for staff of the Children's Services Department

Over 500 persons attended the meetings described above.

By the close of the consultation period on 3rd November, 52 individual responses had been received, as well as at least one collective response from each of the six mainstream secondary schools. Notes were taken at each of the consultation meetings. All individual and collective responses have been analysed, along with the notes of all consultation meetings. The results are summarised in Appendix 1, attached to this report. Hard copies of collective

school responses are available in the Members' Library and electronic copies can be found on the Council's website at:
www.hartlepool.gov.uk/schoolscapital/bsf

5. OUTCOMES OF THE STAGE ONE CONSULTATION PROCESS

The consultation responses that are summarised in **Appendix 1** indicate that there are a range of views on how the secondary school estate might be re-configured in Hartlepool. The outcomes of Stage One suggest that a range of options should be presented in a second stage of consultation, before Cabinet considers making formal proposals for change.

Subject to Cabinet approval, a range of options will be identified and presented to Cabinet early in 2007. Cabinet will have the opportunity to identify a preferred option and authorise a second stage of consultation.

6. DECISIONS REQUIRED

Members are requested to note the outcomes of the first stage of consultation in preparation for Building Schools for the Future.

Members are requested to approve the preparation of a second stage of consultation in preparation for Building Schools for the Future.

Background Papers:

Summary of Outcomes from Stage One Consultation
Collective response from 37 staff at Brierton Community School
Joint response from governing body of Dyke House School
Joint response from staff of Dyke House School
Response from Headteacher of English Martyrs School and Sixth Form College, sent on behalf of governing body
Response from governing body of High Tunstall College of Science
Response from governing body of Manor College of Technology
Response from headteacher of St Hild's Voluntary Aided Secondary School, sent on behalf of governing body
Response from Principal and Chair of Governors of Hartlepool Sixth Form College

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Hartlepool Borough Council Building Schools for the Future Summary of Outcomes from Stage One Consultation

Part A. Introduction

This document summarises the responses received in connection with the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Stage One Consultation process and the notes of the 48 meetings that took place as part of the consultation process.

A total of 52 individual responses were received, as well as at least one collective response from each of the mainstream secondary schools.

Part B presents issues raised in the individual responses, against the key headings from the consultation document and in more general terms.

Part C summarises the main issues raised during the four meetings at each of the secondary schools and the two meetings at Access to Learning (A2L).

Part D summarises issues raised in collective school responses

Part E summarises the key content of a response from Hartlepool Sixth Form College

Part F identifies issues raised at other meetings.

Part G presents an overall summary and concludes the report.

Part B. Issues Raised in Individual Responses

Vision and Personalised Learning

12 individual respondents made comments that were mainly related to vision and ethos. Several positive comments were made in relation to the importance of the quality of staff and staff morale and that a vision for the future was not just about buildings. One respondent wrote about transforming the leadership of schools; another indicated a need for quality for all, where every child matters. Two respondents wrote positively about the need for personalised learning that would require different types of buildings.

Pupil and School Performance

8 respondents made explicit reference to the quality of schools, some naming schools explicitly, either positively or negatively. One respondent asserted that pupil performance does not improve in "super schools".

Size and number of Schools

By far the greatest number of comments were received in relation to this section, with approximately 40 respondents making reference to issues in relation to the future number and size of schools. The range of views is indicated below :

- 1 respondent acknowledged that the number and size of schools was a difficult issue.
- 2 respondents recommended that the demographic projections should be checked in light of new housing developments and a further 2 recommended

- planning for potential growth in 20 years time. 1 respondent made explicit reference to migrants from Poland.
- 4 respondents suggested that the number of schools should be reduced.
 - 9 respondents felt that six schools should remain, with several suggesting that smaller schools and smaller class sizes would be a positive benefit.
 - There were a variety of views about the size of school, the suggested range being between 750 and 1,200. Approximately 10 respondents expressed an explicit view on size of school.
 - 1 respondent asserted that all schools should be completely rebuilt; another that schools should be improved, not knocked down.
 - 2 respondents were clearly in favour of the development of a Learning Village.
 - 1 respondent claimed that there were too many schools along Catcote Road.
 - 1 respondent suggested the creation of a sixth form at one specific school
 - 2 respondents wrote explicitly about the need to retain named schools; one school was explicitly named for closure by one respondent.

Admissions and Admission Zones

7 respondents made explicit reference to Admission Zones. 5 respondents appeared to favour the retention of geographical Admission Zones, with 2 favouring a system of secondary schools linked to partner primary schools. 5 respondents recommended a review of zones, 1 asserting that a school should be in the heart of its community.

14-19 Education and Collaboration

Approximately 16 respondents made comments in relation to 14-19 education and collaboration. 5 respondents emphasised that collaboration was crucial to future success. 1 respondent asserted that each school should specialise in one vocational area; another that all schools should specialise in all areas. 1 respondent recommended the creation of vocational areas within schools, another that 14-19 education should be delivered via the colleges; 2 respondents felt that all vocational facilities should be built on a single site. 1 respondent was concerned that there should be meaningful relationships between schools and post-16 providers. 1 respondent claimed that young people should be able to undertake study directly related to their chosen profession from Year 9. 1 respondent was concerned that sharing facilities and collaboration were an “enormous challenge” and another was concerned about which institution would be accountable for a student’s exam results.

Special Educational Needs

8 respondents made explicit reference to Special Educational needs and alternative provision. All 8 appeared to favour the retention of special schools, with specific references to the perceived need for new build, inclusive classrooms and specialist school status. One respondent favoured the retention of A2L, but felt that it should not be co-located on a school site.

Information and Communications Technology (ICT)

7 respondents made explicit reference to ICT issues. 1 respondent felt that the possibility of ICT development was “exciting”; another felt that teachers were more important than ICT and another again that young people needed experience of “real” objects, not just via ICT. 1 respondent felt that every pupil should have personal ICT facilities. 1 respondent wrote in favour of the provision of specialised ICT equipment for young people with Special Educational Needs. 1 respondent recommended that the colleges should be part of the Hartlepool Education (ICT) network. 1 respondent was concerned that the provision of new equipment (capital) needed to be matched by enhanced support services (revenue).

Extended Schools and Community Use of Schools

Approximately 20 respondents made explicit reference to the development of schools as extended schools and community use of schools and school land. The range of views is indicated below :

- 8 respondents made positive comments in relation to extended schools
- 4 respondents recommended that health / nursing facilities should be provided on school sites
- 1 respondent referred to working with “other agencies”
- 1 respondent recommended link work with nearby primary schools
- 1 respondent favoured provision of floodlit sports pitches
- 1 respondent suggested that all schools should be full-service extended schools
- 1 respondent felt that schools should be used during holidays to “extend learning”
- 1 respondent was content that premises and facilities should be used by schools during the day and by the community at night, but was concerned to ensure clear accountability
- 1 respondent was opposed to using school playing fields as new school sites

Governance Issues

1 respondent asserted that every school needed its own governing body and its own headteacher; another felt that federation was appropriate

Change Management

No concerns were raised by respondents in relation to the change process.

Other Issues

A significant number of issues were raised that did not easily fit into the categories above. These are detailed below. Unless there is a specific comment to the contrary, these are all single respondent issues:

- Concern about travel arrangements and congestion
- Positive comment about walking bus
- Concern about potential job losses
- Need to abolish comprehensive education
- Importance of social areas in schools
- 2 comments about design issues, with one explicit reference to the need to design storage to avoid young people having to carry heavy bags
- 2 comments in favour of designing for sustainability (renewable energy, environmental issues)
- Concern about condition of current school buildings
- All children to be taught a foreign language
- Need for outward bound courses
- Concern about toilets and negative view of communal showers
- Town-wide sport development should be focused on specialist sports school
- Need to listen to views of headteachers
- There should be a swimming pool at every school
- 2 comments on importance of security, but with 1 respondent emphasising the need to avoid schools having prison-like fences
- 2 respondents made reference to the need to achieve value for money in procurement; a 3rd respondent clearly recommended avoidance of Private Finance Initiative (PFI) as a procurement methodology
- School buildings should be “exciting”.

Part C. Issues Raised at School Meetings

Notes of meetings that took place at the 7 secondary schools and at Access to Learning (A2L) are summarised below and will be posted on the Council's website following the Cabinet meeting on 20th November 2006. Hard copies of these notes will be available on request.

Brierton Community School

Meetings at Brierton Community School took place on 17th October. In addition to the headteacher and Chair of Governors, one other governor attended the meeting for governors. 20 staff attended the staff meeting and 6 persons attended the meeting for parents and public.

Head Teacher and Chair of Governors

The following issues were raised:

- Query as to whether all building work would be undertaken simultaneously or phased. Limited phasing likely
- Unfortunate that demographic predictions take account of **current** parental preference
- Confirmation that the outcome of the first stage of consultation will influence options presented at Stage 2.
- Concern expressed about negative impact of pre-conceived ideas about what might happen to Brierton Community School
- Concern that there has been talk of Brierton closing
- Concerns expressed about rising admissions at one voluntary aided school
- Need to boost staff morale and take a measured approach to future. There should be school facilities on Brierton site in future
- Query whether models of "perfect" school available – reference to exemplar designs.
- Discussion of issues around academies, 14-19 agenda, social and group working space.
- Argument in favour of smaller schools.

Teaching and support staff

The following issues were raised:

- As a sports college Brierton should be at the centre of sport in the town
- Small schools can create a family feeling which is important in areas of deprivation. Query over which are the most deprived areas of Hartlepool
- Concern expressed over possible effects of a school seeking foundation status
- Need for a sustainable plan in respect of ICT provision

Members of Governing Body

The following issues were raised:

- There should be less focus on being taught in year groups
- Small school with community facilities, eg library, health, social services would benefit this area of the town
- Need for collaboration 0-19
- Concern about how secure Wave 5 funding is
- Concern expressed about foundation status

- Concern about schools considering changing their admission arrangements to strengthen their own position
- Concern about staff and parental morale amid rumours that Brierton School will close
- Options for the future should include risks and countermeasures
- Query about what would happen to the children if the school were to close

Parents and Public

The following issues were raised

- Issue raised of the possibility of a 3-19 age school – some mixed views expressed
- Query about whether demountable units were factored into capacity calculation – confirmed
- Discussion around eligibility of secondary schools of every status for BSF funding
- Concern about how secure BSF funding was – confirmed Wave 5 or Wave 6
- Positive affirmation of approach and pace of consultation

Dyke House School

Meetings at Dyke House School took place on 18th October. In addition to the headteacher and Chair of Governors, 7 other governors attended the meeting for governors. 55 staff attended the staff meeting and 4 persons attended the meeting for parents and public.

Head Teacher and Chair of Governors

The following issues were raised

- Preference for development of current site. School should remain at the heart of its community. Street frontage would be preferable. Discussion about possible redevelopment of existing buildings or new-build and decant within existing site.
- Confirmation that £9m for ICT is part of the £90m total quantum. Concerns about government presumption that ICT will be delivered via a managed service. View that CLC could be at the heart of collaboration
- Need to focus on achieving the best deal for young people
- No reservations about students aged 14+ accessing learning at different sites around town
- Requirement to focus on boys' learning needs
- Different schools providing different specialisms seen as potential strength of collaboration
- Ideal size 850 – 900; need to maintain ethos, more difficult in large buildings; need for care with design
- Need to socially engineer admission zones to ensure all schools are truly comprehensive

Teaching and Support Staff

The following issues were raised:

- Need for care with pupil projections, to avoid need to use demountables if estimates proved to be inaccurate
- Focus on issues around personalised learning and desirability of reducing pupil teacher ratios

- Concern that the design of some academies is very poor and need to ensure that we do not make a mess of the BSF opportunity. Queries about how BSF school buildings would be procured
- Opportunity to change admission zones welcomed; specific comment in relation to relative parental popularity of schools in the North of the town
- Need for creative thinking about ICT, especially in relation to wireless connectivity
- Concern about impact of change on job security
- View on using teachers as design experts
- 1 suggestion that 2 schools in the South of the town should merge

Members of Governing Body

The following issues were raised:

- Will Dyke House school, as an ICT “expert” be allowed to present a BSF ICT solution? Further views around connectivity between institutions and that we should be looking for innovative ways of bringing in more funding in relation to ICT and extended / community use of schools and their facilities
- Comments in relation to relative performance of schools
- Concern about lack of coordination of different consultation regimes within Council, with explicit reference to sports strategy; general comment about need for coordination of all aspects of preparation for BSF
- Essential need for integration and collaboration; concern about ensuring that collaboration becomes a practical reality
- Need for change of attitude from some people within the Council
- Query about the various stages of BSF consultation – likely pattern explained
- If a school is to close, this must be handled sensitively
- Need for schools to be at the heart of their communities
- Rebuilding Dyke House school is not appropriate; need to update facilities.
- View that Cabinet should listen to schools before making decisions – purpose of consultation

Parents and Public

The following issues were raised:

- Must one school close to get the BSF money? – not necessarily
- Concern about need to consider social impact on community of a school closing
- Declining population around Dyke House; need to consider travel distances
- Negative views of the contribution of the Council to the needs of youth
- Query around the potential location of new school buildings – new sites or within existing
- Schools need to be accessible; need for services (eg health) co-located on school sites
- Schools are more than buildings – ethos
- Discussion around meaning of personalised learning
- Need to emphasise vocational as well as academic education
- Importance of ICT
- Need for further development of links between secondary schools and further education and the world of work

English Martyrs School and Sixth Form College

Meetings at English Martyrs School and Sixth Form College took place on 11th October. In addition to the headteacher and Vice Chair of Governors, 3 other governors attended the meeting for governors. 10 staff attended the staff meeting and 4 persons attended the meeting for parents and public.

Head Teacher and Vice Chair of Governors

The following issues were raised:

- Agreement that the issue of reduction of pupil numbers was a significant challenge and that the reduction of the number of existing schools should be retained as a potential option
- Headteacher summarised developments to the school buildings in recent years and highlighted areas that remained to be enhanced and developed
- View that BSF opportunities were exciting, that some Hartlepool schools were in poor repair, that amalgamation of some schools may be a positive move, provided that it did not lead to private sector involvement as the result of a school procurement competition.
- View that English Martyrs occupies a good site and that redevelopment would be positive

Teaching and Support Staff

The following issues were raised:

- Query over apportionment of ICT funding; would it be by formula? – needs led. Also query about revenue support following capital investment – from school budget.
- Query over how school places are measured and assessed – explained
- Potential impact of reduction of pupil numbers, including possibility of redundancy – gradual decline may allow staff reduction to happen naturally
- Possible opportunity to reduce pupil teacher ratios
- Expectation that English Martyrs would feature in future plans.
- Query whether schools would be given funding to select their own architect and builder – highly unlikely
- Need to learn from mistakes of previous capital spending regimes nationally
- Query about certainty of BSF funding
- Need for future consultation with employers and industry

Members of Governing Body

The following issues were raised:

- Headteacher summarised his views on the needs of the school and the potential for development on site, blending recent new build with further new build and remodelling
- Governors acknowledged recent developments and felt that further thought should be given in coming months to the future needs of the school
- Query about future involvement of children and young people in planning
- Query about whether English Martyrs would be “penalised” in funding terms because of its recent developments – prioritisation would be needs led
- Governors expressed excitement about the potential of BSF

Parents and Public

The following issues were raised:

- Comment about the focus on 14-19 education and that this should not be to the detriment of 11-14 education
- Comments about the daunting experience of transferring from a small primary school to a large secondary school; comments in favour of middle school or lower school systems and organisation
- Need for more primary – secondary transition days
- Concern about possible destabilising effect of re-modelling schools while they are occupied
- Query whether Bishop Cuthbert development would lead to the requirement for an additional school – unlikely and increased population already planned for
- Concern about use of ICT meaning that young people get too much help with their work – discussion of potential and appropriate use of ICT
- Discussion of extended school opportunities and collaborative sharing of extended school facilities between schools, particularly between primary and secondary schools
- Discussion of appropriate balance between collaboration, ICT and travel between schools
- Possibility of a centralised “super school” – concerns about ethos

High Tunstall College of Science

Meetings at High Tunstall College of Science took place on 10th October. In addition to the headteacher and Chair of Governors, 9 other governors attended the meeting for governors. 60 staff attended the staff meeting and 12 persons attended the meeting for parents and public.

Head Teacher and Chair of Governors

The following issues were raised:

- Query about use of January 2006 pupil number data and whether projected figures included resource base students – to be checked
- Expectation from school that it will be remodelled, not entirely new-built

Teaching and Support Staff

The following issues were raised:

- Query whether addition of a 6th Form would be funded through BSF
- Query relating to effect of foundation status on BSF – Council’s position clarified – acknowledged that decision rests with each governing body
- Query whether £9m for ICT included funding for support staff – negative – BSF funding for capital only; revenue implications to be funded from school budget shares
- Would ICT funding be distributed according to need – affirmed
- Request for explanation of difference between condition need and suitability need – provided
- Query over funding of implications of extended opening hours – BSF capital only
- Implications of BSF on normal capital funding regimes and maintenance – need to prioritise on essential works pending outcome of consultation on BSF and clarification of timescales

Members of Governing Body

The following issues were raised:

- Concern about potential impact of immigration on pupil projections
- Clarification sought regarding St Hild's position as a newly built school
- Comment that deadline for Stage 1 responses is short
- Concern about potential impact of schools seeking foundation status and the status of voluntary aided schools as their own admission authorities in relation to BSF planning
- Fall in student numbers may create opportunity for smaller classes rather than fewer schools
- Concern about transition from primary to secondary education and perceived need to prepare children earlier
- Concern about quality of design at St Hild's – clarification that St Hild's was designed to standards and limitations that have now been superseded.
- Concern that High Tunstall will get a smaller share of BSF funding because of its suitability ranking

Parents and Public

The following issues were raised:

- Concern that BSF is starting with secondary, not primary schools – agenda dictated by central government
- People move homes to be in the Admission Zone of their preferred school
- Schools earmarked for change because of surplus places
- Smaller classes result in children learning better
- Only so much can be done with technology

Manor College of Technology

Meetings at Manor College of Technology took place on 16th October. In addition to the headteacher and Chair of Governors, 5 other governors attended the meeting for governors. 54 staff attended the staff meeting and 13 persons attended the meeting for parents and public.

Head Teacher and Chair of Governors

The following issues were raised:

- Excellence of teaching at Manor due to quality of staff and use of ICT
- Planning now is for others' future; if predictions for Manor 10 years ago had been used for planning purposes, the school would have been in trouble
- Issues around admissions and partner primary schools
- A 5 school solution is the most appropriate, with one in the South on either Manor or Brierton sites, although Manor parents would oppose move to Brierton site
- Need for social engineering to balance comprehensive nature of schools
- Importance of involvement with post-16 partners; Manor does not see itself having its own sixth form
- Issues around use of Virtual Learning Environment
- Emphasis on excellent support of Manor parents

Teaching and Support Staff

The following issues were raised:

- Queries on who makes decisions on school closures and when – response focused on pre-statutory consultation and statutory processes
- Issue of surplus staff following school closure
- Concern about demographic projections in relation to Bishop Cuthbert development – had been taken account of
- Education v Economics; slim down all schools or demolish a school and sell the land
- Query whether schools will be involved in design – affirmative response
- Concern over inclusion of reference to foundation status in consultation booklet

Members of Governing Body

The following issues were raised:

- Discussion around Design and Build Partnering framework as an alternative to Private Finance Initiative (PFI) – issue of whether this is real capital funding
- Concerns about possible detriment to the ethos of schools
- View that possibilities are exciting, but concern about who makes decisions and how
- Query about establishment of St Hild's as a voluntary aided school if foundation status is detrimental; view that Council minute should not have been included in consultation document
- View that it would be a tragedy if vision was lost to politics

Parents and Public

The following issues were raised:

- Discussion around potentially available sites including College of Further Education site and its surrounding areas
- Concerns about possibility of losing playing fields to school sites – principles of decanting explained
- Issues around provision of kitchens and teaching children to cook
- Possibility of sixth form provision queried
- Use of ICT to enhance learning discussed
- Some young people travel long distances to school
- Query concerning certainty of BSF, Primary Capital Programme and Learning and Skills Council college funding – regimes explained
- Need to re-think admission zones
- Opportunity for town wide regeneration
- Query on future plans for Jesmond Road Primary School
- Issue of whether there should be fewer schools raised as a question to officers – response requested parent and public views as part of consultation
- Secondary schools should help young people plan for progression to post-16 learning
- Need for working together
- Request for information about likely costs of new and remodelled schools
- Need to preserve continuity of education through building programmes

St Hild's Voluntary Aided Secondary School

Meetings at St Hild's Voluntary Aided Secondary School took place on 12th October. The Chair of Governors, Vice Chair and Headteacher represented the governing body. 7 staff attended the staff meeting and 5 persons attended the meeting for parents and public.

Head Teacher, Chair of Governors and Vice Chair

The following issues were raised:

- Impact on admissions of the geographical admission zone and denominational preference. Year 7 was fully subscribed in September 2006
- Pupil number projections were queried, particularly the apparent assumption that families living in the Bishop Cuthbert development would express a preference for High Tunstall school, even though they lived in the St Hild's Admission Zone
- Reference made to innovative partnership working between primary and secondary schools in North Hartlepool
- Limitations of the design of the school, despite the fact that it is newly built, particularly in relation to personalised learning and the need for a significant variety of size of spaces in schools post BSF
- Need for parity on ICT provision; perceived danger that St Hild's would be left behind – clarification that St Hild's is eligible for BSF ICT funding
- Possibility of creation of a satellite skills centre

Teaching and Support Staff

The following issues were raised:

- Projected pupil numbers queried, especially in relation to local housing developments. Need to ensure reliability of projections
- Query about how much capital funding would be available and whether there would be allowance for inflation – response to query included indication that an allowance had been made for inflation, but that this would be kept under review
- Query about how pupil places might be removed – various alternative solutions exemplified
- Concern over potential loss of jobs – emphasis on gradual decline in pupil numbers
- Perceived need for social engineering to balance comprehensive nature of schools
- Issue raised about whether Authority would be required to consider Academy status
- Discussion around Special Educational Needs and inclusion – response emphasised eligibility of secondary special schools for BSF funding
- View that movement of pupils should be limited as a result of greater use of ICT

Parents and Public

The following issues were raised:

- Query about why BSF focuses on secondary schools not primary – national government schemes explained
- Concerns about potential effects of academies
- Issues around funding requiring balance between new build and remodelling / refurbishment
- View that issues around Admission Zones require further clarification
- Focus on special education, Access to Learning (A2L), home and hospital teaching

- Limitations of ICT provision within St Hild's new build; led to significant discussion of current and potential future use of ICT
- Concerns around having to choose schools led to discussion around potential benefits of collaboration and travel
- Query around reliability of demographic projections

Catcote Secondary Special School

Meetings at Catcote Secondary Special School took place on 19th October. The Chair of Governors and Headteacher were joined by the headteacher of Springwell Primary Special School. 3 governors attended the meeting for governors. 34 staff attended the staff meeting, including staff from Springwell Primary Special School and 3 persons attended the meeting for parents and public.

Head Teachers and Chair of Governors

The following issues were raised:

- Need to overcome historic suspicions about the Authority's attitude to special schools
- Possible strength of Catcote and Springwell working closely together through sharing resources and possible co-location
- Need for in-reach and out-reach; co-location of special school on mainstream school site could be detrimental to perceptions of inclusion
- Consensus that BSF is a great opportunity for significant investment in SEN development

Teaching and Support Staff

The following issues were raised:

- Potential links with college development and the future role of Learning and Skills Council explored
- Discussion of potential scope of BSF funding in relation to new-build, remodelling and refurbishment
- Discussion of staffing implications of a reduction of 1,000 pupils – gradual decline facilitating natural solutions
- Exploration of issues around use of transport to increase flexibility

Members of Governing Body

2 governors of Catcote School and 1 governor of Springwell School were present. The following issues were raised:

- Need to focus on needs of each individual child
- Concerns about potential funding for developments beyond the age of 19, especially in relation to 19-25 year olds with profound disabilities – commitment to discuss this with LSC
- Concerns about coping with a future increase of pupils if schools are down-sized
- Issues around ICT hardware and software and the potential cost to families of specialised ICT provision in the homes of young people with SEN – to be explored further
- Possibility of a single site provision for young people of all ages with SEN was raised by governors – to be explored further
- Catcote and Springwell have something very special to offer, to those within Hartlepool and beyond

Parents and Public

The following issues were raised:

- Discussion around eligibility of secondary special schools for BSF investment and what this could mean in Hartlepool
- Concerns expressed around age limits on funding (11-19) – commitment to pursue all possibilities
- Parents / public raised the possibility of Catcote and Springwell joining together – acknowledgment that this had also been raised by governors
- Concern over possible over emphasis on ICT to the detriment of direct communication
- Concerns expressed around existing mainstream school Admission Zone boundaries; explicit reference was made to Seaton Carew, Greatham Primary School and Manor College
- Comment made that Hartlepool is expanding in the North, but not in the South
- Possibility of extended and community school developments at Catcote would encourage adults to come and undertake courses
- Discussion around procurement methodologies and possibility of academy development

Access to Learning (A2L)

Meetings at A2L took place on 13th October. Meetings took place with the headteacher and with the teaching and support staff. 15 members of staff were in attendance.

Headteacher

The following issues were raised:

- Reference was made to a meeting of headteachers, earlier the same week, that had considered issues relevant to the future of A2L.
- Consideration to be given to the future role of a Pupil Referral Unit as a separate unit, or provision of Learning Support Units on secondary school sites
- Importance of Education Improvement Partnership, to be in place by September 2007

Teaching and Support Staff

The following issues were raised:

- Query whether pupil projections take account of future building developments – affirmative response
- Query whether Academy development would be considered – clarification of national government perspective and the Council's position on Academy status

PART D. SUMMARY OF CONTENT OF COLLECTIVE SCHOOL RESPONSES

Collective responses were received from each of the six mainstream secondary schools. These are summarised below and are available in the Members' Library and on the Council's website at www.hartlepool.gov.uk/schoolscapital/bsf.

Brierton Community School

A draft consultation response was prepared for staff by the headteacher. 37 members of staff signed and returned the draft response. Access to the full text of the response is available in the Members' Library and on the Council's website. The content of the response is summarised below :

- Brierton serves a relatively disadvantaged community; a school in the heart of its community can help overcome disadvantage
- Brierton should become a small school with increased pastoral care, greater personalisation of learning and enhanced social contact
- Minimum size of school no longer applies due to collaboration
- Brierton would become a fully extended school with additional services for families co-located
- Possibility of creating an all-age campus for children aged 3-16, extended to adult and community learning
- Post-BSF, Brierton would have varied and flexible spaces, small and large. ICT would transform the way the school works
- There would be excellent facilities for vocational learning lines on site and students would access other facilities elsewhere
- The challenge of demographic change is exciting and can be capitalised upon.

In addition one member of staff wished to subscribe to this collective response, but wished to add an individual view that small schools have an advantage in areas of social deprivation and BSF planning should allow for at least two very small 3-16 schools.

Dyke House School

A joint response was received as a result of a special governing body meeting at the school. Access to the full text of the response is available in the Members' Library and on the Council's website. The content of the response is summarised below :

- The vision described in the Key Issues section of the consultation document is fully endorsed by the Governing Body
- A secondary school in the Dyke House area will continue to drive up standards; BSF funding should be used to improve schools that are doing well and to extend best practice community provision; ICT provision at Dyke House should be regarded as a best practice model
- Dyke House school should have 900 – 950 students
- Admission Zones should be retained but need to facilitate a fully comprehensive intake
- Each school should provide a core curriculum and ethos with collaboration beyond this, with an emphasis on staff movement as well as students
- Learning Village concept has merits, but not appropriate in Hartlepool context

7.2 APPENDIX 1

- SEN pupils should attend neighbourhood school wherever possible and there should be one special school
- ICT development should build on current good practice and colleges should be part of the learning platform
- Development of extended school facilities should build on existing good practice; other Council funding streams should contribute to the creation of fully extended schools
- Every school should have its own headteacher and governing body; formal collaboration preferable to federation
- Transition process should be planned to minimise disruption; request for open and transparent sharing of proposals and the avoidance of press leaks
- Need to consult staff on developments
- Wish to avoid Private Finance Initiative (PFI)
- Support for avoidance of compulsory redundancy, but acceptance of need for changes of role and workforce remodelling
- All stakeholders should be involved and sufficient time given for consultation, within acknowledged time constraints

A joint response was received from the staff of Dyke House School. Access to the full text of the response is available on request. The content of the response is summarised below :

- An extended comprehensive school at the heart of its community is vital
- Preference for a new build on current site; suggestion of adjustment to the Millbank Road area to allow improved access to the new build; also opportunity to build an Olympic size swimming pool
- If new build not possible, there should be a substantial refurbishment of existing site
- Staff preference is for a school of 850 – 900 students with smaller class sizes
- Vision of an inclusive school, but recognition of the need for a specialist SEN school within the Authority
- Staff adamant that there should be a no redundancy policy, that this could be achieved by retaining 6 schools and that whatever decision is taken it must be handled sensitively
- Staff supported the development of a town-wide 14-19 ICT Learning Platform

English Martyrs School and Sixth Form College

A response was received from the headteacher of English Martyrs School and Sixth Form College, on behalf of the governing body of the school. Access to the full text of the response is available in the Members' Library and on the Council's website. The content of the response is summarised below :

- School excited at the prospect of £90 million of investment to transform secondary education
- School looking forward to working with other schools and the colleges
- Remainder of submission focuses on school's own accommodation needs, emphasising that the bulk of the accommodation was built in 1960 as part of two very small single-sex secondary modern schools; school's view that 1960s accommodation is totally unsuitable for 21st Century teaching and learning
- Specific deficiencies are listed in detail.

High Tunstall College of Science

A response was received from the Governing Body of High Tunstall College of Science, signed by the Chair of Governors. Access to the full text of the response is available in the Members' Library and on the Council's website. The content of the response is summarised below :

- High Tunstall College committed to BSF and further stages of consultation
- Location and size should remain the same, with further development of premises; governing body would not support closure or merger
- Inclusive nature and ethos should be celebrated and developed
- Positive attitude to collaboration and commitment to avoid division
- Need to focus on education as a whole, ie primary as well as secondary
- Commitment to development of specialist status
- Comment on data projections, showing a very small predicted surplus at High Tunstall

Manor College of Technology

A response was received from the headteacher of Manor College of Technology, on behalf of the governing body. Access to the full text of the response is available in the Members' Library and on the Council's website. The content of the response is summarised below :

- Governing body favours construction of a new school on current site and demolition of existing premises
- Acknowledgment of overall decline in pupil numbers, but belief that school will remain full due to its success and popularity
- Attendance at partner primary school should have precedence in admission arrangements
- Population of school should not exceed 1,200
- Governing body advocating development of neighbourhood extended comprehensive schools serving their communities with some curriculum collaboration, but avoiding transporting large numbers of pupils between school sites
- E-learning must be a major feature of BSF planning
- Projected pupil numbers in South of town do not warrant two schools; the best of both schools could be combined in a new build on Manor site; care needs to be taken in respect of implications for staff of both schools
- Reference to consideration of Foundation Status; reasons given are self-preservation, greater autonomy and self-determination
- Disappointment at Council resolution relating to Academies, Trusts and Foundation status being included in consultation document
- Exposition of Manor's achievements in respect of ICT and the development of a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE); advocating a town-wide VLE based on Manor's provision
- Design of school to facilitate personalised learning through flexibility
- Manor has no plans to develop sixth form provision and advocates partnership with post-16 providers
- Reference to a paper presented to governors by headteacher with a town-wide vision for post BSF transformation
- Unique ethos of Manor must be protected; new school on existing site ought to be an essential element.

In addition a further late response was received from the headteacher of Manor College of Technology, focusing on admissions issues. This will be referred to the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services as part of the admissions consultation process.

St Hild's Voluntary Aided Secondary School

Response received from Headteacher of St Hild's Voluntary Aided Secondary School on behalf of the school's governing body. Access to the full text of the response is available in the Members' Library and on the Council's website. The content of the response is summarised below :

- Need to future-proof St Hild's in terms of the design of the school and ICT facilities; this will require further investment in St Hild's to maintain parity with other schools
- Indications of the shortcomings of St Hild's in respect of 21st Century learning, focusing on the need for a variety of room sizes and settings needed to deliver a personalised curriculum; these are exemplified
- Need for a position on vocational / diploma courses to be agreed by all post-14 providers
- Support for specialist status of a school being the focus for satellite provision with each specialist school acting as leading school in its specialism
- Significant contribution on ICT which focuses on:
 - Transformation of learning supported by ICT
 - Agreement needed on technical specification issues
 - Need for an explicit Service Level Agreement for an ICT managed service and need for effective communication
 - Need for a visionary leader for ICT
 - Examples of how we will wish to use ICT to enhance learning
- Extended use of video conferencing and voice over internet
- Crucial need to develop networks, making wise use of BSF investment
- Need to plan for ICT related teaching and learning needs 5 – 10 years into the future
- A personalised account for all staff and students
- Need for school and staff 100% commitment to electronic planning
- Need to consider new technologies and new devices and how we embrace them to support teaching and learning.

PART E SUMMARY OF THE KEY CONTENT OF A RESPONSE FROM HARTLEPOOL SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

A submission was received from Hartlepool Sixth Form College, signed by the Principal and Chair of Governors. Access to the full text of the response is available in the Members' Library and on the Council's website. The content of the response is summarised below :

- The College welcomes the opportunities presented by BSF
- Affirmation of what has been achieved by Hartlepool schools in recent years and concern about any potential plan to "start from scratch".
- College is looking forward to growth in existing partnerships in response to 14-19 curriculum. This leads to articulation of principles that should inform 14-19 planning:

- Schools should remain as 11-16 providers (excepting English Martyrs)
- Utilisation of specialist status of schools
- School recruitment on basis of no selection
- Diversity and ethos of each school to be respected
- Admissions to each school to be strictly controlled to prevent inequality
- No Academies in Hartlepool
- Aggregated examination results for the town as a whole
- Broad and balanced curriculum offer in all schools to 16
- General diplomas to be successor to academic pathway to university with Sixth Form College acting as a focus and playing a leading role

PART F. ISSUES RAISED AT MEETINGS OTHER THAN THOSE DESCRIBED IN PART C ABOVE

Public Meeting in Borough Hall, Headland, 24th October 2006

Two members of the public attended this meeting. The issues raised are summarised below :

- The likely cost of a new school
- The link between 11-16 schools and post-16 education
- Suggestion of creation of 14-19 institutions and 11-14 schools similar to middle school model
- Query on projections at English Martyrs and issue of increase of the school's intake in September 2006
- Personalised learning in all institutions and concerns about the logistics of moving groups of students
- Concern about apparent competition between schools and league table requirements
- Significant discussion on models of management
- Opportunity to be radical and create something quite different; need to get away from the concept that every school needs to have the same structure
- In respect of capital expansion, identified need for long term revenue sustainability
- Concern about concept of Learning Village 5-18
- Every site should buy into shared ICT expertise, releasing the potential of all; suggested looking at Edinburgh University model
- Issues of ownership of assets in relationship to BSF led to discussion of voluntary aided and foundation status
- Suggested there should be a place for local business community on Stakeholder Board

Public Meeting in Holy Trinity School, Seaton Carew, 31st October 2006

One member of the public attended this meeting. The issues raised are summarised below :

- Clarification of Primary Capital Project funding and regime
- No options identified at this stage – discussion of Stage 2 and beyond
- Vulnerability of funding to change of government
- Clarification that only secondary schools are eligible for BSF funding
- Likely phasing of BSF construction
- Clarification that up to 10% surplus overall will be acceptable

- Views expressed on relative merits of various schools
- View that a Special School is definitely needed; in favour of all-age special school, but concerned about need to avoid children with SEN being labelled
- Request to look at issue of class sizes
- Speculation about possible works at English Martyrs
- Responsibility for individual student welfare and performance in a collaborative model raised as a concern
- Concerns about moving students round and possible negative consequences
- Discussion of potential use of ICT and the future of ICT devices
- Issue of foundation status and whether a foundation school would be able to abuse the admissions system
- In favour of reduction from 6 to 5 mainstream schools
- Could not understand why Seaton children go to Dyke House

Meeting in Hartlepool College of Further Education, 11th October 2006

The meeting was intended for college governors, staff and students. The following issues were raised:

- Implications of a school changing to foundation status
- Query about future direction of post-16 development and references to 14-19 Partnership Board and BSF Project Board and Stakeholder Board
- Query about ensuring the effectiveness of £9m investment in ICT
- Query on how decision made to take BSF project forward
- Implications of lack of agreement on project – likely to lead to delay
- Query on contingencies for insufficient availability of pupil places – 5% - 10% planned surplus to compensate for this

Meeting of North Neighbourhood Forum, 11th October 2006

The following issues were raised:

- Potential private sector involvement – reference to Council minute from April 2006, reproduced in consultation booklet
- Ownership of the schools – dependant on status of school
- Scope for linkage with Neighbourhood Action Plans

Meeting of Central Neighbourhood Forum, 12th October 2006

The following issues were raised:

- Vulnerability of funding to change of national government
- Academic study; should be re-focusing on practical subjects
- Issues around Jesmond Road Primary School and Lynnfield Primary School
- Some comparative comments about schools; emphasis that the most important investment in schools should be in teachers
- Looking at education from a two year old child's point of view ; little acorns
- Will we get decent schools for the money?

Meeting of South Neighbourhood Forum, 13th October 2006

The following issues were raised:

- Some confusion about publicity, whether it was only relevant to parents of pupils currently in secondary schools
- Dissemination of information via media advocated
- Involvement of Elected Members and business community in future consultation queried

Meetings of Children's Services Department Staff, 30th & 31st October 2006

The following issues were raised:

- Query whether the possibility of having middle schools had been raised at consultation meetings – questioner did not favour middle school development
- Exploration of ICT development possibilities under BSF
- Issue of surplus places and potential options
- Need for support for families through transition period
- References to St Hild's, Jesmond Road and Eldon Grove
- Concern for attention to environmental issues
- Involving pupils in school design
- Wave 5 is a good position in the programme – learning from the mistakes of others
- Issue of specialisms and collaboration
- Need to balance possible abolition of admission zones with need for young people to have a school to which they "belong"
- BSF is an exciting opportunity for all schools

Meeting With Borough Librarian and Senior Libraries Staff

The Project Director met with senior libraries staff at the Borough Librarian's request and there was a shared commitment to continual consideration of the potential of the development of library provision alongside BSF planning

PART G. OVERALL SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

It is clear that, despite the relatively low response rate to the consultation exercise, a large number of issues have been raised, but there is no clear consensus on how the school estate in Hartlepool should be reconfigured using BSF capital investment.

There are a number of recurring themes and these themes need to be reflected in the content of Stage Two consultation documentation.

On the evidence of the responses to Stage One consultation, it appears appropriate to present a range of options at Stage Two.

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

24 November 2006



Report of: Scrutiny Manager / Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: WITHDRAWAL OF EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR WITHIN HARTLEPOOL SCRUTINY REFERRAL – SCOPING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To make proposals to Members of Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee for their forthcoming investigation into the Referral from the Grants Committee on the Withdrawal of European Regional Development Funding to the Voluntary Sector within Hartlepool.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 On 10 January 2006 (minute no. 26 refers) the Authority's Grants Committee referred the Withdrawal of European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) to the Voluntary Sector within Hartlepool, to the Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Function. In particular, the Grants Committee asked the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to consider the issue of the withdrawal of the funding and the impact it would have across the voluntary sector.

2.2 On 10 February 2006 (minute no. 146 refers) the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee considered the receipt of the referral of this item. Members of the Committee expressed their support for accepting the referral, but suggested that an audit of the community and voluntary sector organisations within Hartlepool be undertaken prior to the undertaking of the Scrutiny Referral.

2.3 Members suggested that the audit should consist of an assessment of:

- (a) How many community and voluntary sector organisations are there within Hartlepool?;
- (b) What services do they provide?; and
- (c) How would they be affected by the changes in funding regime?

- 2.4 Consequently, on 20 October 2006 Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee considered the *Audit of Community and Voluntary Groups in Hartlepool*. The audit provided information about: the Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) as employers of paid staff and volunteers; accommodation arrangements in the CVS; the organisational status/governance of groups; activities carried out by the CVS; service beneficiaries; income and expenditure 2005/6; income 2006/7; main sources of funding 2006/7; reductions in funding sources 2006 onwards; a summary of research into the funding crisis; the impact of loss of funding on local services 2006/07; financial support from the local authority; and a section on 'planning for future'.

EUROPEAN FUNDING

- 2.5 Given the nature of the topic referred to Scrutiny, Members may wish to consider the issue of European funding more closely prior to agreeing the scope and terms of reference of the inquiry. In paragraphs 2.6 to 2.11 below background information in relation to European funding is divided into two broad areas. Firstly, in paragraphs 2.6 - 2.8 a background to European funding in the period 2000 to 2006 is outlined. Secondly in paragraphs 2.9 to 2.11 a background to EU funding between 2007 and 2013 is outlined.

EU Funding 2000-2006

- 2.6 The UK was allocated over £10 billion through the current European Structural Funds between 2000 and 2006.
- 2.7 During this period the CVS's main route to European Funding has been through Priority 4 'Targeted Communities' funding. The total Priority 4 funding (for the North East region) was approximately £104 million, of which approximately £56 million came from the ERDF and approximately £46 million from the European Social Funds (ESF). In Hartlepool the CVS organisations received grants of £4,795,643 in the period 2000-2006. This equates to 45.81% of the total Hartlepool Package of £10,467,928 (Hartlepool's total amounts to 10.2% of the funding available for the North East, whilst its population is only 3.54%).
- 2.8 Over the current 2000-2006 Programme Funding period the CVS in Hartlepool received average grants of £685,902 per year through Priority 4 funding. In 2005, 12 groups operating in Hartlepool benefited from ERDF/ESF the total value of the funding being £1,005,868. In 2006 the number of groups operating in Hartlepool and benefiting from ERDF/ESF dropped to 6 with the value of the grants also reducing to £236,674. The reason for this reduction was that the period of funding was coming to an end and the available monies in the pot were, therefore, limited.

EU Funding 2007-13

- 2.9 In December 2005, the European Council reached an agreement on the EU budget, including future Structural and Cohesion Funds spending for 2007 – 2013. The UK will receive 9.4 billion Euros, or about £6.3 billion during this period. This amounts to approximately half the total received in the previous round of EU Structural Funding. The Government published the UK's National Strategic Reference Framework on 23 October 2006, which outlines the Government's strategy for utilising the UK's Structural Funds allocations during 2007-2013. Early indications are that this may result in changes to the regional administration of European Programme funding from GONE administering both ERDF and ESF funding to the ERDF being administered through One NorthEast and ESF by GONE. In addition, all ESF funding will be through Co-financing organisations (LSC and Job Centre+) and there will be no direct bidding like there is in the current programme.
- 2.10 The Audit presented to the meeting of this Committee on 20 November argued that when considering the position for the 2007 – 2013 programme the situation seems bleak. If the new Programme has an equivalent of the Targeted Communities Priority 4 and if it gets the same percentage of funding the situation could be as follows; North East Programme could amount to £250,000,000, if 20% was ring-fenced for a Communities Priority it would amount to £62,500,000 and so Hartlepool with a population of 3.54% could expect £2,212,500. If the voluntary/community sector were awarded 45.81% of this funding in line with the current programme this would amount to £1,013,546. On average £144,792 per year which is only 21% of what they are currently receiving.
- 2.11 When it became apparent that there would be a reduction in European Funding the regional Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC) agreed that a high level group made up of GONE, One NorthEast and the European Structural Fund Voluntary Organisations Northern (ESFVON) would look into the problem and make representations to Government about it. Consequently, this is a potential line of inquiry for the Committee to explore. In addition, the Committee may wish to examine what progress has been made with a 'European Programme for the North East'.

3. OVERALL AIM OF THE SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION

- 3.1 To examine the issue of the reduction in European Funding to the Voluntary Sector and the impact this would have.

4. PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION

- 4.1 The following Terms of Reference for the review are proposed:-

- (a) To gain an understanding of how the voluntary sector are being / will be affected by a major loss in European Funding;
- (b) To establish what has been done at national, regional and local levels in anticipation of this reduction in European Funding;
- (c) To establish how the local authority can continue to best support the voluntary sector in light of changes to European Funding; and
- (d) To establish the likely impact of a loss of funding on services provided within the town.

5. POTENTIAL AREAS OF INQUIRY / SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

- 5.1 Members of the Forum can request a range of evidential and comparative information throughout the Scrutiny review.
- 5.2 The Forum can invite a variety of people to attend to assist in the development of a balanced and focused range of recommendations. Members may wish to include the following in their investigation:-
 - (a) Representative from Hartlepool Targeted Communities Package Partnership;
 - (b) Representative from University of Teesside Social Futures Institute (authors of *Facing the Future: a Study of the Impact on the Voluntary Sector and Community Sector in the North East of England*);
 - (c) Representatives from the CVS (*from which groups to be determined at the meeting*);
 - (d) Conduct a Focus Group in relation to this issue with representatives of the 12 CVS bodies that have received European funding in either 2005 or 2006;
 - (e) Representative from One NorthEast;
 - (f) Representative from Government Office for the North East; and
 - (g) Representative from Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit (TVJSU)

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 6.1 Community engagement plays a crucial role in the Scrutiny process and paragraph 5.2, details who the Forum could involve in the inquiry. However, thought will need to be given to the way in which the Forum wishes to encourage those views. In particular, holding a focus group with representatives from the 12 CVS bodies that have received European

funding in either 2005 or 2006 would enable the Committee to gain an understanding of the views of the key agencies affected by the withdrawal of European monies. Members of the Committee may want to consider what questions they would like to use to prompt discussions in the focus group.

7. PROPOSED TIMETABLE OF THE SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION

7.1 Detailed below is the proposed timetable for the review to be undertaken, which may be changed at any stage:-

24 November 2006 – ‘Scoping and Setting the Scene of the Scrutiny of the Topic’

19 December 2006 / 5 January 2007 – Regional and Sub-regional perspective. Invite witnesses from GONE, One NE, TVJSU and Uni Teesside to gain an understanding of developments in the region and sub-region and their likely impact on Hartlepool.

Early to Mid December / Early to Mid January – Conduct Focus Group

5 January 2007 / 9 February 2007 – Local perspective.

Feed in Focus Group findings and invite responsible Council Officers, CVS representatives, and representative from Hartlepool Targeted Communities Package Partnership to this meeting.

Mid to Late January / February – schedule an informal meeting of the Committee to consider contents of a Draft Final Report.

9 February / 16 March 2007 – Agree Draft Final Report

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Members are recommended to agree the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee's remit for the Scrutiny investigation as outlined in section 4 of this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) Report of the Director of Adult and Community Services entitled ‘Community Pool 2005/06’ presented to the Grants Committee Meeting held on 10 January 2006;
- (ii) Decision Record of the Grants Committee Meeting held on 10 January 2006;

- (iii) Report of the Scrutiny Manager entitled 'Scrutiny Topic Referral from Grants Committee – Withdrawal of European Regional Development Funding to the Voluntary Sector Within Hartlepool' presented to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee held on 10 February 2006;
- (iv) Report of the Scrutiny Manager entitled 'Progress on the Audit of the Voluntary Community Sector for the Community Pool Scrutiny Referral' presented to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee held on 2 June 2006; and
- (v) Minutes of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee held on 10 February 2006 and 2 June 2006.
- (vi) Report of Scrutiny Manager / Scrutiny Support Officer
- (vii) University of Teesside: Social Futures Institute – *Facing the Future: a Study of the Impact on the Voluntary Sector and Community Sector in the North East of England*, March 2006.

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SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

24 November 2006



Report of: Scrutiny Manager

Subject: REQUEST FOR ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION –
JOINT CABINET / SCRUTINY EVENT OF
28 NOVEMBER 2006

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request items for discussion at the next Joint Cabinet / Scrutiny Event to be held on 28 November 2006.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 As Members will recall it was agreed that the next meeting of the Joint/Cabinet Scrutiny Event would be held towards the end of December 2006. In light of the festive season ahead and following consultation with the Elected Mayor and the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee, it was agreed that such event be brought forward to the **28 November 2006, commencing at 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Venue to be confirmed.**
- 2.2 As such items for discussion are sought from Members of this Committee, which will then be used to form the basis of the Joint Agenda in conjunction with the issues received from the Cabinet.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That agenda items be sought from Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee for the Joint Cabinet/Scrutiny Event to be held on 28 November 2006.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.