

# PLEASE NOTE VENUE AND TIME

## SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AGENDA



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2007

at 1.30 pm

Ow ton 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 meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2007 (*to follow*).

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

No items

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

No items.

# SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

13<sup>th</sup> March 2007

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm at West View Community Centre,  
Miers Avenue, Hartlepool

**Present:**

Councillor: Marjorie James (In the Chair)

Councillors: Rob W Cook, Mary Fleet, Gerard Hall, Pauline Laffey, Ann Marshall and Arthur Preece

Resident Representatives:

Ian Campbell, Iris Ryder and Linda Shields.

Officers:

Andrew Atkin, Assistant Chief Executive  
Joanne Machers, Chief Personnel Officer  
Charlotte Burnham, Scrutiny Manager  
Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

### **204. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stephen Allison, Steve Gibbon, Jane Shaw and Gerald Wistow.

### **205. Declarations of interest by Members**

None.

### **206. Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007 and 9<sup>th</sup> February 2007.**

Confirmed.

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

None.

**208. Consideration of progress reports/budget and policy framework documents – Corporate Plan 2007/08: Proposed Objectives and Actions** *(Assistant Chief Executive, Chief Solicitor, Chief Personnel Officer and Chief Financial Officer)*

The Assistant Chief Executive presented a report which provided an opportunity for Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to consider the proposed objectives and actions of the Chief Executive's Department for inclusion within the Corporate Plan 2007/08. It had been agreed at the meeting of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007 that the Corporate Plan proposals should be considered by each Scrutiny Forum in parallel with how the budget proposals had been examined. The Assistant Chief Executive informed Members that some objectives and actions may need to be amended to reflect the Corporate Performance Assessment (CPA) recommendations. The objectives and actions contained within the Corporate Plan linked into the departmental plans in a greater level of detail.

The proposed objectives and actions for inclusion within the 2007/08 Corporate Plan were attached by way of appendix. A discussion ensued which included the following issues:

- Objective OD06 referred to an officer code, what did this code include? The Assistant Chief Executive informed Members that the Authority was awaiting national guidance in relation to the implementation of an officer guide. Once this had been received, the officer guide would be incorporated into the Authority's Constitution.
- Members sought clarification on objective OD015 – Review of ICT Strategy to ensure links with other corporate objectives. The Assistant Chief Executive indicated that either ICT drives what was done, or what was done drives ICT, this was something the Authority needed to be clear about and the aim of the Authority and ICT plans supported this.
- Were there any plans to review the ICT contract? The Assistant Chief Executive responded that the current contract was due to end in 2011. However, a mid-term review was being undertaken which would feed into contractual negotiations for beyond 2011. It was added that the performance of the managed service side of the contract was far superior than prior to the contract in relation to quality and responsiveness.
- In relation to NEW CS3, Members asked if the option of home-working was already being taken up by employees? The Assistant Chief Executive informed Members that there was 1 member of staff currently piloting permanent home working with a number of people working from home on an ad-hoc basis. One of the key issues being to test the technology required to facilitate this. The results of the testing would also be able to link to Members ICT as this used similar technology.
- How was someone assessed for suitability for home working? The

Assistant Chief Executive indicated that working from home was dependent on added value, whilst maintaining the smooth operation of a service. Although there was no criteria developed as such, it was at a Manager's discretion to agree to any home working being undertaken. The Chief Personnel Officer added that home working also had benefits for employees who were on long term sick, similar to having a phased return, however every case would be judged on its merits with the appropriate medical advice.

- How was health and safety monitored for employees working from home for example, ensuring adequate breaks were taken? The Assistant Chief Executive indicated that would be checks and balances in place to ensure the welfare of all employees whilst working from home.
- How was the equal opportunities policy being monitored? The Chief Personnel Officer responded that although there were no targets set to recruit particular areas of the community, this was monitored through the recruitment process. The aim of the Authority was to reflect the population of Hartlepool although no timescale was set for this.

### **Decision**

That the objectives and actions proposed by the Chief Executive's Department for inclusion in the Corporate Plan 2007/08 were supported.

## **209. Consideration of financial monitoring/corporate reports – Your Business at Risk – Audit Commission Survey (Assistant Chief Executive)**

The Assistant Chief Executive presented a report which provided the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee with background to the Council's information security work and the results of the Audit Commission's survey on information security. Attached by way of appendix was the Audit Commission report on Your Business and Risk Survey.

The main conclusions of the report were:

- That overall "there appeared to be a high level of understanding by IT users of IT risks and information security"
- That Council staff scored highly and better than the national average in most areas of the survey.
- That "systems, policies and procedures were in place to minimise IT risks".

In summary, the findings were that the majority of Council staff were familiar with the issues around information security although awareness of the policies would continue to be raised through user groups, Management Matters, Newslines and the Intranet. It was highlighted that ensuring information was held securely and was available when needed was inherent

in the authority's overall approach to planning and performance management and in the portfolio of the Performance Management Portfolio Holder. To ensure that awareness of information security issues continued at the current level and indeed increases, support for the information security process was sought from the Portfolio Holder.

### **Decision**

- (i) The Audit Commission Report – Your Business at Risk Survey was noted.
- (ii) It was noted that information security was an inherent part of the Performance Management Portfolio.
- (iii) That support was given to the Council's current approach to information security.

## **210. Consideration of financial monitoring/corporate reports – Data Quality – Audit Commission** *(Assistant Chief Executive)*

The Assistant Chief Executive presented a report which provided Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee with the results of the Audit Commission's work on data quality. Attached by way of Appendix was the Audit Commission report on data quality.

In summary, the findings were that management arrangements, with identified roles and responsibilities and systems were in place; operational guidance was in place, updated and communicated; there was some inconsistency in approach between departments; there was no stated data quality policy. There was one recommendation within the Audit Commission's report which will be implemented in a manner consistent with the Authority's overall approach, which was to ensure that the Authority's data was accurate. A report dealing with this matter and actions to address the recommendations of the Audit Commission would be submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Performance Management.

### **Decision**

- (i) That the Audit Commission report be noted.
- (ii) It was noted that a report would be submitted to the Performance Management Portfolio Holder to address the identified recommendation.

## 211. **Consideration of request for scrutiny reviews from Council, Executive Members and Non Executive Members – Scrutiny Topic Referral from the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum – ‘Current Operation of the Door to Door Recycling Collection Scheme’**

The Scrutiny Manager presented a report which informed Members of the Committee of a recent scrutiny topic referral from the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum to the Overview and Scrutiny Function (minute 62 refers). As outlined within the Authority's Constitution, the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee had the discretion to consider the appropriateness of undertaking a scrutiny investigation following a referral from the Authority's regulatory panels and other committees. The referral suggested the following remit/areas for consideration:

- (a) to look at the way in which contractors carry out the work of recycling; and
- (b) to review the procedure specification on door to door collection of recycled material in light of the perception of dissatisfaction from Ward Councillors and Members of the public

Members were informed that the Authority's Recycling Contract was currently out to tender, working on the basis of procuring a new contract from June 2007.

A discussions ensued and included the following issues:

- Members representing wards across the town were repeatedly contacted with complaints about the door to door recycling collection scheme and noted that the issue was not specific to one area of the town.
- There was concern among Members that the timescales would not allow a full enquiry to be undertaken prior to the new contract being agreed in June and they felt their input prior to the issue of this contract was imperative.
- It was suggested that an urgent meeting be held to discuss the issues raised and include the following people:  
The Chairs of the 3 Neighbourhood Consultative Forums  
The Chair and resident representatives of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum  
Portfolio Holders for Regeneration, Liveability and Housing and Culture Leisure and Transportation  
The Head of Environmental Management

## Decision

- (i) The Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee accept the referral and it be considered for inclusion in next year's work programme for the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum depending on the outcome of the urgent meeting detailed below .
- (ii) That an urgent meeting be arranged to discuss the issues of concern raised above to include the following people:  
 The Chairs from the 3 Neighbourhood Consultative Forums  
 The Chair and Resident Representatives from the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum  
 The Portfolio Holders for Regeneration, Liveability and Housing and Culture, Leisure and Transportation.  
 The Head of Environmental Management

### **212. Consideration of request for scrutiny reviews from Council, Executive Members and Non Executive Members – Scrutiny Topic Referral from the General Purposes Committee: 'Local Government Pension Scheme – Discretionary Payments'**

The Scrutiny Manager presented a report which informed Members of the Committee of the recent scrutiny topic referral from the General Purposes Committee to the Overview and Scrutiny Function. As outlined within the Authority's Constitution, the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee had the discretion to consider the appropriateness of undertaking a scrutiny investigation following a referral from the Authority's regulatory panels and other committees.

At the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007, a decision was sought regarding the options available to the Authority following a recent review of the current discretionary payments for the Local Government Pension Scheme as a result of the new Age Discrimination Regulations. At this meeting, discussion ensued on the three options available to the Authority with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007, these options were summarised within the report. Members gave the matter serious consideration during their debate and considered that, while acknowledging that the Authority needed a scheme in place for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007, the matter did need wider debate amongst Members. A decision was made at that meeting and with Option 2 being approved to be implemented as the Council's policy principles in respect of LGPS discretionary payments. The Committee also requested further consideration of this policy be referred to Scrutiny with a request that Scrutiny progress this matter as a priority investigation in the 2007/08 work programme.

Members felt that as the General Purposes Committee was quorate at the time of making the decision, then this should remain the decision. There

was concern amongst Members that the Overview and Scrutiny Function may become an avenue to where all difficult decisions were referred and therefore impacting on the agreed work programme.

### **Decision**

That the referral from the General Purposes Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007 was not accepted on the basis of a decision had already been made and that there would be no further value added by involving the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee in wider-discussions in relation to the agreed Option..

## **213. Forward Plan**

The Executive's Forward Plan for March 2007 – June 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. Although Members felt that there had been a slight improvement in the content of the Forward Plan, they still had concerns at the level of information it contained.

### **Decision**

There were no issues identified for detailed discussions in the Forward Plan covering the period March 2007 to June 2007.

## **214. Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee – Progress Report** *(Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee)*

The Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee 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. The areas covered were:

- Scrutiny Members Development Programme 2006/07
- Informal Meetings of the Scrutiny Chairs
- Final Reports Recently Considered/Awaiting Consideration
- Joint Cabinet/Scrutiny Event held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007
- Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee Single Status Working Group

### **Decision**

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



## **215. Progress of Single Status Member Working Group (Sub Group of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee)**

*(Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee)*

The Scrutiny Manager presented a report on behalf of the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee which informed Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee of the progress made to date by the Single Status Member Working Group, a sub group of this Committee. It was indicated that this Group was meeting on a frequent basis and the whole process was gathering momentum. Members were informed that a decision in relation to the possible buy-out of bonus payments would be made next week by either Cabinet or an urgent Council meeting dependent upon whether the decision was inside the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Members were reminded that there had been two Members' Seminars arranged with one having taken place earlier that day. The next Members' Seminar was to be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007 at 5.30 in the Municipal Buildings Church Square and Members were encouraged to attend. These seminars were to inform Members of the progress in light of the key decisions facing the Authority over the coming months.

The next meeting of the Single Status Working Group had been arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007 but this has now been cancelled and the next meeting to take place would be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007.

### **Decision**

- (i) The report on the progress of the Single Status Member Working Group was noted.
- (ii) Members were encouraged to attend the Single Status Members' Seminar to be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007 at 5.30pm in the Municipal Buildings, Church Square.

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

In the absence of the Chair of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum, the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee presented a report that updated Members of the progress made to date by the Forum. The areas covered were:

- Budget and Policy Framework Consultation Proposals for 2007/08
- Sex and Relationship Education
- Corporate Plan
- Six Monthly Progress Report – The Children and Young People's Plan

### Decision

That the progress made to date by the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum be noted.

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

In the absence of the Chair of the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum, the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee presented a report that updated Members of the progress made to date by the Forum. The areas covered were:

- Scrutiny Investigation into Social Prescribing
- Health Scrutiny Programme – Foundation Trust Seminar
- Budget and Policy Framework Consultation Proposals 2007/08
- Community Care Eligibility
- HPCT's proposed management arrangements
- HPCT Stakeholder engagement on the Procurement of Additional Primary Medical Services
- Corporate Plan

### Decision

That the progress made to date by the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum be noted.

## 218. **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 of the progress made to date by the Forum. The areas covered were:

- Corporate Plan
- Scrutiny Investigation into the Public Convenience Provision in Hartlepool
- Budget and Policy Framework Consultation Proposals 2007/08
- Private Sector Landlords

The Chair indicated that the final report from the private sector landlord enquiry would be submitted to this Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2007 for endorsement prior to Cabinet's consideration thereafter. He added that it had been a very worthwhile enquiry and a lot of hard work had been undertaken. However, the level of press coverage had been disappointing in comparison with their former enquiry into Public Conveniences. The Scrutiny Manager added that she would ensure a further press release

would be compiled and distributed in advance of the next meeting of the Scrutiny Forum.

In relation to the provision of public conveniences within the town, the Chair informed Members that all the recommendations had been accepted by Cabinet and were being implemented.

### **Decision**

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

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

In the absence of the Chair of the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum, the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee presented a report that updated Members of the progress made to date by the Forum. The areas covered were:

- Railway approaches
- Youth unemployment
- Finalised Budget Proposals Consultation
- Corporate Plan
- Role of Council representatives in decision making on the Local Strategic Partnership
- Youth Justice Plan

### **Decision**

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

## **220. Current Status of the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2006/07** *(Scrutiny Manager)*

The Scrutiny Manager presented a report which informed Members of the current status of the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2006/07 as the current municipal year drew to a close. The Scrutiny Forums had a very busy and challenging work programme and have completed the majority of investigations as agreed. It was noted that whilst the current capacity of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and the four standing Scrutiny Forums was extremely tight in light of their current workload commitments, it was likely that the delivery of the four standing Scrutiny Forum's work programmes was achievable. With the exception of Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee which had two scrutiny investigations outstanding as a result of the increase of the number of referrals undertaken by the Committee

throughout the year and these were detailed within the report. It was suggested that these two referrals should be taken forward and considered in the long list of suggestions for inclusion in the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2007/08.

Details of recent referrals made to the Overview and Scrutiny Function by the North and South Neighbourhood Consultative Forums and more so recently from the Extraordinary Meeting of full Council were outlined within the report.

Members had agreed earlier on the agenda to take forward the referral from the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum for consideration for inclusion in the Work Programme for 2007/08 depending on the outcome of the proposed urgent meeting. The remaining two referrals were very closely linked and related to the service mix proposed by the Primary Care Centres, commencing with the Wynyard Road site and the development of primary and community services within Hartlepool. The second referral also included reference to the transportation links to a new hospital site. It was suggested that these two referrals be amalgamated with the provision of primary care services to be examined with the reduction in services provided at Wynyard Road Primary Care Centre a priority. Members felt that there may be a need for a joint investigation with Neighbourhood Services and Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forums in relation to the transport links to a new hospital site.

### **Decision**

That the following referrals be accepted and included within the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2007/08:

- (i) The referral received from the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum in relation to the Door to Door Recycling Scheme depending upon the outcome of the urgent meeting.
- (ii) The referral in relation to the primary and community services provided at Wynyard Road Primary Care Centre and as part of the Acute Services Review be amalgamated into one enquiry with priority being given to the Wynyard Road Primary Care Centre.
- (iii) The referral in relation to the transportation links to a new hospital site be undertaken as a joint investigation between the Neighbourhood Services and Adult and Community Services Scrutiny Forums.

## **221. Call-In Requests**

None.

MARJORIE JAMES

CHAIR

# PLEASE NOTE VENUE AND TIME

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

- 6.1 Corporate Plan 2007/08 – Collective Feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees– *Scrutiny Manager*

## 8. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL MONITORING/CORPORATE REPORTS

- 8.1 Quarter 3 – Corporate Plan Progress and Revenue Financial Management Report 2006/2007 – *Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer*
- 8.2 Quarter 3 – NRF, Capital and Accountable Body Programme Monitoring Report 2006/2007 – *Chief Financial Officer*

## 9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 9.1 Building Schools for the Future: Stage Two Consultation – *Director of Children's Services*
- 9.2 Withdrawal of European Structural Funding to the Voluntary Sector within Hartlepool – Scrutiny Referral - *Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee*

## 10. CALL-IN REQUESTS

## 11. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

**Date of Next Meeting Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at 1.30pm in the Main Hall, Owton Manor Community Centre, Wynyard Road**

**SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**23 March 2007**



**Report of:** Scrutiny Manager

**Subject:** CORPORATE PLAN 2007/08 – COLLECTIVE  
FEEDBACK FROM THE OVERVIEW AND  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

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**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To provide the feedback of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in relation to the Authority's Draft Corporate Plan for 2007/08.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2.1 At a meeting of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee held on 19 January 2007, consideration was given to the proposed key objectives of the Draft Corporate Plan for 2007/08.

2.2 At this meeting it was agreed that the proposed key objectives and actions as outlined in the Draft Corporate Plan for 2007/08 be considered on a departmental basis by the appropriate Scrutiny Forum. With any comments/observations being fed back to this meeting of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to assist in the formulation of this Committee's formal response to the Cabinet on 16 April 2007.

2.3 It should be noted that the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee will also have a further opportunity to consider the working draft of the Corporate Plan 2007/08 on 27 April 2007 and finally on 18 May 2007 during which all performance indicators information will be included. Prior to approval being sought from Full Council on 21 June 2007 and statutory publication on 30 June 2007.

**3. COLLECTIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

3.1 Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and the four standing Scrutiny Forums considered in detail the proposed objectives and actions as

outlined in Draft Corporate Plan 2007/08 between 19 February 2007 to 13 March 2007. However, whilst ensuring statutory Access to Information Rules are met, any feedback from the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee's meeting held on 13 March 2007 will be presented verbally during the consideration of this report.

3.2 Whilst the Overview and Scrutiny Committees raised a number of questions in relation to the specific areas of the Draft Corporate Plan 2007/08, Members supported the proposed Objectives and Actions for inclusion into the 2007/08 Corporate Plan. Although a number of specific comments were made, as outlined below :-

(a) Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum's detailed comments:-

- (i) **HC02** - The Forum queried the take up of healthy school meals and were advised that whilst there had been drop off a strategy has been developed to deal with the issue. The Forum was also advised that officers would like to see legislation with nutritional standards for packed lunches;
- (ii) **SC06** – The Forum queried if work had been undertaken to ascertain what other local authorities are doing. Members were assured that other local authorities had been contacted and that efforts are being made to encourage outside businesses and supermarkets to participate in initiatives to make Hartlepool a Fairtrade Town; and
- (iii) **EO3** – The Forum highlighted the ongoing issue of subsidised bus services and in particular the issue of the provision of transport to hospitals outside Hartlepool. Members were advised that work was being undertaken to look at this issue with Stagecoach and options considered for the provision of a service by the Local Authority.

(b) Children's Services Scrutiny Forum's detailed comments:-

- (i) In relation to the general issue of performance indicators the Forum:-
  - Expressed concern that schools are being 'over faced' and emphasised the importance of children rather than achieving targets;
  - Queried how 'value added' figures are utilised in the setting of targets and was advised that current BVPI's were based around actual figures and only looked at the high level of indicators; and
  - Highlighted that figures are not always clear as the percentages used can related to small numbers. This can provided an inaccurate picture.
- (ii) In relation to children being taken out of school during term time to go on holiday the Forum was advised of work being undertaken with

local travel agents regarding initiative to address the pricing of holidays during school holidays. Members were of the view that this work should be encouraged.

- (ii) **BVPI 38 to 41** - In relation to figures for the percentage of pupils achieving Members expressed concern regarding the setting of unrealistic targets for schools. The Forum was assured that targets are set following validation of last year's figures and in conjunction with schools and school governors. It was also highlighted that the Corporate Strategy has a role in challenging targets that are felt to be unrealistic.
- (iv) **BVPI 197** - Disappointment was expressed that despite all of the work undertaken in Hartlepool in relation to the issue of teenage pregnancies the figures were still on the increase.
- (v) **LAA LLS6a to LAA LLS10c** – The Forum expressed concern that targets for the NRS area in Hartlepool are unrealistic as they relate to the most deprived areas of the town. It was, however, highlighted that this could be a way of highlighting areas where additional resources should be targeted across the town.

#### 4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee:-

- (a) considers the feedback of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in relation to the Draft Corporate Plan for 2007/08 as outlined in Section 3 of this report; and
- (b) determines whether such feedback should form the basis of the formal response of this Committee to the meeting of the Cabinet on 16 April 2007.

March 2007

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

- (i) Minutes of Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum held on 19 February 2007;
- (ii) Minutes of the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum held on 23 February 2007;
- (iii) Minutes of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum held on 26 February 2007;
- (iv) Minutes of the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum held on 6 March 2007; and
- (v) Minutes of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee held on 13 March 2007.

# SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2007



**Report of:** Assistant Chief Executive and  
Chief Financial Officer

**Subject:** QUARTER 3 – CORPORATE PLAN  
PROGRESS & REVENUE FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT REPORT 2006/2007

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## 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 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2007 and this report is attached at Appendix A. This report sets out the key issues 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

19<sup>th</sup> February, 2007



**Report of:** Corporate Management Team

**Subject:** QUARTER 3 – CORPORATE PLAN AND REVENUE  
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT 2006/2007

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## 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:

- 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;
- Outturn Presentation in 2006/2007 Statement of Accounts.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2007.

### 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 revised milestone dates of identified actions.

**Report of:** Corporate Management Team

**Subject:** QUARTER 3 – CORPORATE PLAN AND  
REVENUE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT  
REPORT 2006/2007

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## 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Previous monitoring reports submitted to Cabinet included an overall summary report providing an overall picture of performance and progress against the 2006/2007 budget. 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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2.3 This report will be submitted to Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2007. This will ensure that Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee is able to review the report at the earliest opportunity.

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

3.1 The Council identified 188 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 93% of the actions and 87% of the KPIs (when annually reported actions and PIs have been removed) judged to be either on or above targets. Tables 1 and 2 below summarise officers' views on progress as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, for each Portfolio Holder's responsibilities.

Table 1 – Progress on Actions within the Corporate Plan

Portfolio	Actions by Traffic Lights								
	Red		Amber		Green		Completed		Annual
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
Regeneration, Liveability and Housing	2	4	36	63	11	19	8	14	0
Culture, Leisure and Transportation	1	8	9	75	1	8	1	8	1
Children's Services	1	7	12	86	1	7	0	0	3
Adult Services and Public Health	1	5	18	82	2	9	1	5	2
Finance	0	0	11	69	1	6	4	25	0
Performance Management	9	15	25	42	1	2	25	42	1

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

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 **achieved** by milestone date.

Table 2 – Progress on Key Performance Indicators

Portfolio	KPI's by Traffic Lights						Annual No.
	Red		Amber		Green		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Regeneration, Liveability and Housing	10	11	63	67	22	22	40
Culture, Leisure and Transportation	1	7	10	71	3	21	5
Children's Services	12	29	13	32	16	39	6
Adult Services and Public Health	2	7	25	89	1	4	2
Finance	0	0	2	66	1	33	0
Performance Management	0	0	2	50	2	50	0

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

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** by milestone date.

3.3 Key areas of progress included: -

- The Council continues to reduce the amount of derelict and underused land and buildings with examples such as Briarfields Brief which was used in marketing the site and the Trincomalee Wharf Brief used for marketing and selecting preferred bidder in December, 2006.
- The Hartlepool Statement of Community Involvement was adopted in October, 2006.



- The Local Transport Plan has been adopted within the milestone date.
- There is an increase in the percentage of 16 year olds achieving A\* to G and A\* to C in English and maths which is faster than the national rates.
- As strategy has been developed, publicised and implemented to increase the social inclusion for people with mental health issues.
- Risk Management has now become part of the day to day working of the council and departments are continuing to look at ways of reducing risks on a regular basis.
- All of the BVPI satisfaction survey has now been planned with the general, libraries and planning survey being completed. The second phase of the benefits survey is due to begin in January, 2007.

#### **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 Details of the issues to be addressed in developing the 2006/2007 outturn strategy were reported to your last meeting as part of the final 2007/2008 Budget and Policy Framework Report. In summary members were advised that there will be a corporate underspend of £1.78m. Part of these resources have been earmarked to support 2009/2010 budget and the remaining resources are needed to meet a number of unavoidable commitments. These issues are summarised below:

**8.1 APPENDIX A**

	<b>Available Resources/ (Expenditure Commitments) <u>£'000</u></b>
Centralised Estimates	1,000
Strategic Contingency and Other Corporate Budgets	500
Employers Pension Contributions Holding Account	280
	<u>1,780</u>
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Earmarked to support 2009/10 Revenue Strategy	(1,000)
Phase 2 Equal Pay Settlements	(500)
<u>2007/2008 Budget Issues</u>	
Reduction in 2006/2007 Collection Fund Surplus	(96)
CRB checks	(70)
Single Status Implementation Costs	(150)
	<u>36</u>
	<u>-----</u>

- 4.6 The above commitments exceed the forecast corporate underspend identified by £36,000 and this shortfall has been addressed within the 2007/2008 Budget and Policy Framework proposals.
- 4.7 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 (Net)	(154)
Children's Services (excluding Schools)	(375)
Neighbourhood Services	345
Regeneration & Planning	(220)
Chief Execs	(124)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(528)</b>

- 4.8 In overall terms the forecast outturn for Departmental expenditure is broadly in line with the previously reported forecasts. However, at a detailed level the overspend on Neighbourhood Services is £60,000 higher than previously reported and this is offset by increased underspends in other areas.
- 4.9 As previously reported the Neighbourhood Services overspend is owing to a variety of factors, including one-off items and a number of ongoing issues which 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.
- 4.10 The Director of Neighbourhood Service is examining ways to reduce the forecast overspend. However, for planning purposes it would be prudent to anticipate having to fund the gross shortfall as it is unlikely that savings can be achieved in the final quarter.
- 4.11 At this stage it is anticipated that the Neighbourhood Services overspend will need to be funded from Departmental underspends. As previously reported 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 on a pro-rata basis. Therefore Departmental proposals will need to be scaled back and departments will wish to make the following net contributions to reserves:

**Summary of Net Proposed Contributions to Reserves**

Department	£'000
Adult & Community Services	0
Children's Services	276
Regeneration and Planning	161
Chief Executives	91
<b>Total</b>	<b>528</b>

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

- Children's Services

£130,000 of the underspend is ring-fenced. This relates to the DSG, which will be carried forward and used in 2007/2008 on the 'schools' budget, and a managed underspend on the Carlton Outdoor Centre which will be used to support further capital works at the centre.

The remaining amount will be used to fund an interim Transport Manager in 2007/2008 and to meet the future design and project management costs arising from 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.

4.13 Members also need to approve the reclassification of the Children's Services Implementation Reserve (£100,000), which was established to meet one-off transitional costs. In practice these costs have been met from staff vacancies and other savings in the department's revenue budget. It is therefore proposed to transfer this reserve to supplement the existing Building Schools for the Future Reserve.

4.14 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.

4.15 **Progress Against Departmental and Corporate Budgets and High Risk Budget Areas**

4.16 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.

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

4.18 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.

4.19 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
Home Care Charges	70	44
Consultancy Budget Savings	48	22
Increased Income Borough Hall	30	24
Reduction in Premature Retirement Costs	50	50
Reduction in Residential and Foster Placement costs	450	70
Planned Staff Savings Neighbourhood Services	40	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>262</b>

**4.20 Progress Against Departmental Salary Turnover Targets**

4.21 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 31.12.06 £'000	Actual to 31.12.06 £'000	Variance (Adverse)/ Favourable at 31.12.06 £'000
Chief Executives	151	113	135	22

Children's Services	157	118	131	13
Adult & Community Services	358	269	269	0.0
Neighbourhood Services	119	60	62	2.0
Regeneration & Planning	61	45	28	(17)
<b>Total</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>20</b>

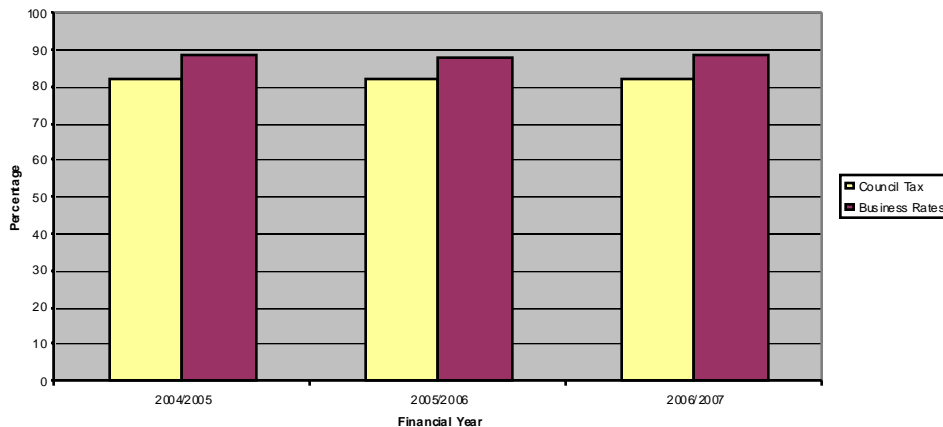
**4.22 Key Balance Sheet Information**

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

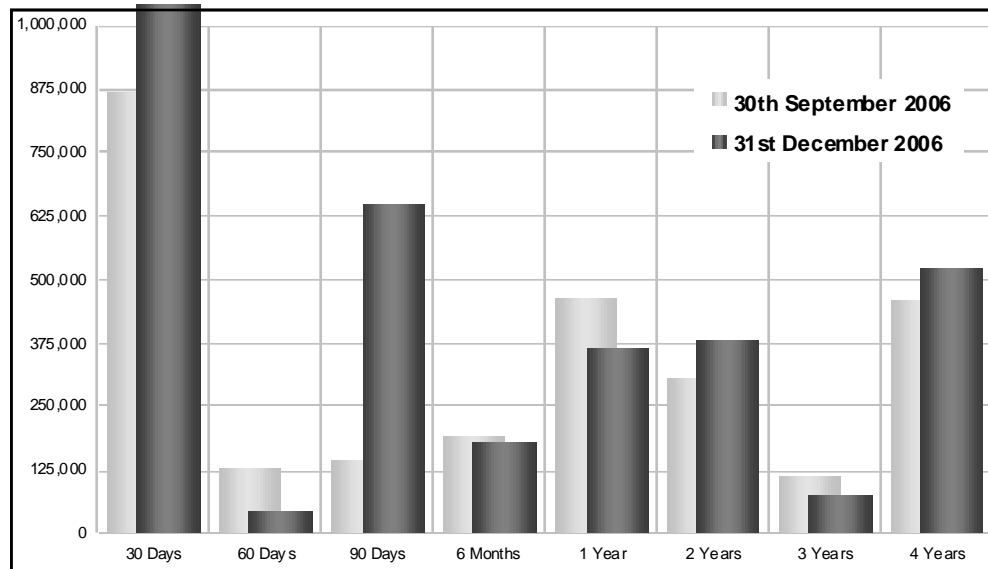
The Council's key debtors arise from the non payment of Council Tax, Business Rates and Sundry Debtors. These areas are therefore subject to detailed monitoring throughout the year. The position on Council Tax and Business rates are summarised below :-

Percentage of Debt Collected at 31st December



The Council Tax collection rate is down slightly by 0.09% and the NNDR collection rate is up by 1.03% 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 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, the Council issued approximately 11,000 invoices with a value of £12.362m. As at the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, the Council had collected £9.088m, leaving £3.274m outstanding, which consist of: -

- Current Debt - £1.935m

With regard to current outstanding debt, this totals £1.935m at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, inclusive of approximately £1.062m of debt less than thirty days old.

- Previous Years Debt - £1.339m

These debts relate to the more difficult cases where court action or other recovery procedures are being implemented. At the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, debts older than one year totalled £1.339m.

- 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 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2006, the Council's external debt was held as long term loans. As detailed in the 2007/2008 in the Budget and Policy Framework report action has been taken over the past few months to manage the Authority's Loans Portfolio. This action has secured a significant one-off benefit and a permanent reduction in the interest payable on the Authority's debt.

## 5. REGENERATION, LIVEABILITY AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO

### 5.1 Performance Update for the Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 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, 36 actions being on target for completion by the agreed milestone, 19 having achieved target and completed the action.

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 offer of appropriate support and marketing	30/09/2006	Developed marketing activity with Rivergreen & TVR brochure to be produced by Mar 07. Marketing delays due to delays on start of project as a result of unexpected utility diversions. This was beyond the control of the Council.
SC013 – Complete a review of the Community Strategy	31/03/2007	Following detailed review, it is likely that the European Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment will apply to the Community Strategy delaying completion of the review

5.1.3 There are 135 key performance indicators (KPIs) included in the Corporate Plan as measures of success. 40 of these can only be



assessed and reported on an annual basis, but 85 are assessed as being on or achieving target. However, 10 of the Regeneration, Liveability and Housing KPIs are assessed as being below 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 64 – No. of private sector dwellings returned to occupations	70	38	Levels of demolition have not met estimates.
CEPU PI 8c – Provide info to the public on responding to and dealing with emergencies: 2 CEPU newsletters to be produced which will be disseminated within the 4 councils and placed on the CEPU and council websites	2	1	One newsletter will be achieved rather than the target of 2
BVPI 225 – Actions against domestic violence	Yes	5 out of 11	5 out of the 11 requirements have been actioned and it is unlikely that remaining will be achieved by the end of the year.
LAA CS17 – Deliberate Fires (Hartlepool)	853	707	This is April to November data. The problem area is still small rubbish fires but deliberate property fires are reducing.
LAA CS18 – Deliberate Fires (NRS)	550	444	April to November data. Small rubbish fires are responsible for being above target
LAA CS23 – Reduce year on year the number of first time entrants to youth justice system	274	237	This figure is rising nationally due to the police being more stringent on report crimes/incidents.
LAA JE5 – Unemployment rate (Hartlepool)	3.80%	4.6%	Continued increase in unemployment which has affected a number of areas. Encouraging figures on long term and youth unemployment
LAA JE6 – Unemployment rate (NRS)	4.90%	6.2%	Further improvement noted however unlikely to hit national target at end of year due to general national and local unemployment increase over the last few months, encouraging figures for long term and youth unemployment.
LAA H12 – No. of houses cleared in HMR intervention area	200	60	Additional delays due to statutory post CPO processes. Demolitions will

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Target (2005/06)	Outturn	Comment
LAAH13 – Number of new homes constructed in HMR intervention area	50	0	increase sharply following formal transfer of all sites to developers Q1 2007/08 – expect to meet target by Q3 2007/08 Post CPO statutory processes nearing completion; HBC will formally take possession of first 3 sites in Feb and Mar 2007 with transfer to Yuill Homes/George Wimpey shortly after – anticipate meeting target Q3/Q4 2007/08

- 5.1.4 It has been requested that a number of actions within the Regeneration, Liveability and Housing Portfolio are given new milestone dates due to various reason. These new dates must be approved by the relevant Portfolio Holder, see table RLH3 below :

Table RLH3 – actions with proposed new milestone dates

Actions	Original Milestone	Proposed milestone	Comments
JE006 – Help of facilitate and support Hartlepool College of FE bringing forward development proposals	31/10/2006	31/03/2007	LSC have now requested a total rebuild proposal and therefore the original milestone has been superseded. HBC and partners are assisting the College of FE to determine an appropriate location for the new proposal with a suggested milestone of September 2008

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

- A self assessment exercise has been completed with all departments to ensure they understand and deliver their responsibility to prevent and reduce crime and disorder when delivering their services. The self assessment has produced a draft policy however the dissemination of S17 throughout the Council will continue throughout the coming year and updates will be produced.
- There has been continued development of a support system for the incubation and development of new businesses with the BEC enhancement programme completed. It is anticipated 10 new units will be let by March, 2007. UKSE currently at 81.1% with two new tenancies in the pipeline

which should take the rate to 85%. Expecting 90% to be let by the end of the financial year.

- Hartlepool is being promoted widely as a fair trade.
- To help promote a positive image for the town as a tourism, investment and residential location 29K EAT Guides have been distributed sub regionally along with adverts in Living NE in December, 2007. To continue with this a mini guide is due for completion in February, 2007, along with an update of the town map.
- Hartlepool Quays has now been recognised in major strategy documents such as RSS and RES although there will be a need to continuously monitor progress as further iterations of major strategy documents are produced.
- The Council continues to reduce the amount of derelict and underused land and buildings with examples such as Briarfields Brief which was used in marketing the site and the Trincomalee Wharf Brief used for marketing and selecting preferred bidder in December, 2006.
- The Hartlepool Statement of Community Involvement was adopted in October, 2006.
- In October, 2006, the new Local Development Framework Planning System was adopted, two months ahead of schedule
- The success in achieving the majority purchase by agreement and confirmation of the complex CPO's under new legislation is a significant and positive success in relation to the Housing Market Renewal programme although this highly complex process is slightly behind the originally established milestone.

**5.2 Financial Management Position Statement for Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006**

5.2.1 Details of Regeneration, Liveability and Housing's actual expenditure and expected expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, are shown at **Appendix D**.

5.2.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £8,405,800 compared to expected expenditure of £8,755,700, resulting in a current £349,900 favourable variance. The projected outturn is £10,692,900, compared to the latest budget of £10,779,000, resulting in a forecast favourable variance of £86,100.

- 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** (Note 1).
- 5.2.4 The main items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention are:-

**Line 1: Administration**

**Current Variance: £64,300 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £80,000 Favourable**

The current favourable variance has arisen because a reserve earmarked to pay for the contract to convert historic paper based records into electronic images will now not be used in this current financial year. Progress on this project has been slower than originally anticipated owing to a full tendering exercise being necessary. Although tenders for this project have now been received and a preferred supplier selected, the actual expenditure will not be incurred until 2007/2008 and therefore this reserve will need to be rephased into the next financial year.

**Line 3: Community Safety**

**Current Variance: £77,300 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £20,000 Favourable**

The current favourable variance arises mainly as a result of lower expenditure on projects funded by the LPSA2 grant which has already been received into the accounts. Time has been needed to establish these new projects and slippage of some £50,000 of this grant into 2007/2008 will occur. The favourable variance projected at outturn is, however, expected to be reduced by around £30,000 as a result of expenditure required on maintenance and repairs of strategic CCTV cameras, most of them being in and around the town centre. In addition, essential costs will be incurred by year end on equipment at the Control Centre to maintain operational and monitoring quality of camera images.

**Line 9: Landscape Planning and Conservation**

**Current Variance: £6,900 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £20,000 Favourable**

The favourable variance forecast for outturn arises on the Conservation Grants Scheme. The scheme is new in 2006/2007 and certain criteria have to be met to be eligible for the grant, the first applications have only recently been approved for payment. It is expected that a balance of around £20,000 will remain unspent at outturn. It is intended to carry forward this resource and add it to next years available grant allocation.

**Line 10: Planning Policy and Regeneration (HIGH RISK)**

**Current Variance: £176,500 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £200,000 Favourable**

The following factors contribute to the favourable variance on this heading.

A favourable variance of £105,800 currently exists on the Victoria Harbour budget within this heading. The pace of progress on this complex project dictates that an estimate of around £100,000 of the budget will not be required this year but this should be set aside for future years as the scheme develops further.

A favourable variance of £90,500 currently exists on the Planning Delivery Grant heading. Although the Regeneration Liveability and Housing Portfolio Holder will shortly determine the use of this remaining grant, some expenditure commitments will not arise until 2007/2008 and therefore a favourable variance in the region of £60,000 is likely in the current year.

A favourable variance at outturn is also forecast on the Local Development Framework in relation to planning policy activity. It is difficult to assess when several of the LDF studies currently in progress will be concluded and paid for but it is now likely that several will not be finalised until 2007/2008. At this stage a favourable variance of £40,000 is forecast.

**Line 12: Youth Offending Service**

**Current Variance: £163,200 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £70,000 Favourable**

The current favourable variance has arisen mainly as a result of grant income being received in advance of some elements of expenditure. The existing variance is expected to reduce significantly by outturn but it is still likely that some unspent budget will occur on the new LPSA2 and Youth Justice Board funded projects. This is mainly as a result of the time needed to establish these new projects particularly in respect of the recruitment of suitable staff.

**Line 14: Environment**

**Current Variance: £22,300 Adverse**

**Forecast Variance: £55,000 Adverse**

This account has been adversely affected in the following areas:

- The Street cleansing service provided at Navigation Point contributes £30,000 towards this overspend. This service has been reviewed by the Director of Neighbourhood Services and

a pressure of £30,000 has been included in the 2007/2008 budget proposals.

- The joint venture with NDC requires match funding from Hartlepool Borough Council to improve the cleanliness of the NDC area. In the main the joint funding arrangement requires payment in kind and typically consists of officers time. However, the provision of vehicles is met by funding from the Street Cleansing budget. Actions are being taken to absorb this expenditure within the overall environment budget.

**Line 15: Environmental Action**  
**Current Variance: £4,600 Adverse**  
**Forecast Variance: £40,000 Adverse**

Reduced funding from NRF and NDC warden schemes 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: £36,400 Adverse**  
**Forecast Variance: £40,000 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. This realignment has been achieved for the 2007/2008 budgets but unfortunately this overspend is likely to remain at the year end. Attempts will be made to offset this with under spends in other areas.

## **6. CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO**

### **6.1 Performance Update for the Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006**

- 6.1.1 Within the Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio there are a total of 13 actions that were identified in the 2006/2007 Corporate Plan. Generally performance towards these actions is very good, with all but one of the actions being on target for completion by the agreed milestone or have already been completed. The action that is below target can be seen in table CLT1 below:

*TableCLT1 – Actions assessed as being below target*

Actions	Milestone	Comment
EH013 – Improve access by public transport to key facilities through the core routes and interchange strategy, complemented by improvements to other services	31/01/2007	There are delays in starting interchange as a result of legal delays with rail operators

- 6.1.2 A total of 19 key performance indicators (KPIs) were included in the corporate plan as measures of success. 5 of these can only be assessed and reported on an annual basis, but of those indicators that progress can be monitored, 13 KPIs of the Culture, Leisure and Transportation KPIs are assessed as being on or above target and only one KPI has been assessed as being below target.

*TableCLT2 – KPIs assessed as being below target*

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Target (2005/06)	Outturn	Comment
LAA CL5 – Increase annual leisure centre attendances (Neighbourhood renewal narrowing the gap)	55%	47%	Despite considerable promotion of activities this has failed to achieve the target, however the survey conducted in May 2006 did not include Brierton nor Headland Sports Hall – but these will be included in future surveys

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

- The Local Transport Plan has been adopted within the milestone date.

## 6.2 Financial Management Position Statement for Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006

- 6.2.1 Details of Culture, Leisure and Transportation's actual expenditure and expected expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, are shown at **Appendix E**

- 6.2.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £8,995,600, compared to anticipated expenditure of £9,024,500, resulting in a current favourable variance of £28,900. The projected outturn is £12,615,300, compared to the latest budget of £12,363,900, resulting in a forecast adverse variance of £251,400.

- 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** (Note 1).
- 6.2.4 The main items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention are:-

**Line 3: Arts, Events & Museum s**  
**Current Variance: £35,300 Adverse**  
**Forecast Variance: Nil**

The main adverse variance arises from the admissions income being lower than anticipated at the Historic Quay (£45,000), Headland Sports Hall (£26,000) and the Town Hall Theatre (£24,000).

The 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 (£51,000) and the Borough Hall (£30,000) 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 at the year-end.

**Line 4: Community Support**  
**Current Variance: £41,000 Favourable**  
**Forecast Variance: £5,000 Favourable**

Grant payments to voluntary groups from the Community Grant Pool are £109,000 less than previously anticipated for this time of the year. It has recently been agreed by the Grant's Committee that any favourable variance will be carried forward to 2007/2008 and this has been reflected in the current forecast variance.

This, together with increased income levels in Community Centres, has resulted in the current favourable variance reported.

Expenditure on necessary maintenance works at Community Centres will result in a £5,000 favourable variance at the end of this financial year.



**Line 5: Countryside**

**Current Variance: £35,100 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: Nil**

The current favourable variance is owing to staff vacancies. 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: £8,300 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £9,000 Favourable**

A favourable forecast position relates to an underspend on employee salaries and overtime costs (£9,000).

It is proposed to set up a new reserve with the favourable variance at the end of this financial year to contribute towards the purchase of a new beach safety vehicle in 2007/2008.

**Line 7: Libraries**

**Current Variance: £40,200 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.

In accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules a transfer of resources from revenue to capital of £40,000 has been proposed by the Director of Adult and Community Services and agreed by the Chief Financial Officer. This will contribute towards the cost of a new lighting system at Central Library. It is anticipated that this will result in a balanced budget.

**Line 8: Maintenance**

**Current Variance: £32,200 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. Any adverse variance will be offset by underspends elsewhere in Adult and Community Services.

**Line 11: Sport & Physical Recreation**  
**Current Variance: £42,300 Favourable**  
**Forecast Variance: £25,000 Adverse**

The current favourable variance is attributable to the level of income received at Mill House being higher than anticipated by £21,000.

Necessary maintenance work on the out of service Mill House slide (£20,000), replacement of the Mill House Sports Hall flooring (£4,500) and consultancy charges for the indoor sports facility strategy (£9,000) will reduce this current favourable variance.

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 15: Traffic and Road Safety**  
**Current Variance: £36,400 Adverse**  
**Forecast Variance: £91,900 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.

**Line 16: Transport Services**  
**Current Variance: Nil**  
**Forecast Variance: £120,000 Adverse**

A provision for £120,000 is proposed to cover potential litigation costs. This is a worst case scenario and the final costs will be in the range of £120,000 to £200,000.

## 7. CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO

### 7.1 Performance Update for the Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 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
HC004 – Work with partner agencies, young people, schools and families to reduce under 18 conception rate by 55%	30/04/2007	Teenage action plan for 2006/07 is now being implemented

- 7.1.2 A 47 key performance indicators (KPIs) were included in the corporate plan as measures of success. 6 these can only be assessed and reported on an annual basis, but of those indicators that progress can be monitored, 71% 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 12 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
BVPI 181a – Percentage of pupils achieving Level 5 or above in KS3 results – English	73%	69.3%	No further information until results of 2007 tests are known
BVPI 181c - Percentage of pupils achieving Level 5 or above in KS3 results – Science	76%	69.9%	No further information until results of 2007 tests are known
BVPI 181d - Percentage of pupils achieving Level 5 or above in KS3 results – ICT Assessment	73%	66.4%	No further information until results of 2007 tests are known
BVPI 194b – Proportion of children level 5 or above, KS2 in Maths	37%	34.98%	No further information until results of 2007 tests are known
BVPI 40 – Percentage of pupils achieving Level 4 or above in KS2 Maths tests	86%	79.1%	No further information until results of 2007 tests are known
LAAJE14 – All key stage 4 pupils undertake work related learning and useful work experience	98%	86%	Manor school statistics are not included in the return as the time for work experience has been changed. Schools who have pupils who did not attend work experience have been challenged to explain why young people did not participate
LAAJE7 – Youth unemployment (Hartlepool)	31%	32.9% (Dec 06 – ONS)	A commissioned research project is currently being

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Target (2005/06)	Outturn	Comment
			undertaken to identify new ways of supporting young people in work. A final report will be available by the end of Q4. Progress to reduce youth unemployment has been progressed this quarter.
LAAJE8 – Youth unemployment (Neighbourhood Renewal narrowing the gap)	31.60%	34.6% (Nov 06 ONS/ TVJSU)	The Connect Work project has been approved by GONE and will provide a new and targeted approach to addressing youth unemployment. Some good progress has been made to reduce the number of young people unemployed in this quarter.
LAA LLS1 - Early Year – improve children's communication, social and emotional developments that by 2008, children reach a good level of development at the end of the Foundation Stage	40%	38.6%	Data reported in September 2006 was inaccurate
LAA LLS10c – Key Stage 4 – reduce the gap between young people from the NRS area and Hartlepool to under 5% by 2012 for those achieving 5+ A*-C (inc maths and English)	10%	11.6%	Target not achieved in 2006, gap was 12%. However we do expect to achieve target by 2012
LAA LLS4 - Early Years – reduce the gap between NRS and Hartlepool for participation rates of 3 year olds in good quality, free early years education to 3% by 2007 and 0% by 2012	3%	4%	There are data collection issues with this PI due to population figures being used from the 2001 Census

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

- There is an increase in the percentage of 16 year olds achieving A\* to G and A\* to C in English and maths which is faster than the national rates. For example 5+ A\* to G (including Maths and English) has increased by 1.4% compared to a slight fall in national average. As well as 5+ A\* to C (including English and Maths) has increased by 1.7%

compared to 0.9% nationally. This shows that attainment gaps are narrowing.

**7.2 Financial Management Position Statement for Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 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 Year Budget Monitoring Position**

7.2.7 Details of Children's Services actual expenditure and expected expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, are shown at **Appendix F**. 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** (Note 1).

7.2.8 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £11,239,600, compared to anticipated expenditure of £11,829,600, resulting in

a current favourable variance of £590,000. The projected outturn is £20,463,700, compared to the latest budget of £20,839,000, resulting in a forecast favourable variance of £375,300. 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**

<b>Funding</b>	<b>2006/07 Budget</b>	<b>2006/07 Project Outturn</b>	<b>2006/07 Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Schools – DSG	49,883.5	49,883.5	0.0
Centrally Retained – DSG	4,579.5	4,513.0	(66.5)
	54,463.0	54,396.5	(66.5)
LEA	16,259.5	15,950.7	(308.8)
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,722.5</b>	<b>70,347.2</b>	<b>(375.3)</b>

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

**Line 1: Access to Education**

**Current Variance: £168,300 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £177,800 Favourable**

The current and forecast favourable variances are mainly the result of expenditure within the school transport budgets being lower than anticipated, owing to the achievement of efficiency savings on transport and passenger assistant costs. As a result of this review savings have been put forward in the 2007/2008 Budget Process. In addition, staff vacancies and a reduction in the working hours within the Education Social Work Team are resulting in a favourable variance, which is projected at outturn.

**Line 3: Children, Young People and Families Support**

**Current Variance: £30,100 Adverse**

**Forecast Variance: £70,200 Adverse**

The main reasons for the adverse variances are increased staffing costs at Exmoor Grove owing to night allowance payments and agency supply cover for sickness absence and increased placement costs partly offset by favourable variances owing to staff vacancies.

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.

The above overspends are partly offset by staff vacancy savings on Family Support and Family Resource Teams.

**Line 4: Early Years**

**Current Variance: £33,900 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £37,500 Favourable**

The reason for the current and forecast favourable variance is lower than expected take up of nursery places for 3 and 4 year old children.

**Line 6: Other School Related Expenditure**

**Current Variance: £198,100 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £112,600 Favourable**

There is a current favourable variance on the swimming service as expenditure has been lower than envisaged owing to reduced premises costs. 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. This has led to an additional 2007/2008 budget pressure for the department.

Additional costs have also been committed towards new Premature Retirement Costs in schools and these costs have been reflected in the forecast variance.

In addition, the Transitional Support Fund, Emergency Staffing Cover and part of the Pupil Contingency budgets are not required this financial year with this favourable variance being reflected in the forecast variance. This funding, however, is ring-fenced as it is funded from the DSG and will need to be transferred to reserves at the year end as noted below.

**Line 8: Raising Educational Achievement**

**Current Variance: £183,400 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £151,500 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 capital redevelopment works have incurred greater costs than originally forecast and it has been necessary to replace the boiler at the Centre. The Director of Children's Services has proposed to finance these additional costs via a transfer of resources (£50,000) from revenue to capital and this has been approved by the Chief Financial Officer.

As previously reported it is proposed to transfer the favourable variance on Carlton (currently estimated at £63,000 taking into account the above £50,000 transfer to capital) to the existing Carlton Reserve. This reserve is to fund further capital works as part of the Phase 2 redevelopments.

In addition, there are favourable variances at the Educational Development Centre mainly arising from increased grants and on the reduced requirement for match funding elements of various Standards Fund grants.

**Line 9: Special Educational Needs**  
**Current Variance: £146,600 Adverse**  
**Forecast Variance: £10,600 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, resulting in an overall projected adverse variance of £140,600 before contributions from reserves.

The A2L Reserve could be used to partly offset the adverse variance on the A2L budget. Alternatively, as this service falls within the DSG any deficit could be offset from savings elsewhere within the DSG or carried forward to be met from 2007/2008 DSG. As there are offsetting savings within DSG services this year it is assumed that the A2L overspend will be met from this source and not carried forward.

**Line 10: Strategic Management**  
**Current Variance: £105,500 Favourable**  
**Forecast Variance: £242,500 Favourable**

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

The vacant Pupil Support Manager post has been put forward for deletion as part of the Departments 2007/2008 savings proposals but, primarily due to the need to review existing home to school



transport contracts next year there is a need to employ an interim Transport Manager. This can be funded by carrying forward staff salary savings of £36,500 into 2007/2008 as approved by the Chief Financial Officer.

The provision of £15,300 for Best Value reviews will not be used this year but this is DSG budget item and therefore ringfenced.

**Line 11: Youth Justice**

**Current Variance: £28,900 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £28,000 Favourable**

The favourable variances are mainly the result of staff vacancies.

**7.2.10 DSG Funded**

7.2.11 As summarised in Table 1 above in terms of monitoring expenditure against the Dedicated School's Grant there is an anticipated favourable variance of £66,500 on the 'schools' element of the budget, i.e. a projected underspend against the DSG. This net underspend is made up as follows:

**Table 2 – Forecast Outturn on DSG Items**

Item	Projected Year End Variance
Overspending on A2L Centre	+£140,000
Underspends on staff replacement, pupil numbers and Director's Initiatives	-£67,463
Transitional Support Fund not required	-£100,000
Reduced requirement to match fund Standards Fund grants	-£35,497
Overspend on Extra District & Independent School fees	+£11,843
Best Value Reviews budget not required	-£15,383
<b>Net underspending on DSG items to transfer to reserves</b>	<b>£66,500</b>

7.2.12 As the DSG is a ring-fenced grant any underspend against this grant must be carried forward and used in 2007/2008 on the 'schools' budget.

7.2.13 Officer's will continue to closely monitor the schools budget and progress against the Dedicated Schools Grant will continue to be reported to Members as part of the budget monitoring process.

**7.2.14 LEA Funded**

7.2.15 The LA funded element of the Children's Services Department's projected year-end underspend is £308,800 and as noted above, it is proposed to make Transfers to Reserves totalling £99,500 from this forecast favourable variance:

- An increase to the Carlton Reserve of £63,000 (see Line 8);
- The creation of a Transport Reserve (£36,500) to finance an (interim) Transport Manager in 2007/2008 (see Line 10).

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

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

	DSG Funding £000	LA Funding £000	Total Funding £000
Projected Forecast Underspend	(66.5)	(308.8)	(375.3)
Proposed Transfers to Reserves	66.5	99.5	166.0
<b>Net Underspend after Transfers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>209.3</b>	<b>209.3</b>

#### 7.2.17 Review of Reserves

As part of the Quarter 3 budget monitoring process the department has also reviewed the use of its earmarked reserves and in addition to the items mentioned above a number of rephasings are required to match the latest spending plans. In addition, there are proposals to rationalise some of the reserves.

**Information Sharing & Assessment** – Initial spending plans on the ISA project required funding from reserves of £62,000 in the current financial year. Expenditure in 2006/2007 is now estimated at £20,000 owing to a rephasing of expenditure into future years. The budget and profile will therefore be adjusted accordingly by £42,000.

**A2L** – As noted above the current year overspend can be offset by other savings within the Department's DSG funded services. It is envisaged that this reserve of £81,000 will be required in 2007/2008 to fund reconfiguration costs of the A2L service.

**Playing for Success** – The £25,000 reserve will be rephased into later years to cover future costs of this initiative resulting from a tapering out of Government grants.

**Children's Services Department Implementation** – No expenditure is anticipated this financial year as interim staffing costs have all been met from staff vacancies and other savings in the department's revenue budget. Assistant Director's are now in post and it is proposed to transfer this reserve to supplement the existing Building Schools for the Future Reserve. The total amount in the reserve is £100,000 of which £50,000 was expected to be required this year.

**Broadband Implementation** – Latest indications are that no expenditure is envisaged this year and use of the £90,000 reserve will therefore need to be re-profiled into 2007/2008 accordingly.

**Special Needs** – This £49,000 reserve was created to meet potential additional costs of high cost placements in independent schools or other LA special schools. This funding has not been required in the current year and it is proposed to transfer the balance to the existing Corporate Social Services Reserve which will essentially be used for all “High Cost Children” whose care cannot be funded from the annual departmental revenue budget.

7.2.18 The net effect of the above proposals are that the use of reserves in 2006/2007 is now estimated to be £338,000 lower than originally envisaged as summarised at **Appendix F** (Note 1).

## 8. ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE PORTFOLIO

### 8.1 Performance Update for the Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006

8.1.1 Within the Adult and Public Health Service Portfolio there are a total of 24 actions that were identified in the 2006/2007 Corporate Plan. Two have been identified as actions that will be reported annually and one has been identified as below target (See Table APH1 below) and one has been completed. The remaining 20 actions are currently assessed as on or above target for completion by the agreed milestone.

*Table APH1 – Actions assessed as being below target*

Actions	Milestone	Comment
EH024 – To provide accommodation and services for vulnerable people (including the homeless, disabled, elderly and mentally ill) and to increase the opportunities for residents to live independently in the community	31/03/2007	There are doubts over whether planning consent will be given for this urgently needed project – this could cause significant future funding issues and a loss of reputation. Work is ongoing to retrieve this situation. Progress is good on JRF village.

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 or already been completed, two being reported annually and the remaining two not expecting to achieve target (see table APH2).

Table APH2 – KPIs assessed as being below target

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	Target (2005/06)	Outturn	Comment
LAA HC2 – 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
LAA HC6 – Gap in NRA and Hartlepool Females	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: -

- To enable people with disabilities to have as much choice, independence and control as possible over their own lives. A bank of PCP providers has been set up and a commissioning process and unit cost for PCP established. The number of people with PCP has increased by 15.
- As strategy has been developed, publicised and implemented to increase the social inclusion for people with mental health issues.

## 8.2 Financial Management Position Statement for Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006

8.2.1 Details of Adult & Public Health Services actual expenditure and expected expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, are shown at **Appendix G**.

8.2.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £14,304,100, compared to anticipated expenditure of £14,331,400, resulting in a current favourable variance of £27,300. The projected outturn is £21,535,300, compared to the latest budget of £21,800,600, resulting in a forecast favourable variance of £265,300.

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** (Note 1).

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

### Line 1: Adult Education

**Current Variance: Nil**

**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: £79,600 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £125,000 Favourable**

The reconfiguration of the service and the development of alternative services to assist people to live at home have contributed to this favourable variance. It will be offset by expenditure in those alternative services e.g. support to people with sensory loss and associated disabilities who are awaiting assessments for specialist aids and adaptations.

**Line 4: Learning Disability**

**Current Variance: £68,000 Adverse**

**Forecast Variance: £100,000 Adverse**

This current adverse variance results from increased costs relating to direct payments and residential placement costs, creating a £48,000 adverse variance.

However, residents' care income is higher than anticipated by £51,000 and a recovery of overpayments totals £24,000.

There is an adverse variance on employee costs of £30,000 mainly owing to the employment of an agency worker and transport costs are £54,000 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: £227,800 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £450,000 Favourable**

The current favourable variance results from additional income received from house sales and an increasing trend in income from service users who pay for the full amount of their care, (£250,000 to date rising to an anticipated £300,000 at year end). There is also a managed underspend created from a reduction in placements to residential care, to reinvest in community based services this year and next. The department has committed and funded those community based services which has reduced the

managed underspend from £400,000 last quarter to £150,000. This follows the departmental strategy to provide more community based services in line with Government initiatives.

The forecast managed underspend of £400,000 in Quarter 2 has reduced to £150,000 as there has been a significant increase in the number of short term intermediate care beds commissioned that have been used to support early discharge from hospital and to avoid inappropriate hospital admission (£70,000). This increase is partly owing to the reconfiguration of hospital services, which has impacted on increasing the early discharge of patients and partly the increase in intermediate care which is expected as part of the winter pressures within the older peoples' population. There also has been significant expenditure in the last quarter to fund additional care and support needs by the use of Direct Payments (£130,000), resulting in reducing the forecast managed underspend.

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 forecast figures.

Additional net income received of £154,000 may be transferred to support the overall budget position. The balance of the variance (£287,000) would offset forecast adverse variances elsewhere in Adult & Community Services.

**Line 7: Physical Disabilities**  
**Current Variance: £67,100 Adverse**  
**Forecast Variance: £85,000 Adverse**

The current adverse variance relates to expenditure on Direct Payments, personal care packages and high transport costs. The pressures are expected to continue which is reflected in the adverse forecast outturn.

**Line 8: Sensory Loss**  
**Current Variance: £38,800 Adverse**  
**Forecast Variance: £40,000 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 10: Support Services**

**Current Variance: £219,400 Adverse**

**Forecast Variance: £220,000 Adverse**

The current adverse variance is the result of the costs of £54,000 for recruitment and advertising for two Assistant Director posts, and one-off cost totalling £14,000, resulting from a long term sickness absence, £55,000 on IT equipment and £40,000 on other non-staff expenses and £14,000 on premises costs at Briarfields.

It is not expected that the variance will increase.

**Line 12: Consumer Services**

**Current Variance: £98,500 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £70,000 Favourable**

The favourable variance is owing to higher than expected license fee which income covers several years. Some of this income will be treated as income in advance to fund expenditure in future years. Further detailed work is required to determine how much of this income should be carried forward to future years. The projected outturn position reflects the current best estimate of income relating to the current financial year.

**9. FINANCE PORTFOLIO**

**9.1 Performance Update for the Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006**

9.1.1 Within the Finance Portfolios there are a total of 16 actions that were identified in the 2006/2007 Corporate Plan. Overall performance very good with all actions either being completed or on target to be completed.

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: -

- Risk Management has now become part of the day to day working of the council and departments are continuing to look at ways of reducing risks on a regular basis.

**9.2 Financial Management Position Statement for Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006**

9.2.1 Details of Finance's actual expenditure and anticipated expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, are shown at **Appendix H**.

9.2.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £4,241,200, compared to anticipated expenditure of £4,093,000, resulting in a current favourable variance of £148,200. The projected outturn is £318,700, compared to the latest budget of £541,300, resulting in a forecast favourable variance of £222,600.

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** (Note 1).

9.2.4 The favourable variances shown at Appendix H arise 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 2006/2007. As previously reported the remaining 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.

9.2.5 The main item to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention is: -

**Line 9: Miscellaneous**

**Current Variance: £16,100 Adverse**

**Forecast Variance: £52,600 Favourable**

The forecast favourable variance arises from the achievement of better than expected benefits subsidy income.

**10. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO**

**10.1 Performance Update for the Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006**

10.1.1 Within the Performance Management Portfolio there are a total of 61 actions that were identified in the 2006/2007 Corporate Plan eight of which have been completed. Overall performance is good, with 86% (51) of the actions having been assessed as being on or above target for completion by the agreed milestone. A total of 9 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
OD090 – Review of ICT Strategy	30/11/2006	Delayed due to EDRMS project consideration as it is likely that this may impact on the ICT strategy review
OD091 – Implement phased programme to modernise infrastructure	31/03/2007	The costs of this are considered at this stage to be prohibitive. Alternatives are currently being considered.
SC017 – Develop and agree corporate Access Strategy and access to buildings, services and information policies/statements	31/12/2006	Initial draft developed and due to be considered by Diversity Steering Group in Jan 2007
OD053 – Manage Employee Survey	30/04/2006 and ongoing	Likely to be delayed due to Pay and Grading and Single Status Work
OD069 – Complete job evaluation	31/12/2006	Small number of jobs not evaluated due to absences vacancies etc. Need to re-evaluate where jobs have changed since originally evaluated.
OD071 – Implement revised pay and grading structure	31/03/2007	Delays in completing evaluations and moderation process will result in new pay and grading structure being delayed until June 2007 at the earliest.
OD072 – Harmonise terms and conditions	31/10/2006	Harmonising terms and conditions is an integral part of developing a revised pay and grading structure (which will not be achieved until June 2007 at the earliest). Both will be undertaken together.
OD087 – Review on/off contract spend	30/06/2006	Contract requirements put together and shared with Tees Valley Authorities as centre of excellence to promote opportunities for collaboration. Contract reference number
OD088 – E-procurement implementation (via FMS)	31/10/2006	control agreed by CMT E-series of FMS (Phase 2) reprogrammed. Scoping exercise has commenced with Northgate and iB solutions. FMS phase 3 (Job Costing) implemented.

10.1.2 There are four KPI's that are within the Corporate Plan 2 of which have achieved target and 2 which are on track to achieve target by the milestone date.

- 10.1.3 It has been requested that a number of actions within the Performance Management Portfolio are given new milestone dates due to various reason. These new dates must be approved by the relevant Portfolio Holder, see table PH3 below :

*Table PM3 – actions with proposed new milestone dates*

Actions	Original Milestone	Proposed milestone	Comments
OD046 – Review Communications with councillors	30/06/2006	31/03/2007	
OD049 – Review Council's current advertising procedures	31/10/2006	31/03/2007	Needs amending to carry out next stage of review
OD009 – BC plans in place and exercised for all depts and corporate issues such as flu pandemic	30/09/2006	30/06/2007	Strategy has been revised following review of preliminary plan. A revised strategy is now being developed to identify detailed service ranked in priority order.

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

- All of the BVPI satisfaction survey has now been planned with the general, libraries and planning survey being completed. The second phase of the benefits survey is due to begin in January, 2007.
- The Way Forward programme with regards to the restructuring of the Authority has been implemented and was completed by the target dates.
- An integrated Capital Strategy and Asset Management Plan has been formulated leading to a significant three year capital programme for 2007/2008.

## 10.2 Financial Management Position Statement for Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006

- 10.2.1 Details of Performance Management's actual expenditure and anticipated expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, are shown at **Appendix I**.

- 10.2.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £8,377,100, compared to anticipated expenditure of £8,125,300 resulting in a current adverse variance of £251,800. The projected outturn is £4,164,800, compared to the latest budget of £3,995,100, resulting in a forecast adverse variance of £169,700.

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** (Note 1).

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

**Line 3: Corporate Strategy of Public Consultation**

**Current Variance: £56,800 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £66,800 Favourable**

As mentioned previously this forecast 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: £39,000 Adverse**

**Forecast Variance: £50,000 Adverse**

As reported previously the current adverse variance is the result of reduced fee income from Land Charges. The forecast adverse variance has now been revised down from the previously reported figure of £65,700 to £50,000.

This area has been highlighted as a corporate pressure for the 2007/2008 budget.

**Line 8: Human Resources**

**Current Variance: £99,200 Adverse**

**Forecast Variance: £96,500 Adverse**

The majority of this adverse variance is owing to the reduction in recharge income following the cancellation of two Service Level Agreements at the beginning of the year. In addition to this there have been additional CRB checking requirements placed upon the Council that have resulted in a pressure on staffing.

These items have been identified as pressures in the 2007/08 budget proposals.

**Line 9: Training & Equality**

**Current Variance: £12,100 Favourable**

**Forecast Variance: £19,000 Favourable**

The current and forecast favourable variances are the result of the National Graduate Trainee gaining permanent employment within the Council during the year. This expenditure is funded by

a ring-fenced reserve and it is proposed to carry forward the remaining reserve into next year to fund the 2007/2008 intake and the recruitment and training costs associated with this.

**Line 12: Property Services and Procurement**

**Current Variance: £92,800 Adverse**

**Forecast Variance: £121,000 Adverse**

Due to continued staffing difficulties this 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 and every attempt is being made to redress the position. The position is being carefully monitored and attempts are being made to directly employ the required expertise. In addition, the fee income generated by the department has been less than expected with an increase in corporate work over and above the existing budget provision.

**Line 14: Building Cleaning**

**Current Variance: £20,900 Adverse**

**Forecast Variance: £26,100 Adverse**

Previously reported financial pressure on this service has been compounded by requirements to provide cleaning services at the Middleton Grange offices. Additional funding is being sought for these areas and without this funding this account will remain overspent at the year end.

**Line 15: Neighbourhood Services Internal Works**

**Current Variance: Nil**

**Forecast Variance: £76,000 Favourable**

The forecast variance reflects the predictions on the outturn position after the proposed release of a £76,000 reserve accumulated from Neighbourhood Services Internal Works surpluses in previous years. This is to assist in partly offsetting adverse variances in other parts of the Neighbourhood Services Department. It must be emphasised, however, that the trading results can be extremely volatile. Any variation in the anticipated level of work received by the Neighbourhood Services Internal Works over the final three months of the year could have a dramatic negative impact on this position.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006.

11.2 Neighbourhood Services Department are currently projecting a £345,100 overspend at the end of the financial year. It is suggested that the following strategy be adapted to address this issue:

- i) In the event that the final corporate underspend exceeds the previously committed figure, then the unallocated resources should be earmarked to meet the Neighbourhood Services underspend;
- ii) 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;
- Performance Management and Regeneration, Liveability and Housing Portfolio Holder agree to the revised milestone dates for the three actions identified within the report. (Paragraphs 5.1.4 and 10.1.3).

Best Value Unit / Best Value Sub Unit	2006/2007 Budget £'000	Variance to 31 December 2006 (Favourable) / Adverse £'000	Forecast Variance 2006/07 (Favourable) / Adverse £'000
<b>Adult &amp; Community Services</b>			
Older People Purchasing	6,419.2	(360.8)	(550.0)
Learning Disabilities Purchasing	967.8	(121.4)	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	285.3	32.2	30.0
Foreshore	119.1	(9.7)	(9.0)
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,390.8</b>	<b>(481.5)</b>	<b>(529.0)</b>
<b>Regeneration &amp; Planning</b>			
Planning Building Control	180.9	22.9	0.0
Economic Development	1,180.9	(10.7)	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,180.9</b>	<b>(10.7)</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Neighbourhood Services</b>			
Engineers, Traffic & Road Safety, Highways, Highways & Transportation & Transportation	4,903.6	70.7	79.9
Housing Services	620.0	(2.5)	(5.0)
Property Services	293.3	43.0	85.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,816.9</b>	<b>111.2</b>	<b>159.9</b>
<b>Corporate Budgets</b>			
Centralised Estimates	5,816.3	(375.0)	(710.7)
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,816.3</b>	<b>(375.0)</b>	<b>(710.7)</b>
<b>Children's Services</b>			
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	(72.9)	(110.0)
Broadband Contract	278.7	0.0	0.0
Independent School Fees	245.6	0.0	(20.9)
Extra District Charges/Income	443.7	0.0	34.4
Youth Service Staffing	702.7	(50.0)	(50.0)
Independent Foster Placements	1,000.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,120.7</b>	<b>(122.9)</b>	<b>(146.5)</b>

## SUMMARY - REVENUE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT STATEMENT TO 31st DECEMBER 2006

Line No	Actual Position 31/12/06			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. B £'000	Col. C £'000	Col. D (D=C-B) £'000		Col. F £'000	Col. G £'000	Col. H (H=G-F) £'000
				<b>TABLE 1 - Departmental Expenditure</b>			
1	18,779.9	18,726.7	(53.2)	Adult & Community Services	27,003.5	26,849.5	(154.0)
2	11,829.6	11,239.6	(590.0)	Childrens Services ( excl Schools)	20,839.0	20,463.7	(375.3)
3	15,346.3	15,536.7	190.4	Neighbourhood Services	14,369.3	14,714.4	345.1
4	3,440.0	3,010.4	(429.6)	Regeneration & Planning	3,788.5	3,568.5	(220.0)
5	(1,422.4)	(1,432.5)	(10.1)	Chief Executives	4,318.6	4,194.6	(124.0)
6	47,973.4	47,080.9	(892.5)	Total Departmental Expenditure	70,318.9	69,790.7	(528.2)
				<b>TABLE 2 - Corporate Costs</b>			
				<b>EXTERNAL REQUIREMENTS</b>			
7	81.5	82.1	0.6	Probation and Coroner's Court	168.0	168.0	0.0
8	30.7	30.3	(0.4)	North Eastern Sea Fisheries Precept	30.7	30.3	(0.4)
9	43.0	42.5	(0.5)	Land Drainage Levy	43.0	42.5	(0.5)
10	(41.0)	(41.0)	0.0	Discretionary Rates	31.0	31.0	0.0
11	15.0	14.5	(0.5)	Parish Precepts	15.0	14.5	(0.5)
				<b>CORPORATE COMMITMENTS</b>			
12	1,604.4	1,603.7	(0.7)	Northgate Information Partnership	2,426.0	2,426.0	0.0
13	239.2	247.5	8.3	Audit Fees	319.0	331.5	12.5
14	1,766.2	1,016.2	(750.0)	Centralised Estimates	5,740.5	4,577.5	(1,163.0)
15	0.0	0.0	0.0	Insurances	203.0	203.0	0.0
16	171.0	62.1	(108.9)	Designated & Custodian Authority Costs	171.0	171.0	0.0
17	328.0	247.5	(80.5)	Pensions	437.0	380.0	(57.0)
18	246.0	242.4	(3.6)	Members' Allowances	328.0	323.3	(4.7)
19	53.3	50.1	(3.2)	Mayoral Allowance	71.0	66.7	(4.3)
20	0.0	0.0	0.0	Archive Service	7.0	7.0	0.0
21	241.8	241.8	0.0	Emergency Planning	86.0	86.0	0.0
				<b>NEW PRESSURES</b>			
23	0.0	0.0	0.0	Increased Employers Pension Contributions	(150.0)	(150.0)	0.0
	0.0	0.0	0.0	Contribution from Pensions Contributions Reserve	0.0	(280.0)	(280.0)
24	0.0	0.0	0.0	Contingency - Loss Of External Support	540.0	540.0	0.0
25	10.5	2.5	(8.0)	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	45.0	45.0	0.0	Tees Valley Regeneration Contribution	50.0	45.0	(5.0)
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	2,004.0	1,749.0	(255.0)
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)	0.0	150.0
34	0.0	0.0	0.0	Procurement & Contact Centre Savings	(400.0)	(400.0)	0.0
35	3.7	4.9	1.2	Secure Remand-Corporate Contribution	5.0	5.0	0.0
36	0.0	15.5	15.5	Tall Ships Preparation	0.0	15.5	15.5
37	0.0	0.9	0.9	Teesside Airport Study	0.0	0.9	0.9
	(6.1)	(6.1)	0.0	NNDR Charges	2.9	2.9	0.0
38	0.0	6.5	6.5	Advice	0.0	6.5	6.5
39	4,832.2	3,908.9	(923.3)	Total Corporate Costs	12,635.0	10,855.0	(1,780.0)
				<b>Contributions From Reserves</b>			
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	Contribution to/(from) 2003/04 Budget Support Fund	(96.0)	(96.0)	0.0
43	0.0	0.0	0.0	Contribution to/(from) 2005/06 Budget Support Fund	(400.0)	(400.0)	0.0
44	0.0	0.0	0.0	Contribution to/(from) 2007/08 Budget Support Fund	489.0	489.0	0.0
45	0.0	0.0	0.0	Population Grant Adjustment-2005/2006 & 2006/2007	(645.0)	(645.0)	0.0
46	0.0	0.0	0.0	Stock Transfer Reserve	(200.0)	(200.0)	0.0
47	52,805.6	50,989.8	(1,815.8)	Total General Fund Expenditure	80,101.9	77,793.7	(2,308.2)

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	26	Saving on professional consultants not achievable
Support Services - interdepartmental recharges	S - Deletion of budget for additional work from central departments (HR)	28	28	28	Achieved
Community Services - Arts events and Museums	E - Increase income from Borough Hall bar	30	4	6	This target is not achievable
Community Services - Libraries	E - Absorb inflation in book prices using regional procurement developments	10	10	10	Achieved
Community Services - Sports & Leisure	E - Reduce staffing in Health Suite at Mill House Leisure Centre	22	17	22	on target
Community Services - Arts, Events & Museums	S - Increase hire rates for Town Hall Theatre and Borough Hall Theatre	15	6	8	This target is not achievable
Community Services - Parks & Countryside	S - Close Summerhill (toilets) at 5.30 on summer evenings	5	4	5	on target
	S - Tree Maintenance Contract	10	8	10	on target
Adult Social Care - Learning Disability	S - Increase charges to service users Day care meals etc	5	5	5	Achieved
- Older people	Day care meals etc	10	8	10	on target
- Older people	S - Home care charges	70	26	26	This target is not achievable
Adult Social Care	S - Negotiation of new Supporting People contracts across Adult Social Care	260	260	260	Achieved
Adult Social Care	S - Reductions linked to higher eligibility threshold				
- Assessment and care Management	Equipment for disabilities	60	45	60	on target
- Mental health	Preventative services and advocacy	20	10	20	on target
- Older people	Mobile Meals Service subsidy	25	19	25	on target
- Older people	Anchor Community Support	60	60	60	Achieved
- 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	240	240	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	190	190	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	8	10	on target
Totals		1,205	1,034	1,081	



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	Original saving not achievable following changes to grant. Alternative savings identified from within budget heading.
Registrars	S - increase in income and reduction in cost base	18	13	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	20	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	15	20	These savings are on target to be achieved by the year end.
Human Resources	S - Reduce Postal service within Civic Centre	17	13	17	These savings are on target to be achieved by the year end.
Workforce Development & Diversity	S - miscellaneous training savings	3	2	3	These savings are on target to be achieved by the year end.
Human Resources	E - Not responding to unsuccessful candidates	2.5	2	2.5	These savings are on target to be achieved by the year end.
Totals		110	76	110	

Budget Heading	Description of Efficiency (E) /Saving (S)	Impact of efficiency/saving on staffing levels	Value of efficiency/saving £'000	Actual to Date £'000	Projected Outturn £'000	Comments
Strategic Management	S - Restructure:Finance Officer PO1 (vacant)	One post: Finance Officer PO1 (vacant)	32	32	32	Post Deleted from Structure - Saving Achieved
Strategic Management	S - Restructure:Review Officer PO1 (part post coded here)	One post: Review Officer PO1 (part post coded here - rest coded later)	28	28	28	Post Deleted from Structure - Saving Achieved
Strategic Management	E - Restructure:Part Review Officer PO1 (vacant post)	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	0.5 vacant post	16	16	16	Post Deleted from Structure - Saving Achieved
Strategic Management	S - Restructure - staff	None	43	43	43	Currently on Target to achieve savings on Supplies & Services budgets
Other school-related expenditure	S - Existing premature retirement costs	None	60	60	60	Current year charges paid re: former Cleveland CC staff in line with budget provision
Other school-related expenditure	S - New premature retirement costs	None	50	0	-27	Additional unplanned costs were incurred during Q3 and an overspend of £77,000 has been projected
Strategic Management	S - Central Administration	None	20	15	20	Currently on Target to achieve savings on Supplies & Services budgets
Access	E - Asset Management Planning	None in Children's Services - potential impact on Property Services	20	15	20	Currently on Target to achieve savings on Supplies & Services budgets
Strategic Management	E - ICT Development	Systems Support Officer Scale 5 x 1 (vacancy)	22	22	22	Post Deleted from Structure - Saving Achieved
Strategic Management	S - ICT Development	Principal Systems Support Officer PO1 (vacant post)	33	33	33	Post Deleted from Structure - Saving Achieved
Central support costs	S - Unspecified	Possible deletion of post	22	18	22	Currently on Target to achieve savings on Supplies & Services budgets
Residential and Foster Placements	S	None	450	238	380	Volatile Budget - Curent Year net overspend of £70,000 projected
<b>Totals</b>			<b>800</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>653</b>	

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	100	120	On line to achieve target
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	80	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	23	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	15	20	On target
Facilities Management	E - May be difficult to gain acceptance to change of approach to delivery of security	40	9	15	Delay in transfer of post has made the saving impossible to achieve. Agreement on security contract assists. Full benefit will not accrue until 2007/8
Transport, Mileage and Subsistence	E - Could be difficult to achieve and there may be staff resistance	20	15	20	On target
Reduction in Admin and Support	S - Corporate Management may suffer. (e.g. IIP support/PM etc)	80	40	80	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	40	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	10	E Auction deferred to November and new contact until to February 2007
Totals		692	424	667	

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	45	60	At present fee income is on target. However it is uncontrollable income depending as it does on the number and size of applications submitted which can vary significantly from month to month.
Landscape Planning	S - Review of charging for the graphics design service	10	0	10	
Community Safety	E - Contribution to mediation service	10	8	10	
Economic Development	S - Contribution to sub regional partnerships	13	0	0	Investigation ongoing for this budget heading. Correction of possible miscodings might allow the projected outturn to be revised and returned to the more favourable position in due course.
Youth Offending	E - Contribution from another local authority to share Youth Offending carer provision	15	11	15	Did not proceed with shared provision as one carer left and was not replaced. Saving will be met from this reduction.
Community Safety	S - Renegotiation of Security Contract	20	5	13	Security Contract was relet in November 2006. Whilst the savings will be greater than anticipated , the later than expected contract start date means that the savings target on this heading in 2006/07 cannot be fully met. Now assuming 5 months savings based on an annual saving of £30k.
Totals		128	69	108	

## REVENUE FINANCIAL MONITORING STATEMENT PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2006

Line No	Actual Position 31/12/06			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	440.2	375.9	(64.3)	Administration	27.9	(52.1)	(80.0)
2	51.0	73.9	22.9	Building Control	180.9	180.9	0.0
3	798.1	720.8	(77.3)	Community Safety	766.4	746.4	(20.0)
4	147.3	163.1	15.8	Community Strategy	227.0	227.0	0.0
5	64.4	74.5	10.1	Development Control	287.4	287.4	0.0
6	76.9	79.3	2.4	Divisional Management	0.0	0.0	0.0
7	210.3	211.3	1.0	Drug Action Team	10.2	10.2	0.0
8	711.8	701.1	(10.7)	Economic Development	1,180.9	1,180.9	0.0
9	266.4	259.5	(6.9)	Landscape Planning & Conservation	319.0	299.0	(20.0)
10	671.4	494.9	(176.5)	Planning Policy & Regeneration	921.3	721.3	(200.0)
11	(45.3)	(28.2)	17.1	Regeneration Staff Savings	(32.4)	(32.4)	0.0
12	394.9	231.7	(163.2)	Youth Offending Service	457.8	387.8	(70.0)
13	(223.7)	(223.7)	0.0	Neighbourhood Element	0.0	0.0	0.0
14	4,336.8	4,359.1	22.3	Environment	6,177.2	6,232.2	55.0
15	205.1	209.7	4.6	Environmental Action	234.8	274.8	40.0
16	122.2	158.6	36.4	Town Care Management	123.0	163.0	40.0
17	608.4	624.8	16.4	Housing Services	620.5	619.4	(1.1)
18	43.2	43.2	0.0	Minor Works	43.2	43.2	0.0
19	(123.8)	(123.8)	0.0	Use of Reserves	(766.1)	(596.1)	170.0
20	8,755.7	8,405.8	(349.9)	TOTAL	10,779.0	10,692.9	(86.1)

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
Shuttle Service	(30.0)	(30.0)	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	(13.3)	(13.3)	0.0
Support 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)	0.0	70.0
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	(42.0)	(2.0)	40.0
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)	0.0	10.0
Capital Financing Account	(43.2)	(43.2)	0.0
<b>Total Use of Reserves</b>	<b>(766.1)</b>	<b>(596.1)</b>	<b>170.0</b>

**REVENUE FINANCIAL MONITORING STATEMENT PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2006**

Line No	Actual Position 31/12/06			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)
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	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
1	14.3	12.3	(2.0)	Allotments	55.7	55.7	0.0
2	86.6	67.2	(19.4)	Archaeology Services	28.6	28.6	0.0
3	881.4	916.7	35.3	Arts, Events & Museums	1,123.8	1,123.8	0.0
4	657.0	616.0	(41.0)	Community Support	759.4	754.4	(5.0)
5	292.1	257.0	(35.1)	Countryside	395.6	395.6	0.0
6	136.8	128.5	(8.3)	Foreshore	164.1	155.1	(9.0)
7	1,374.6	1,334.4	(40.2)	Libraries	1,831.2	1,831.2	0.0
8	206.5	238.7	32.2	Maintenance	285.3	315.3	30.0
9	27.1	44.5	17.4	Parks	463.8	463.8	0.0
10	319.1	320.6	1.5	Recharge Accounts	5.0	5.0	0.0
11	846.7	804.4	(42.3)	Sports & Physical Recreation	1,438.2	1,463.2	25.0
12	228.7	224.8	(3.9)	Engineers	365.4	365.4	0.0
13	494.0	534.5	40.5	Highways and Transportation	516.7	516.7	0.0
14	1,871.9	1,871.9	0.0	Highways Services	3,450.2	3,448.7	(1.5)
15	(97.3)	(60.9)	36.4	Traffic & Road Safety	(414.3)	(322.4)	91.9
16	1,685.0	1,685.0	0.0	Transport Services	1,936.2	2,056.2	120.0
17	0.0	0.0	0.0	Use of Reserves	(41.0)	(41.0)	0.0
18	9,024.5	8,995.6	(28.9)	TOTAL	12,363.9	12,615.3	251.4

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	0.0	0.0	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
<b>Total Use of Reserves</b>	<b>(41.0)</b>	<b>(41.0)</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)		2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/7 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	1,667.6	1,499.3	(168.3)	Access to Education	2,563.0	2,385.2	(177.8)
2	23.7	23.7	0.0	Central Support Services	909.0	909.0	0.0
3	6,089.1	6,119.2	30.1	Children, Young People and Families Support	8,787.5	8,857.7	70.2
4	32.4	(1.5)	(33.9)	Early Years	522.0	484.5	(37.5)
5	53.5	52.3	(1.2)	Information, Sharing & Assessment	136.3	94.3	(42.0)
6	712.5	514.4	(198.1)	Other School Related Expenditure	1,542.7	1,430.1	(112.6)
7	117.4	127.6	10.2	Play & Care of Children	160.4	161.6	1.2
8	188.4	5.0	(183.4)	Raising Educational Achievement	1,307.1	1,155.6	(151.5)
9	1,565.2	1,711.8	146.6	Special Educational Needs	3,130.4	3,141.0	10.6
10	586.5	481.0	(105.5)	Strategic Management	1,055.0	812.5	(242.5)
11	226.3	197.4	(28.9)	Youth Justice	302.6	274.6	(28.0)
12	609.2	551.6	(57.6)	Youth Service	1,002.0	998.6	(3.4)
13	(42.2)	(42.2)	0.0	Use of Reserves	(579.0)	(241.0)	338.0
14	11,829.6	11,239.6	(590.0)	TOTAL	20,839.0	20,463.7	(375.3)

Note 1

MEMO ITEMS

15	467.3	429.5	(37.8)	Sure Start North	0.0	0.0	0.0
16	494.5	424.1	(70.4)	Sure Start South	0.0	0.0	0.0
17	437.6	398.8	(38.8)	Sure Start Central	0.0	0.0	0.0
18	321.9	314.6	(7.3)	Children's Fund	0.0	0.0	0.0
19	1,721.3	1,567.0	(154.3)	TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0

Note 1 - Analysis of Use of Reserves

Description of Reserve	Projected Outturn Position		
	2006/7 Latest Budget	2006/7 Projected Outturn	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)
	Col. A	Col. B	Col. C (C=B-A)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Building Schools for the Future	(60.0)	(60.0)	0.0
Special Educational Needs Provision	(49.0)	0.0	49.0
Information Sharing & Assessment	(62.0)	(20.0)	42.0
Play & Care	(9.0)	(8.0)	1.0
Children's Services Implementation	(50.0)	0.0	50.0
Staff Accommodation	(1.0)	(1.0)	0.0
Playing for Success	(27.0)	(2.0)	25.0
A2L Reserve	(81.0)	0.0	81.0
Early Years	(150.0)	(150.0)	0.0
Broadband Implementation	(90.0)	0.0	90.0
<b>Total Use of Reserves</b>	<b>(579.0)</b>	<b>(241.0)</b>	<b>338.0</b>

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	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	35.8	35.8	0.0	Adult Education	104.7	104.7	0.0
2	2,565.7	2,542.8	(22.9)	Assessment and Care Management	3,586.9	3,556.9	(30.0)
3	1,063.3	983.7	(79.6)	Home Care	1,490.1	1,365.1	(125.0)
4	2,830.5	2,898.5	68.0	Learning Disability	4,262.8	4,362.8	100.0
5	889.5	883.4	(6.1)	Mental Health	1,157.2	1,122.2	(35.0)
6	4,331.4	4,103.6	(227.8)	Older People - Purchasing	6,839.9	6,389.9	(450.0)
7	1,066.6	1,133.7	67.1	Physical Disability	1,486.5	1,571.5	85.0
8	249.7	288.5	38.8	Sensory Loss	298.0	338.0	40.0
9	130.5	122.3	(8.2)	Service Strategy & Regulation	174.0	174.0	0.0
10	802.4	1,021.8	219.4	Support Services	1,426.4	1,646.4	220.0
11	(606.5)	(606.5)	0.0	Supporting People	28.6	28.6	0.0
12	725.3	626.8	(98.5)	Consumer Services	948.3	878.0	(70.3)
13	274.9	297.4	22.5	Environmental Standards	366.9	366.9	0.0
14	(27.8)	(27.8)	0.0	Use of Reserves	(369.7)	(369.7)	0.00
15	14,331.4	14,304.1	(27.3)	TOTAL	21,800.6	21,535.3	(265.3)

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 (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	(10.0)	(10.0)	0.0
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
<b>Total Use of Reserves</b>	<b>(369.7)</b>	<b>(369.7)</b>	<b>0.0</b>



REVENUE FINANCIAL MONITORING STATEMENT PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2006

Line No	Actual Position 31/12/06			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	798.4	748.4	(50.0)	Accountancy	839.3	789.3	(50.0)
2	(17.2)	(41.9)	(24.7)	Benefits	63.9	28.9	(35.0)
3	284.1	255.3	(28.8)	Internal Audit	364.7	334.7	(30.0)
4	235.5	235.5	0.0	Payments Unit	213.8	213.8	0.0
5	766.0	746.1	(19.9)	Revenues	1,110.4	1,095.4	(15.0)
6	152.0	149.9	(2.1)	Fraud	194.5	194.5	0.0
7	313.8	270.0	(43.8)	R & B Central	25.1	(14.9)	(40.0)
8	448.5	447.2	(1.3)	Legal Services	502.8	502.8	0.0
9	(6,880.1)	(6,864.0)	16.1	Miscellaneous	(2,470.6)	(2,523.2)	(52.6)
10	(194.0)	(187.7)	6.3	Use of Reserves	(302.6)	(302.6)	0.0
11	(4,093.0)	(4,241.2)	(148.2)	TOTAL	541.3	318.7	(222.6)

Note 1

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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
Cashiers Payment Card Implementation	(20.0)	(20.0)	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	(302.6)	(302.6)	0.0

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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	95.7	124.2	28.5	Public Relations	135.1	136.4	1.3
2	162.0	159.9	(2.1)	Democratic Services	220.1	222.7	2.6
3	484.2	427.4	(56.8)	Corporate Strategy & Public Consultation	821.6	754.8	(66.8)
4	108.4	118.2	9.8	Support To Members	173.9	184.9	11.0
5	(100.2)	(61.2)	39.0	Other Office Services	(132.9)	(82.9)	50.0
6	86.5	86.5	0.0	Printing	109.3	109.3	0.0
7	67.4	67.4	0.0	Registration Services	126.2	126.2	0.0
8	491.7	590.9	99.2	Human Resources	804.3	900.8	96.5
9	242.7	230.6	(12.1)	Training & Equality	317.4	298.4	(19.0)
10	266.6	266.2	(0.4)	Contact Centre	394.2	394.2	0.0
11	993.4	1,026.4	33.0	Miscellaneous	1,402.1	1,406.1	4.0
12	216.8	309.6	92.8	Property Services & Procurement	204.7	325.7	121.0
13	15.3	15.3	0.0	Neighbourhood Services Central Admin	15.3	15.3	0.0
14	167.3	188.2	20.9	Building Cleaning	249.1	275.2	26.1
15	5,055.2	5,055.2	0.0	Neighbourhood Services Internal Works	(42.3)	(118.3)	(76.0)
15	(227.8)	(227.8)	0.0	Use of Reserves	(803.0)	(784.0)	19.0
16	8,125.3	8,377.1	251.8	TOTAL	3,995.1	4,164.8	169.7

Note 1

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Legionella	(58.0)	(58.0)	0.0
DSO Balances	(76.0)	(76.0)	0.0
Way Forward	(75.0)	(75.0)	0.0
Contact Centre Staffing	(65.0)	(65.0)	0.0
National Trainee Grade	(28.0)	(9.0)	19.0
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	(803.0)	(784.0)	19.0

# SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2007



**Report of:** Chief Financial Officer

**Subject:** QUARTER 3 - NRF, CAPITAL &  
ACCOUNTABLE BODY PROGRAMME  
MONITORING REPORT 2006/2007

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## 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 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2007 and this report is attached at Appendix A. This report sets out the key issues 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

19<sup>th</sup> February, 2007



**Report of:** Chief Financial Officer

**Subject:** QUARTER 3 – NRF, CAPITAL AND ACCOUNTABLE BODY PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT 2006/2007

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## 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 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 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2007.

### 6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

Cabinet is asked to note the report.

**Report of:** Chief Financial Officer

**Subject:** QUARTER 3 – NRF, CAPITAL AND ACCOUNTABLE BODY PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT 2006/2007

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**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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 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 2006/2007 Capital Budget, the NRF programme and the spending programmes. This report was supported by individual Portfolio reports which provided more detailed information.
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2.3 This report will be submitted to Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2007. 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. At this stage actual expenditure amounts to £2,445,700, compared to expected expenditure of £2,590,800, resulting in a favourable variance of £145,100. 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 yearend.

### 4. CAPITAL MONITORING 2006/2007

4.1 Expenditure for all Portfolios is summarised at Appendix B. Total projected expenditure is £45,169,800, compared to an approved budget of £45,167,900.

4.2 Actual expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, totals £20,086,100, compared to the approved budget of £45,167,900, leaving £25,083,700 to be paid. Some £16,900,200 of this expenditure remaining is expected to be spent in 2006/2007, with £8,183,500 rephased into 2007/2008.

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

Portfolio	£'000
<b><u>Culture, Leisure &amp; Transportation</u></b>	
Hartlepool Transport Interchange	1.648
H2O Watersports Centre	1.999
<b><u>Children's Services</u></b>	
Children's Centres Grant – Unallocated (2006-2008)	726

<b>Adult and Public Health Services</b>	
Mental Health (to be allocated)	223
Three Rivers Housing (Extra Care Housing)	308
<b>Finance</b>	
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) 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 1. 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) 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 £6,988,648 against a grant approval of £6,988,648.

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



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

### 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 3. 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 £314,600 as set out in Appendix C, Table 4. 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006

6.1.1 Details of NRF actual and anticipated expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006 are shown at **Appendix D**.

6.1.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £1,918,200, compared to anticipated expenditure of £1,951,200, resulting in a current adverse variance of £33,000. 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006

6.2.1 Details of anticipated and actual capital expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, is summarised in **Appendix E** and shows:

Column A - Scheme Title  
Column B - Budget for Year  
Column C - Actual expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006  
Column D - Expected remaining expenditure to be incurred in the

period January 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 £2,738,600, compared to the approved budget of £5,807,000, with £3,070,300 of expenditure remaining. At this stage it is expected that £35,000 of expenditure will be rephased into 2007/2008.
- 6.2.4 The main items to bring to Portfolio Holder's attention are:-

### **Tees Valley Empty Property Initiative £55,000 Adverse Variance**

This year marked the change from 100% grants for renovation works to a package of grants and loans. Changes to the administration meant a delay in approving works, leading to a likely underspend for renovation works. This is funded from the Regional Assembly (SHIP (Single Housing Investment Programme) allocations via the Regional Housing Board) and any underspend will be reclaimed by them. The Housing Board have allocated the Council funds under three SHIP headings, within each heading the budget allocation is flexible. There is, however, no flexibility for transferring funds between headings.

To avoid losing the capital allocation it is therefore proposed to transfer the £55,000 from the renovation works project to the empty property project by the end of March, 2007. This will be balanced by a transfer of capital funds next financial year.

### **Private Sector Grants £55,000 Favourable Variance**

Please refer to the comments re the Tees valley Empty Property Initiative.

### **ASBO – Police Office – Jutland Road Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £20,000**

A move into temporary accommodation in 2006/2007 means that some spend is expected. The permanent move will now take place in 2007/2008 and the majority of expenditure therefore will be incurred next financial year.

### **Community Safety Strategy Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £15,000**

Grant bids are invited from Council departments for schemes which contribute to Community Safety. It is anticipated that £15,000 will not be requested and approved before the end of the financial year.

#### **7. CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO**

##### **7.1 Capital Monitoring for Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006**

7.1.1 Details of anticipated and actual capital expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, is summarised in **Appendix F** and shows:

- Column A - Scheme Title
- Column B - Budget for Year
- Column C - Actual expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006
- Column D - Expected remaining expenditure to be incurred in the period January 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 £2,420,900, compared to the approved budget of £8,179,300, with £5,758,400 of expenditure remaining. Some £1,638,800 of the remaining expenditure is expected to be spent in 2006/2007, with the balance of £4,119,600 rephased into 2007/2008.

7.1.4 Of the total expenditure of £4,119,600 to be rephased into 2007/2008, the sum of £2,038,700 has previously been reported. Details of the newly identified rephased items are provided in 7.1.5.

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

### **Grayfields Sports Pavilion Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £68,400**

The final account has been received but this budget will be rephased to enable snagging works to be rectified.

### **Hartlepool Transport Interchange**

**Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £1,648,100**

Ongoing negotiations with Network Rail have delayed commencement of this scheme.

### **Highways Maintenance Other Schemes**

**Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £71,000**

Awaiting identification of suitable schemes before this budget can be allocated and spent.

### **Countryside Development Works**

**Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £15,000**

Owing to the need to identify further funding the £15,000 allocated budget will not be spent in this financial year.

### **Greatham Play Area Equipment**

**Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £20,000**

This scheme is at the planning and design stage. The monies will not be spent this financial year.

### **Pride in Hartlepool**

**Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £12,000**

Budget will not be spent until schemes have been identified by Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group.

### **Marks & Spencer Car Park Refurbishment**

**Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £35,800**

Balance remaining to be used in 2007/2008 to refurbish Car Parks which have not yet been identified.

### **Lithgo Close – Contaminated Land**

**Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £53,300**

Ongoing legal costs mean that part of this budget will not be spent in this financial year.

### **Greenland Creosote Works**

**Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £16,700**

Planning Application approval is required before this budget can be spent.

### **Open Market Resurfacing**

#### **Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £43,400**

Balance remaining to be used in 2007/2008 to refurbish Car Parks which have not yet been identified.

### **Ward Jackson Car Park – Tunstall Court**

#### **Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £78,100**

Scheme is still in planning stage and will not be spent this financial year.

## **8. CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO**

### **8.1 NRF Monitoring for Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006**

8.1.1 Details of Children's Services NRF actual expenditure and anticipated expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, are shown at **Appendix G**.

8.1.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £64,200, compared to anticipated expenditure of £66,400, resulting in a current favourable variance of £2,200. 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006**

8.2.1 Details of anticipated and actual capital expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, is summarised in **Appendix H** and shows:

- Column A - Scheme Title
- Column B - Budget for Year
- Column C - Actual expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006
- Column D - Expected remaining expenditure to be incurred in the period January 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

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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 £3,398,900, compared to the approved budget of £8,013,100, with £4,614,200 of expenditure remaining. Some £2,513,200 of the remaining expenditure is expected to be spent in 2006/2007, with the balance of £2,101,000 rephased into 2007/2008.
- 8.2.5 The main reason for the expenditure rephased is £1,231,000 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 either currently unallocated or allocated to schemes commencing in 2007/2007. The balance of rephased expenditure consists of a number 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 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. The 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.
- 8.2.8 The main item to bring to Portfolio Holders attention is:

### **Carlton Outdoor Centre – Redevelopment Phase 1, Challenge Course and Boiler Replacement**

The final costs on this scheme are slightly higher than originally anticipated owing to additional works being undertaken and the need to replace the boiler at the Centre. It is proposed to finance these additional costs via an RCCO transfer of resources from the Carlton revenue budget to capital of £50,000.

## **9. ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE PORTFOLIO**

### **9.1 NRF Monitoring for Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006**

- 9.1.1 Details of NRF actual and anticipated expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006 are shown at **Appendix I**.

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9.1.2 In overall terms actual expenditure amounts to £463,400, compared to anticipated expenditure of £573,300, resulting in a current favourable variance of £109,900. Expenditure will be incurred in the latter part of this financial year and it is anticipated that 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006**

9.2.1 Details of anticipated and actual capital expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, is summarised in **Appendix J** and shows:

- Column A - Scheme Title
- Column B - Budget for Year
- Column C - Actual expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006
- Column D - Expected remaining expenditure to be incurred in the period January 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 £6,191,000 compared to the approved budget of £7,753,100, with £1,562,100 of expenditure remaining. Some £1,018,600 of the remaining expenditure is expected to be spent in 2006/2007, with the balance of £543,500 rephased into 2007/2008.

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

#### **Three River Housing Group (Extra Care Housing) Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £308,400**

Officers are currently dealing with problems relating to the procurement of the appropriate land. If a suitable location cannot be found the project will need to be cancelled and the funding repaid.

#### **Im proving Information Management Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 - £12,000**

Expenditure has recently been incurred but will not be fully spent in this financial year. The grant will be carried forward into 2007/2008 to fund non initiatives next year.

### 10. FINANCE PORTFOLIO

#### 10.1 Accountable Body Revenue Monitoring for Period Ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 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 Re generation Budget (SRB)

Details of progress against the approved revenue budgets are summarised at Table 1. Actual expenditure to date amounts to £238,600, compared to anticipated expenditure of £298,600, resulting in a current favourable variance of £60,000.

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 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 £6,988,600 against a revised grant approval of £6,877,000. Actual expenditure towards that target as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, was £3,704,900. In order to ensure that the Partnership achieves as close to its target allocation as possible each project will be closely monitored up to the financial year end.

There is also another £4,020,600 of expenditure forecast which is funded through other grants and Prudential Borrowing which NDC Monitors (£4,000,600 Area Remodelling and £20,000 Commercial Areas Environmental Improvements), giving a total NDC budget of £11,009,200.

Details of progress against the approved revenue budgets are summarised at Table 2. Actual expenditure to date amounts to £2,994,600, compared to anticipated expenditure of £3,368,500, resulting in a current favourable variance of £373,900.

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 £543,800, compared to anticipated expenditure of £692,300 resulting in a current favourable variance of £148,500.

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 £314,600, compared to expected spend to date of £321,900 as set out in Appendix K, 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006**

10.2.1 Details of anticipated and actual capital expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, is summarised in **Appendix L** and shows:

- Column A - Scheme Title
- Column B - Budget for Year
- Column C - Actual expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006
- Column D - Expected remaining expenditure to be incurred in the period January 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 £1,566,300, compared to the approved budget of £5,100,800, with £3,534,500 of expenditure remaining. Some £2,150,100 of the expenditure remaining is expected to be spent in 2006/2007, with the balance of £1,384,400 rephased into 2007/2008.

Of the total expenditure of £1,384,400 to be rephased into 2007/2008, the sum of £1,273,800 has previously been reported. Details of the newly identified rephased item is provided in 10.2.4

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

### **St Benedict's/Barlow's Building Work**

More detailed estimates are now available for this scheme and total costs are estimated to be around £170,000. Of this amount £15,000 was spent in 2005/2006, with the balance of £155,000 expected in 2006/2007, of which £115,700 has been spent to date. The site is being cleared so that it is available for Hartlepool Primary Care Trust development and the costs of site clearance will be met from the capital receipt recovered from the Trust.

### **War Memorials Refurbishment Expenditure Rephased into 2007/2008 £98,000**

The budget of £98,000 for War Memorials was approved as match funding against grants to be obtained in 2006/2007.

Grant applications needed to be completed by an Accredited Conservation Architect or Surveyor. An appointment was made earlier in the year unfortunately ill health has resulted in a failure to complete these submissions in the current year.

A second Accredited Architect was appointed in November, 2006, however, the deadline for grant submissions had passed. It is proposed to carry forward this funding into 2007/2008 to match against grants obtained next year.

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 £559,000, compared to the approved budget of £2,347,400, with £1,788,400 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 were 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 £6,988,600 against a

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revised grant approval of £6,877,000. Actual expenditure towards that target as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006 was £3,704,900. In order to ensure that the Partnership achieves as close to its target allocation as possible each project will be closely monitored up to the financial year-end.

There is also another £4,020,600 of expenditure forecast which is funded through other grants and Prudential Borrowing, which NDC Monitors (£4,000,600 Area Remodelling and £20,000 Commercial Areas Environmental Improvements), giving a total NDC budget of £11,009,200.

Details of progress against the approved capital budgets are summarised at Table 3. Actual expenditure to date amounts to £2,308,300, compared to the approved budget of £6,425,500, with £4,117,200 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 £405,700 to spend in 2006/2007 on capital projects, including a Council contribution of £57,000. Actual expenditure to date amounts to £163,800 with £241,900 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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006**

11.1.1 Details of anticipated and actual capital expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006, is summarised in **Appendix M** and shows:

- Column A - Scheme Title
- Column B - Budget for Year
- Column C - Actual expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2006
- Column D - Expected remaining expenditure to be incurred in the period January 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

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- 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 £739,300, compared to the approved budget of £1,136,000 with £396,700 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 31st DECEMBER 2006

Line No	Actual Position 31/12/06			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	66.4	64.2	(2.2)	Childrens Services	248.7	248.7	0.0
2	573.2	463.3	(109.9)	Adult & Public Health	764.3	764.3	0.0
3	1,951.2	1,918.2	(33.0)	Regeneration, Liveability & Housing	3,269.9	3,269.9	0.0
4	2,590.8	2,445.7	(145.1)		4,282.9	4,282.9	0.0

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Line No	Portfolio	2006/2007 Budget	2006/2007 Actual as at 31/12/06	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	5,807.0	2,738.6	3,035.3	35.0	5,808.9	1.9
2	Culture, Leisure & Transportation	8,179.3	2,420.9	1,638.8	4,119.6	8,179.3	0.0
3	Children's Services	8,013.1	3,398.9	2,513.2	2,101.0	8,013.1	0.0
4	Adult & Public Health Services	7,753.1	6,191.0	1,018.6	543.5	7,753.1	0.0
5	Finance	14,279.4	4,597.4	8,297.6	1,384.4	14,279.4	0.0
6	Performance Management	1,136.0	739.3	396.7	0.0	1,136.0	0.0
7	Total Capital Expenditure	45,167.9	20,086.1	16,900.2	8,183.5	45,169.8	1.9

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ACCOUNTABLE BODY PROGRAMMES

Line No	Actual Position 31/12/06			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
				<b>TABLE 1 - SRB North Hartlepool Partnership</b>			
4	298.6	238.6	(60.0)	Revenue Projects	397.7	397.7	0.0
5	1760.6	559.0	(1,201.6)	Capital Projects	2,347.4	2,347.4	0.0
6	2059.2	797.6	(1,261.6)	Total SRB	2,745.1	2,745.1	0.0
				<b>TABLE 2 - New Deal for Communities</b>			
1	3368.5	2994.6	(373.9)	Revenue Projects	4,583.7	4,583.7	0.0
2			0.0	Capital Projects	6,425.5	6,425.5	0.0
3	3368.5	2994.6	(373.9)	Total NDC	11,009.2	11,009.2	0.0
				<b>TABLE 3 Single Programme</b>			
7	692.3	543.8	(148.5)	Revenue Projects	921.4	921.4	0.0
8	304.3	163.8	(140.5)	Capital Projects	405.7	405.7	0.0
9	996.6	707.6	(289.0)	Total SP	1,327.1	1,327.1	0.0
				<b>TABLE 4 - Miscellaneous</b>			
10	321.9	314.6	(7.3)	Childrens Fund	410.6	410.6	0.0
11	321.9	314.6	(7.3)	Total Miscellaneous	410.6	410.6	0.0

NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND

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Line No	Actual Position 31/12/06			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	2.5	2.5	0.0	Community Safety Small Grants Fund	10.0	10.0	0.0
2	29.4	29.4	0.0	Anti Social Behaviour Officer	66.1	66.1	0.0
3	112.5	113.9	1.4	Community Safety Wardens	150.0	150.0	0.0
4	85.1	85.1	0.0	Partnership Working with Communities	180.0	180.0	0.0
5	51.3	51.3	0.0	Hartlepool Scheme for Prolific Offenders	105.0	105.0	0.0
6	16.9	16.9	0.0	Project Assistant Small Grants / Community Safety	22.5	22.5	0.0
7	61.2	61.2	0.0	Cool Project Out of School activities for children	61.6	61.6	0.0
8	176.4	176.4	0.0	Families Changing Communities	187.7	187.7	0.0
9	22.9	22.9	0.0	Advance Project drug user reintegration into community	22.9	22.9	0.0
10	5.1	5.1	0.0	Burglary Prevention	58.1	58.1	0.0
11	7.5	1.2	(6.3)	Landlord Accreditation Scheme	10.0	10.0	0.0
12	14.7	14.7	0.0	Young Firefighters	33.0	33.0	0.0
13	5.8	5.8	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	(9.9)	(9.9)	0.0	Management & Consultancy	66.5	66.5	0.0
16	28.0	28.0	0.0	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	3.4	3.4	0.0	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	19.0	19.0	0.0	Active Skills - West View Project	25.0	25.0	0.0
21	30.0	30.0	0.0	Hartlepool Deaf Centre	30.0	30.0	0.0
22	31.2	31.2	0.0	Career Coaching HVDA	32.0	32.0	0.0
23	1.8	1.8	0.0	Hartlepool On Track Project	45.0	45.0	0.0
24	15.0	15.0	0.0	HVDA Business Development Project	15.0	15.0	0.0
25	8.0	8.0	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	8.0	8.0	0.0	West View/King Oswy Neighbourhood Action Plan	90.3	90.3	0.0
28	46.5	46.5	0.0	Targeted Training	51.0	51.0	0.0
29	36.6	36.6	0.0	Womens Opportunities	37.5	37.5	0.0
30	63.8	66.8	3.0	Jobsbuild	77.8	77.8	0.0
31	123.6	123.6	0.0	Intermediate Labour Market( ILM) Employment Assistance	137.0	137.0	0.0
32	19.6	19.6	0.0	Marketing Assistant	24.5	24.5	0.0
33	19.5	19.5	0.0	Employment Co-ordinator	23.4	23.4	0.0
34	33.4	33.4	0.0	Improving the Employment Offer	44.0	44.0	0.0
35	96.0	96.0	0.0	North Central Hartlepool Delivery Team Staff Cost	128.0	128.0	0.0
36	67.4	67.4	0.0	Assisting Local People into Work	97.0	97.0	0.0
37	176.6	176.6	0.0	Incubator System	175.0	175.0	0.0
38	81.0	81.0	0.0	Volunteering into Employment	81.0	81.0	0.0
39	0.0	0.0	0.0	Skills & Knowledge	2.0	2.0	0.0
40	114.7	114.7	0.0	Community Employment Outreach	150.0	150.0	0.0
41	72.8	72.8	0.0	STEP Homelessness Project	70.0	70.0	0.0
42	5.8	5.8	0.0	Positive Choices for Carers - Training & Education	10.0	10.0	0.0
43	43.7	43.7	0.0	Owton Manor West N'hood Watch Residents Association	35.0	35.0	0.0
44	30.0	30.0	0.0	West View Project - Training for Young People	30.0	30.0	0.0
45	6.9	6.9	0.0	RESPECT Employment & Training Support 16-18 years	6.9	6.9	0.0
46	30.0	30.0	0.0	Grange Road Methodist Church Employment Project	30.0	30.0	0.0
47	13.8	13.8	0.0	Burbank Neighbourhood Action Plan	23.0	23.0	0.0
48	13.2	13.2	0.0	Rift House/Burn Valley Neighbourhood Action Plan	50.8	50.8	0.0
49	24.6	24.6	0.0	Owton Neighbourhood Action Plan	44.7	44.7	0.0
50	16.6	16.6	0.0	Rossmere Neighbourhood Action Plan	23.0	23.0	0.0
51	3.8	3.8	0.0	Headland Neighbourhood Action Plan	33.7	33.7	0.0
52	75.0	43.9	(31.1)	Environment Team	100.0	100.0	0.0
53	10.5	10.5	0.0	Environmental Education	23.7	23.7	0.0
54	1,951.2	1,918.2	(33.0)		3,269.9	3,269.9	0.0



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7205	ASBO Police Office Jutland Road	25.5	0	5.5	20.0	25.5	0.0	UCPB
7368	Building Safer Communities Initiatives	60.2	21.6	38.6	0.0	60.2	0.0	MIX
7416	Brougham Enterprise Centre Refurbishment	522.0	343.4	178.6	0.0	522.0	0.0	GRANT
7431	Community Safety Strategy	101.4	0.0	86.4	15.0	101.4	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
7222	Minor Works - North	87.5	15.9	71.6	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	75.6	10.9	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	318.3	380.2	0.0	698.5	0.0	UDPB
NEW	Covert Cameras Fly Tipping	15.0	10.5	4.5	0.0	15.0	0.0	RCCO
7591	Burbank Estate Gateway Improvements	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	RCCO
7218	Disabled Facility Grants	433.0	275.7	157.3	0.0	433.0	0.0	MIX
7230	North Central Hartlepool Housing Regeneration	2,528.9	1,277.0	1,251.9	0.0	2,528.9	0.0	MIX
7226	Housing Regeneration Strategy Consultancy	6.0	6.4	0.0	0.0	6.4	0.4	SHIP
NEW	Tees Valley Empty Property Initiative	60.0	0.0	115.0	0.0	115.0	55.0	SHIP
7219	Home Plus Grants (provided by Endeavour HA)	140.0	97.4	42.6	0.0	140.0	0.0	SHIP
7231	Housing Thermal Efficiency	259.1	257.4	1.7	0.0	259.1	0.0	SHIP
7220	Private Sector Housing Grants	530.0	95.0	380.0	0.0	475.0	(55.0)	SHIP
7530	Developers Contributions	(57.8)	(57.8)	0.0	0.0	(57.8)	0.0	CAP REC
7525	Railing Restoration	34.7	0.0	34.7	0.0	34.7	0.0	GRANT
7579	Newburn Bridge Units-Elec Refit Works	13.1	0.0	13.1	0.0	13.1	0.0	UCPB
7611	Drug Interventions Programme	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	GRANT
		5,807.0	2,738.6	3,035.3	35.0	5,808.9	1.9	

<b>Key</b>			
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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7080	NRF Street Lighting	44.0	16.0	28.0	0.0	44.0	0.0	GRANT
7081	Waverley Allotments Refurbishment	29.0	25.1	3.9	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	0.1	1.5	0.0	1.6	0.0	CAPREC
7213	Grayfields Sports Pavillion	910.2	797.8	44.0	68.4	910.2	0.0	MIX
7214	Burn Valley Park Improvements	50.4	26.6	23.9	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	3.7	3.4	0.0	7.1	0.0	MIX
7235	Low Floor Infrastructure	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	SPB
7236	Bus Shelter Improvements	10.0	0.8	9.2	0.0	10.0	0.0	SPB
7237	Cycle Routes General	73.5	47.7	25.8	0.0	73.5	0.0	SPB
7240	Hartlepool Transport Interchange	1,822.2	11.1	163.0	1,648.1	1,822.2	0.0	SPB
7241	Dropped Crossings	30.0	10.6	19.4	0.0	30.0	0.0	SPB
7242	Other Street Lighting	70.0	0.4	69.6	0.0	70.0	0.0	SPB
7243	Highways Maintenance Other Schemes	71.1	0.1	0.0	71.0	71.1	0.0	SPB
7244	Travel Plans Workplace	15.0	7.8	7.2	0.0	15.0	0.0	SPB
7245	Cycle Parking	4.9	0.4	0.0	4.5	4.9	0.0	SPB
7247	Bus Quality Corridor	20.0	8.3	11.7	0.0	20.0	0.0	SPB
7250	Sustainable Travel Awareness	10.6	10.6	0.0	0.0	10.6	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	8.8	11.2	0.0	20.0	0.0	SPB
7255	Advanced Cycle Route Scheme Design	10.0	1.3	8.7	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	0.0	0.7	1.3	(0.0)	MIX
7355	Bowling Green Improvements	19.8	21.5	(1.7)	0.0	19.8	0.0	MIX
7367	Ward Jackson Park Refurbishment	19.5	0.0	0.0	19.5	19.5	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	20.0	20.0	40.0	0.0	MIX
7408	Cycling Strategy	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	SPB
7410	LTP2 Development	24.5	24.5	0.0	0.0	24.5	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
7424	Pride in Hartlepool	18.3	1.2	5.1	12.0	18.3	0.0	UCPB
7452	Local Safety Scheme	25.3	25.3	0.0	0.0	25.3	0.0	SPB
7454	Murray Street LSS	63.0	7.6	55.4	0.0	63.0	0.0	SPB
7455	Hart Lane Road Safety Improvements	392.0	389.6	2.4	0.0	392.0	0.0	SPB
7456	New Car Park York Road Flatlets	8.7	0.1	0.0	8.6	8.7	0.0	CAPREC
7457	Coronation Drive Coast Protection Works Phase 3	70.3	70.3	0.0	0.0	70.3	0.0	MIX
7458	Marks & Spencer Car Park Refurbishment	38.2	2.4	0.0	35.8	38.2	0.0	UDPB
7462	Hart To Haswell Cycleway	11.5	11.5	0.0	0.0	11.5	0.0	SPB
7474	Briarfields Allotments	75.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	75.0	0.0	RCCO
7487	Local Transportation Plan-Monitoring	5.0	0.1	4.9	0.0	5.0	0.0	SPB
7499	Lithgo Close - Contaminated Land	100.0	46.7	0.0	53.3	100.0	0.0	CAPREC
7508	Anhydrite Mine	200.0	15.4	184.6	0.0	200.0	0.0	GRANT
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	1.0	69.0	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	5.0	5.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	SPB

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7545	LTP-Motorcycle Training	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	SPB	
7546	LTP-Road Safety Education & Training	20.0	3.5	16.5	0.0	20.0	0.0	SPB	
7547	LTP-Dial-a-Ride	92.0	32.9	59.1	0.0	92.0	0.0	SPB	
7548	LTP-Greatham Creek Bridge Repairs	80.0	125.0	(45.0)	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	298.8	298.8	0.0	0.0	298.8	0.0	SPB	
7553	LTP-Arncliffe Gardens Maintenance	31.3	31.3	0.0	0.0	31.3	0.0	SPB	
7554	LTP-Groves Street Maintenance	4.7	4.7	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	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	8.0	0.0	8.0	0.0	SPB	
7558	LTP-Nesbyt Road Maintenance	15.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	SPB	
7559	LTP-Ridlington Way Maintenance	26.0	0.0	26.0	0.0	26.0	0.0	SPB	
7560	LTP-North Hart Lane Maintenance	5.1	5.1	0.0	0.0	5.1	0.0	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	25.8	8.8	17.0	0.0	25.8	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	0.0	43.4	43.4	0.0	UCPB	
7590	Ward Jackson Car Park - Tunstall Court	79.6	1.6	0.0	78.1	79.6	0.0	MIX	
7605	Focus - Section 278 Highways Scheme	26.5	26.5	0.0	0.0	26.5	0.0	GRANT	
7607	Waterproofing phase 1 - Multi Storey Car Park	179.0	167.5	11.5	0.0	179.0	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	
7639	Footpath Works at Hartlepool Marina	34.1	0.0	34.1	0.0	34.1	0.0	GRANT	
7644	LTP - School Travel Plans	15.0	8.8	6.2	0.0	15.0	0.0	SPB	
7649	LTP - Headland Signing Strategy	5.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	SPB	
7364 & 7365	Summerhill Maintenance	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	MIX	
7651	Burn Valley Park Beck	5.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	GRANT	
		8,179.3	2,420.9	1,638.8	4,119.6	8,179.3	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 G**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND**

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	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000
1	33.0	33.0	0.0	NRF - Education Business Links	55.0	55.0	0.0
2	4.6	4.6	0.0	NRF - Project Co-ordination	6.1	6.1	0.0
3	2.2	0.0	(2.2)	NRF - Contingency	2.9	2.9	0.0
4	1.5	1.5	0.0	NRF - New Initiatives (Boys Underachieving)	35.0	35.0	0.0
5	16.6	16.6	0.0	NRF - Occupational Care for Kids - Dyke House	40.0	40.0	0.0
6	8.5	8.5	0.0	NRF - Reducing Childhood Obesity	109.7	109.7	0.0
7	66.4	64.2	(2.2)		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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	SCE ( R)	
7528	Barnard Grove - Improvements to Kitchen Ventilation	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	GRANT	
7534	Barnard Grove - Boiler Plant Replacement	64.5	0.5	64.0	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	
TBA	Brierton - Roof Works on Music Block and Toilets	22.0	0.0	22.0	0.0	22.0	0.0	MIX	
7501	Brougham - Install Nursery Toilet / Change Facility	42.5	42.5	0.0	0.0	42.5	0.0	SCE ( R)	
7638	Brougham - Demolish Unsafe Wall & Rebuild	5.8	5.8	0.0	0.0	5.8	0.0	RCCO	
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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	GRANT	
7626	Brougham - Improve Acoustics in Hall	7.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	7.0	0.0	RCCO	
TBA	Brougham - Improvements to Kitchen/Courtyard	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	GRANT	
7281	Catcote - Install Shower/Changing/Toilet Facilities	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	GRANT	
7535	Catcote - Window Replacement	36.5	29.4	7.1	0.0	36.5	0.0	GRANT	
7282	Clavering - Replace Roof and Windows	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	GRANT	
7283	Clavering - Improvements to Kitchen Ventilation	0.3	0.3	0.0	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	6.8	3.7	0.0	10.5	0.0	GRANT	
7574	Dyke House - Replace Boiler in Caretakers House	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	GRANT	
7575	Dyke House - ICT Equipment Purchase	85.0	38.4	46.6	0.0	85.0	0.0	RCCO	
7562	Dyke House - Sports Hall Floor Renewal	60.5	60.5	0.0	0.0	60.5	0.0	GRANT	
7489	Dyke House - Replace Science Block Windows	23.0	23.0	0.0	0.0	23.0	0.0	RCCO	
7586	Dyke House - City Learning Centre Equipment Purchase	150.0	130.2	19.8	0.0	150.0	0.0	GRANT	
7385	Dyke House - City Learning Centre Extension & ICT Purchase	19.1	3.1	16.0	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	0.0	100.0	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	2.6	169.5	0.0	172.1	0.0	MIX	
7287	Eldon Grove - Improve Access to School	5.8	4.8	1.0	0.0	5.8	0.0	SCE ( R)	
7628	Eldon Grove - Major Internal Works	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	RCCO	
TBA	Eldon Grove - Erect Perimeter Fence	26.0	0.0	26.0	0.0	26.0	0.0	MIX	
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	6.6	5.1	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	54.2	47.0	7.2	0.0	54.2	0.0	GRANT	
7563	Fens - Boiler Replacement	17.0	15.4	1.6	0.0	17.0	0.0	GRANT	
7293	Golden Flatts - Build Multi Use Games Area	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	MIX	
7294	Golden Flatts - Classroom Alterations	1.2	1.1	0.1	0.0	1.2	0.0	GRANT	
7295	Grange - Replace Classrooms (03/04)	26.5	0.2	0.0	26.3	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	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	RCCO	
7527	Greatham - Improvements to Kitchen Ventilation	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	GRANT	
7359	Greatham - Car Park Improvements	7.0	0.3	6.7	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	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	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	32.5	27.2	5.3	0.0	32.5	0.0	GRANT	
7633	High Tunstall - 'C' Block Roof Repairs (06/07)	94.2	0.0	0.0	94.2	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	56.6	43.4	0.0	100.0	0.0	GRANT	
7533	Jesmond Rd - Relocate Nursery to form Foundation Unit, installation of ramps & internal works	360.0	302.8	57.2	0.0	360.0	0.0	MIX	
7589	Jesmond Rd - Install Extractor Fan (06/07)	1.0	1.8	-0.8	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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	MIX	

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7307	Jesmond Rd - Resite Kitchen	6.6	6.2	0.4	0.0	6.6	0.0	GRANT	
7576	Jesmond Rd - Roof Works	23.7	0.5	23.2	0.0	23.7	0.0	GRANT	
7610	Jesmond Rd - Demolition of Kitchen Block & Install External Lighting and White Lines to Create Car Park	55.0	14.9	40.1	0.0	55.0	0.0	RCCO	
TBA	Jesmond Rd - Demolition of Nursery	17.0	0.0	17.0	0.0	17.0	0.0	RCCO	
7492	Kingsley - Roof Repairs	59.4	0.4	59.0	0.0	59.4	0.0	GRANT	
7308	Kingsley - Modification to Entrance (05/06)	1.9	1.8	0.1	0.0	1.9	0.0	RCCO	
7513	Kingsley - Install Kitchen Interlocks	2.8	2.3	0.5	0.0	2.8	0.0	GRANT	
7469	Kingsley - Extension to School for Children's Centre	267.0	0.0	0.0	267.0	267.0	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	11.2	1.7	0.0	12.9	0.0	GRANT	
7493	Lynnfield - Boiler Renewal (Caretakers House)	4.8	4.8	0.0	0.0	4.8	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	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	MIX	
7572	Manor - Install Swimming Pool Ramp	22.2	22.2	0.0	0.0	22.2	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	1.2	1.3	0.0	2.5	0.0	GRANT	
7316	Manor - Replace Windows (05/06)	8.5	6.1	2.4	0.0	8.5	0.0	GRANT	
7568	Manor - Develop New SEN/Resource Centre	141.2	33.2	105.7	2.3	141.2	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	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	GRANT	
TBA	Owton Manor - Remove Asbestos from Kitchen	1.4	0.0	1.4	0.0	1.4	0.0	RCCO	
TBA	Owton Manor - Remedial Works to Boiler	3.5	0.0	3.5	0.0	3.5	0.0	RCCO	
7596	Owton Manor - Relocate Entrance, Extend for Children's Centre & Relocate/Refurbish Library	227.0	0.3	226.7	0.0	227.0	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	56.0	0.0	36.0	20.0	56.0	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	5.1	5.1	0.0	0.0	5.1	0.0	MIX	
7321	Sacred Heart - Hall Extension (05/06)	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	RCCO	
7648	Seaton Nursery - Replace Obsolete Heater	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	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	170.4	3.8	166.6	0.0	170.4	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	78.4	67.0	11.4	0.0	78.4	0.0	GRANT	
TBA	Stranton - Children's Centre modifications to kitchen & offices	77.9	0.0	77.9	0.0	77.9	0.0	GRANT	
7515	Stranton - Improvements to Kitchen Ventilation	1.1	0.4	0.7	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	62.5	5.9	1.6	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	6.9	0.1	0.0	7.0	0.0	GRANT	
7597	St Helens - Develop Outside Play Area	27.0	26.6	0.4	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	66.6	60.8	5.8	0.0	66.6	0.0	MIX	
7422	St Hilds - New School Build	45.8	0.8	0.0	45.0	45.8	0.0	MIX	
7637	Throston - Renovations to Nursery	13.6	0.0	13.6	0.0	13.6	0.0	GRANT	
7476	Ward Jackson - Replace Kitchen Windows	31.6	26.8	4.8	0.0	31.6	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	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	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)	31.4	26.6	4.8	0.0	31.4	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	168.2	0.0	0.0	168.2	168.2	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	1.9	0.2	0.0	2.1	0.0	RCCO	
7341	West View - Replace Hall Windows	2.9	2.6	0.3	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;	779.6	748.2	16.2	15.2	779.6	0.0	MIX	
TBA	Carlton Outdoor Centre - Redev Phase 2 (to be determined)	90.0	0.0	0.0	90.0	90.0	0.0	MIX	
TBA	Carlton Outdoor Centre - Purchase & Install Challenge Course and Climbing Wall	73.0	0.0	73.0	0.0	73.0	0.0	MIX	
TBA	Carlton Outdoor Centre - Emergency Boiler Replacement	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	8.5	3.4	5.1	0.0	8.5	0.0	GRANT	

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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	549.5	292.7	256.8	0.0	549.5	0.0	GRANT	
7384	Devolved Capital - Various Individual School Projects	992.2	893.8	48.4	50.0	992.2	0.0	GRANT	
TBA	Construction Design Management Fee - Lump Sum Charge for entire 2006/07 Children's Services Capital Programme	12.5	8.3	4.2	0.0	12.5	0.0	GRANT	
7463	Youth Capital Fund - Spend to be Determined by Young People	65.0	0.0	39.0	26.0	65.0	0.0	GRANT	
7437	Playing for Success - Develop New Classroom at H'pool Utd	4.3	3.8	0.5	0.0	4.3	0.0	MIX	
7502	A2L - Install Lift, Ramp & New Disabled Toilet plus internal works	72.0	1.6	70.4	0.0	72.0	0.0	SCE ( R)	
7421	School Travel Plans - Develop Cycle Storage at schools	84.6	14.9	19.7	50.0	84.6	0.0	GRANT	
7387	Rossmere Pool Demolition	13.0	0.8	12.2	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	40.1	6.9	0.0	47.0	0.0	RCCO	
N/A	Funding (Modernisation, Access, RCCO) Currently Unallocated	50.5	0.0	0.0	50.5	50.5	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	3.9	0.2	0.0	4.1	0.0	MIX	
7577	Boys Welfare Refurbishment/Redevelopment	149.6	36.0	113.6	0.0	149.6	0.0	RCCO	
7347	Sure Start South - Build Children's Centre Ext at Rossmere	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.0	6.7	0.0	GRANT	
TBA	Youth Service - Purchase of Mobile Youth Bus	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	RCCO	
7625	Children's Social Services - Expenditure to be allocated	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	SCE ( R)	
7621	Children's Centres - General Capital Modifications (06-08)	1.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	1.1	0.0	GRANT	
N/A	Children's Centres Grant - Unallocated (2006-08)	803.5	0.0	77.7	725.8	803.5	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	141.4	7.0	34.4	100.0	141.4	0.0	GRANT	
TBA	Sure Start Central - Refurbish Daycare Suite at Chatham House	38.9	0.0	38.9	0.0	38.9	0.0	GRANT	
TBA	Sure Start North - Landscaping Works at Main Centre	8.2	0.4	7.8	0.0	8.2	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	
		8,013.1	3,398.9	2,513.2	2,101.0	8,013.1	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 ( R)	Supported Capital Expenditure (Revenue)	SPB	Supported Prudential Borrowing

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Appendix I

**NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND**

**REVENUE MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2006**

Line No	Actual Position 31/12/06			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	18.8	0.1	(18.7)	NRF - Cardiac Rehab through Exercise	25.0	25.0	0.0
2	47.2	62.9	15.7	NRF - Mental Health Development Project	62.9	62.9	0.0
3	6.8	10.1	3.3	NRF - Mobile Maintenance Worker	9.0	9.0	0.0
4	87.9	0.0	(87.9)	NRF - Connected Care / Health Trainers	117.3	117.3	0.0
5	23.4	23.4	0.0	NRF - Anchor Trust Community Development	31.1	31.1	0.0
6	18.8	0.0	(18.8)	NRF - Integrated Health & Social Care Teams	25.0	25.0	0.0
7	30.0	20.3	(9.7)	NRF - Owton Ross Health Dev Worker	40.0	40.0	0.0
8	54.4	34.9	(19.5)	NRF - Smoking Issues	72.5	72.5	0.0
9	46.4	46.4	0.0	NRF - Alzheimers Day Service	61.9	61.9	0.0
10	35.2	47.0	11.8	NRF - MIND Manager & NDC Support Network	47.0	47.0	0.0
11	15.4	15.4	0.0	NRF - Hartlepool Carers	20.6	20.6	0.0
12	15.6	15.6	0.0	NRF - Mental Health Carers Support	20.8	20.8	0.0
13	30.7	40.8	10.1	NRF - TNEY / MIND Common Mental Health Needs	41.0	41.0	0.0
14	22.5	5.8	(16.7)	NRF - Discharge Planning Post	30.0	30.0	0.0
15	90.9	121.2	30.3	NRF - Voluntary Community Sector Core Costs	121.2	121.2	0.0
16	29.3	19.5	(9.8)	NRF - Belle Vue Sports Project	39.0	39.0	0.0
17	573.3	463.4	(109.9)		764.3	764.3	0.0



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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 31/12/06 £'000	2006/2007 Expenditure Remaining £'000	Expenditure Rephased into 2007/08 £'000	C+D+E Total Expenditure £'000	F-B Variance from budget £'000	Type of financing
7229	Cemetery Flooding Works	37.8	16.8	21.0	0.0	37.8	0.0	UDPB
7234	Chronically Sick & Disabled Persons Adaptations	108.1	39.9	68.2	0.0	108.1	0.0	MIX
7351	Improving Information Management Systems	101.9	9.8	80.1	12.0	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	5,906.7	743.3	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	2.4	1.1	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	40.5	40.8	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	64.0	4.2	0.0	68.2	0.0	MIX
7578	Lynne Street ATC - Demolition	119.3	100.0	19.3	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	6,191.0	1,018.6	543.5	7,753.1	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

## ACCOUNTABLE BODY REVENUE MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2006

TABLE 1 - SINGLE REGENERATION BUDGET

Line No	Actual Position 31/12/06			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	151.2	123.1	(28.1)	Programme Administration	201.5	201.5	0.0
2	0.8	1.0	0.2	Contribution to Abbey Street Project	1.0	1.0	0.0
3	0.9	0.5	(0.4)	Headland History Project	1.1	1.1	0.0
4	3.8	0.0	(3.8)	Headland Promenade CCTV	5.0	5.0	0.0
5	15.0	20.0	5.0	Jobsbuild - Promote Employment of Local People	20.0	20.0	0.0
6	36.2	20.8	(15.4)	Targeted Training Project	48.2	48.2	0.0
7	63.4	39.0	(24.4)	Headland Tourism Marketing	84.5	84.5	0.0
8	27.3	34.2	6.9	Intermediate Labour Market	36.4	36.4	0.0
9	298.6	238.6	(60.0)		397.7	397.7	0.0

## ACCOUNTABLE BODY REVENUE MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2006

TABLE 2 - NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES

Line No	Actual Position 31/12/06			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	25.6	25.6	0.0	Longhill - Site Manager	39.3	39.3	0.0
11	7.2	10.8	3.6	Longhill - Business Security Scheme	14.4	14.4	0.0
12	65.0	66.3	1.3	Longhill - ILM Scheme	65.0	65.0	0.0
13	9.7	9.2	(0.6)	Childcare Training	15.2	15.2	0.0
14	141.0	139.7	(1.3)	Employment Advice and Support: At Work	229.3	229.3	0.0
15	90.2	40.7	(49.4)	Enterprise Development Package	139.6	139.6	0.0
16	22.5	4.9	(17.5)	Commercial Areas - Building Modernisation	41.3	41.3	0.0
17	32.1	32.2	0.1	Commercial Areas - Bus Support Manager	47.0	47.0	0.0
18	67.3	67.3	0.0	Mental Health Support Workers	89.8	89.8	0.0
19	3.6	0.0	(3.6)	Complementary Therapies	7.1	7.1	0.0
20	18.9	18.9	(0.0)	Drop in for Health - Health Bus	25.3	25.3	0.0
21	40.1	40.1	0.0	Health Dev. Workers & Activity Block Fund	40.1	40.1	0.0
22	78.9	79.9	1.1	Sure Start Extension	180.5	180.5	0.0
23	124.1	126.6	2.6	Practical Support to Individuals	124.1	124.1	0.0
24	16.2	4.5	(11.7)	Low Level Support	32.4	32.4	0.0
25	30.3	30.6	0.3	Drug Outreach	60.7	60.7	0.0
26	26.4	4.5	(21.8)	Childrens Emotional Wellbeing	40.3	40.3	0.0
27	19.0	0.0	(19.0)	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	25.5	16.4	(9.1)	Access to Health	41.0	41.0	0.0
30	0.0	0.0	0.0	Young Persons Emotional Wellbeing	9.2	9.2	0.0
31	224.3	191.4	(33.0)	Community Wardens	329.8	329.8	0.0
32	77.6	70.0	(7.6)	Target Hardening - Phase 3 Security Initiative	98.2	98.2	0.0
33	14.7	14.1	(0.6)	Community Safety Grants Pool	20.0	20.0	0.0
34	19.5	19.5	0.0	Good Citizenship Initiative	26.0	26.0	0.0
35	31.3	25.0	(6.3)	Drug Enforcement Unit	50.0	50.0	0.0
36	21.0	21.0	0.0	Victim Support	28.0	28.0	0.0
37	51.8	51.3	(0.5)	Community Safety Premises	72.6	72.6	0.0
38	33.2	32.9	(0.3)	Domestic Violence	44.5	44.5	0.0
39	19.9	17.6	(2.2)	Dordrecht	39.6	39.6	0.0
40	6.2	0.0	(6.2)	CCTV Implementation - Phase 2	12.3	12.3	0.0
41	6.5	0.0	(6.5)	CCTV Implementation - Phase 3	13.0	13.0	0.0
42	13.2	6.1	(7.0)	Offender / Mentoring Scheme	16.1	16.1	0.0
43	55.1	40.7	(14.4)	Anti-Social Behaviour	81.7	81.7	0.0
44	47.9	35.1	(12.8)	Community Learning Centre - Stranton	72.2	72.2	0.0
45	49.6	39.5	(10.1)	Community Learning Centre - Lynnfield	72.4	72.4	0.0
46	27.6	27.2	(0.4)	Social Inclusion	37.0	37.0	0.0
47	19.8	32.1	12.3	Continuing Education and Vocational Training	46.8	46.8	0.0
48	42.9	37.9	(5.0)	Bursary Fund	65.6	65.6	0.0
49	10.6	7.5	(3.1)	Hoop Dreams (Education)	14.9	14.9	0.0
50	0.1	0.2	0.1	Educational Achievement Project	204.8	204.8	0.0
51	0.0	0.0	0.0	Raising Aspirations	29.0	29.0	0.0
52	0.0	0.0	0.0	Key Stage 2 & 3 Transition	45.2	45.2	0.0
53	0.0	0.0	0.0	Targeted Work in Community Learning Centres	5.0	5.0	0.0
54	22.0	22.0	0.0	Community Chest	22.0	22.0	0.0
55	13.9	13.9	0.0	Belle Vue Extension	18.5	18.5	0.0
56	9.4	9.4	0.0	Osbourne Road Hall	13.1	13.1	0.0
57	76.9	71.1	(5.8)	Ethnic Minorities	110.0	110.0	0.0
58	24.7	24.7	(0.0)	Money Advice and Debt Counselling Service	32.9	32.9	0.0
59	66.2	67.5	1.3	Money Wise Community Banking	84.3	84.3	0.0
60	59.1	50.4	(8.7)	Peoples Centre	67.9	67.9	0.0
61	29.9	21.6	(8.2)	Family Support	29.9	29.9	0.0
62	3.0	0.0	(3.0)	Voluntary Sector Premises Pool	6.0	6.0	0.0
63	130.7	130.7	(0.0)	Hartlepool Youth Project	174.2	174.2	0.0
64	75.0	62.1	(12.9)	Capacity Building	130.0	130.0	0.0
65	4.0	2.7	(1.3)	Sunday Opening	5.4	5.4	0.0
66	9.0	7.4	(1.7)	Arts Development Initiative	9.0	9.0	0.0
67	4.9	4.9	0.0	Grange Road Methodist Church	4.9	4.9	0.0
68	8.7	6.3	(2.4)	Community Transport	12.5	12.5	0.0
69	37.2	43.6	6.4	Horizon Centre	43.6	43.6	0.0
70	78.7	79.6	0.9	Childrens Activities Project	105.6	105.6	0.0
71	30.3	19.6	(10.7)	Hartbeat	41.1	41.1	0.0
72	32.9	32.6	(0.3)	Housing Advice and Tenancy Support Service	44.1	44.1	0.0
73	118.9	98.4	(20.5)	Environmental Task Force	161.1	161.1	0.0

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TABLE 2 (cntd) - NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES

Line No	Actual Position 31/12/06			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
74	255.5	229.2	(26.3)	Housing Regeneration Company	434.5	434.5	0.0
75	89.2	86.1	(3.1)	Evaluation Project	139.1	139.1	0.0
76	49.4	48.8	(0.6)	Communications Project	65.0	65.0	0.0
77	73.9	47.2	(26.7)	Neighbourhood Management	118.2	118.2	0.0
78	7.0	3.5	(3.5)	Hartlepool Partners	7.0	7.0	0.0
79	436.8	418.9	(18.0)	Management and Administration	573.6	573.6	0.0
80	0.0	0.0	0.0	Income from Revival	(578.9)	(578.9)	0.0
80	3,368.5	2,994.6	(373.9)		4,583.7	4,583.7	0.0

## ACCOUNTABLE BODY REVENUE MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2006

TABLE 3 - SINGLE PROGRAMME

Line No	Actual Position 31/12/06			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
81	45.0	45.0	0.0	Management and Administration	60.0	60.0	0.0
82	564.8	464.8	(100.0)	Building Futures	753.0	753.0	0.0
83	29.2	20.2	(9.0)	Coastal Arc Coordinator	38.9	38.9	0.0
84	45.0	8.8	(36.2)	Coastal Arc Marketing	60.0	60.0	0.0
85	5.0	5.0	0.0	Coastal Arc Tourism (Events Hartlepool)	5.0	5.0	0.0
86	3.4	0.0	(3.4)	Coastal Arc Tourism (Events Redcar)	4.5	4.5	0.0
87	692.3	543.8	(148.5)		921.4	921.4	0.0

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TABLE 4 - ACCOUNTABLE BODY PROGRAMME

Line No	Actual Position 31/12/06			Description of Best Value Unit  Col. E	Projected Outturn Position		
	Expected Expenditure/ (Income)  Col. B  £'000	Actual Expenditure/ (Income)  Col. C  £'000	Variance Adverse/ (Favourable)  Col. D (D=C-B)  £'000		2006/7 Latest Budget  Col. F  £'000	2006/07 Projected Outturn  Col. G	Projected Variance: Adverse/ (Favourable)  Col. H (H=G-F)  £'000
88	321.9	314.6	7.3	Children's Fund Partnership	410.6	410.6	0.0
89	321.9	314.6	(7.3)		410.6	410.6	0.0

## CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 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 31/12/06 £'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	4.6	131.1	0.0	135.7	0.0	RCCO
7464	Establishment of Contact Centre	1,011.3	541.2	457.5	12.6	1,011.3	0.0	UDPB
7467	War Memorials Refurbishment	98.0	0.0	0.0	98.0	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	115.7	115.7	0.0	0.0	115.7	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	5.8	108.8	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	27.8	0.0	27.8	0.0	27.8	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	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	RCCO
7603	Corp Plan Maint - EDC PH3 Roofing - Conf Hall	62.5	27.9	34.6	0.0	62.5	0.0	RCCO
7496	Corp Plan Maint - Throston Library - Roofing	49.6	0.1	49.5	0.0	49.6	0.0	RCCO
7503	Corp Plan Maint - Church St Offices - Boiler Repairs	37.7	0.2	37.5	0.0	37.7	0.0	RCCO
7604	Corp Plan Maint - Civic Centre - Electrical Testing	8.2	0.0	8.2	0.0	8.2	0.0	RCCO
	Borough Hall Boiler Replacement	22.2	0.0	22.2	0.0	22.2	0.0	RCCO
7585	Corp Plan Maint - A2I - Boiler Replacement	84.3	83.0	1.3	0.0	84.3	0.0	RCCO
7200	Civic Centre Capital Maintenance	1873.8	62.9	537.1	1,273.8	1,873.8	0.0	UCPB
7483	Civic Centre - HR Relocation	79.6	7.6	72.0	0.0	79.6	0.0	MIX
		5,100.8	1,566.3	2,150.1	1,384.4	5,100.8	0.0	

**CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 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 31/12/2006 £'000	2006/2007 Expenditure Remaining £'000	Expenditure Rephased into 2007/08 £'000	C+D+E Total Expenditure £'000	F-B Variance from budget £'000	Type of financing
7000	Voluntary Sector Premises Pool	30.0	30.0	0.0	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	39.6	36.0	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	4.9	0.0	0.0	4.9	0.0	SRB
7021	Heugh Battery Project - Phase 2/2B	549.1	11.8	537.3	0.0	549.1	0.0	MIX
7011	Repair & Restoration of Headland Key Buildings (grants)	262.5	5.5	257.0	0.0	262.5	0.0	MIX
7012	Headland Environmental Public Arts Programme	316.8	24.6	292.2	0.0	316.8	0.0	MIX
7013	Headland Town Square	317.4	313.7	3.7	0.0	317.4	0.0	MIX
7015	Targeted Private Housing Improvements	96.8	78.4	18.4	0.0	96.8	0.0	MIX
7016	Environmental Improvements - Key Residential Areas	204.6	6.3	198.3	0.0	204.6	0.0	MIX
7417	Friarage Field Buildings Demolition	44.9	5.5	39.4	0.0	44.9	0.0	MIX
7647	Headland Bowls Pavilion Renovation	27.5	15.5	12.0	0.0	27.5	0.0	MIX
		2,347.4	559.0	1,788.4	0.0	2,347.4	0.0	



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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 31/12/2006 £'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	79.4	0.0	79.4	0.0	79.4	0.0	MIX	
7059/7060	Longhill Business Security and Environmental Imps	194.9	40.1	154.9	0.0	194.9	0.0	MIX	
7061	Business Security Fund	85.2	73.4	11.8	0.0	85.2	0.0	NDC	
7062	CIA Building Modernisation Grant	555.7	365.1	190.6	0.0	555.7	0.0	NDC	
7063	CIA Environmental Improvements	431.6	142.1	289.6	0.0	431.6	0.0	MIX	
7054	Crime Premises	40.0	2.7	37.3	0.0	40.0	0.0	NDC	
7056	Target Hardening Phase 3	124.0	14.7	109.3	0.0	124.0	0.0	NDC	
7051	Voluntary Sector Premises Pool	106.5	42.1	64.4	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	4000.6	1598.1	2,402.5	0.0	4,000.6	0.0	MIX	
7065	Neighbourhood management	27.5	9.7	17.8	0.0	27.5	0.0	NDC	
7076	Physical Improvements	550.0	11.4	538.6	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	
		6,425.5	2,308.3	4,117.2	0.0	6,425.5	0.0		

**CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2006****TABLE 4 - SINGLE PROGRAMME**

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 31/12/2006 £'000	2006/2007 Expenditure Remaining £'000	Expenditure Rephased into 2007/08 £'000	C+D+E Total Expenditure £'000	F-B Variance from budget £'000	Type of financing
7103	Coastal Arc CAA - Wingfield Castle	367.1	136.3	230.8	0.0	367.1	0.0	GRANT
7504	Seaton Carew Bus Station - Landscaping	26.0	26.0	0.0	0.0	26.0	0.0	GRANT
7102	Interreg Joint Costs Planning new Activities	12.6	1.5	11.1	0.0	12.6	0.0	GRANT
		405.7	163.8	241.9	0.0	405.7	0.0	

**Key**

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**CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2006**

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7466	DSO Vehicle Purchase	1,130.0	738.4	391.6	0.0	1,130.0	0.0	UDPB
7642	Works to Post Room - Bryan Hanson House	6.0	0.9	5.1	0.0	6.0	0.0	MIX
		1,136.0	739.3	396.7	0.0	1,136.0	0.0	

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## SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

23 March 2007



**Report of:** Director of Children's Services

**Subject** BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE: STAGE TWO CONSULTATION

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### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee of the outcomes of the second stage of consultation in preparation for the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme.

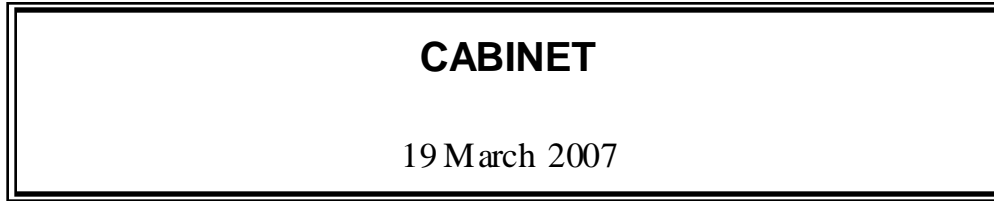
### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall that the outcomes of Stage One consultation were reported to Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on 24 November 2006.
- 2.2 Attached as **Appendix A** is a copy of the report to be considered by the Authority's Cabinet on 19 March 2007 in relation to the outcomes of the Stage Two Consultation Process.

### 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee:-
- (a) note the outcomes of the second stage of the consultation in preparation for the Building Schools for the Future; and
  - (b) note that the decisions agreed by Cabinet on 19 March will be reported orally at this meeting

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## SUMMARY

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### 2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

This report provides a summary of the outcomes of the second stage consultation process in preparation for Building Schools for the Future, reports on discussions from the Stakeholder Board and Project Board and makes recommendations about the next issues which need to be addressed and the processes to be followed.

### 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

Key Decision, tests 1 and 2 apply.

**5. DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

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

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## 2. BACKGROUND

Hartlepool Borough Council has been informed by Government that, on the basis of its "Readiness to Deliver" submission of October 2006, the Authority is to be admitted to the BSF programme in 2007 as a Wave 5 Authority. Hartlepool's status as a Wave 5 Authority is dependent on adhering to the timescale indicated in the submission.

The Council indicated to Government that it expected to have made decisions about the number and size of secondary schools for BSF investment by the end of summer 2007.

## 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 will require planning for a reduction in pupil places in schools, if the Authority's "Strategy for Change" is to be approved by the 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Stage One was a first formative stage of consultation; options for future organisation of secondary schools were not included at this stage.

Consultation began on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2006. The responses indicated a range of views on how the secondary school estate might be re-configured in Hartlepool. The outcomes of Stage One, reported to Cabinet on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2006, suggested that a range of options should be presented in a second stage of consultation, before Cabinet considered approving formal proposals for change.

#### 5. THE STAGE TWO CONSULTATION PROCESS

Following the recommendations of the BSF Project Board in December 2006, Cabinet approved a second stage of BSF consultation where a range of options were to be considered. For the 11-16 compulsory stage of education, three options were put forward:

- Option 1 – keep six secondary schools at the size they are now
- Option 2 – keep six secondary schools but make some of them smaller
- Option 3 – reduce the number of secondary schools to five by closing Brierton Community School

It was agreed that the second stage of consultation would also present two options for the future organisation of specialist provision for children and young people with the most acute learning difficulties and disabilities:

- Option 1 – Catcote Secondary Special School and Springwell Primary School to remain on their present separate sites
- Option 2 – Catcote Secondary Special School and Springwell Primary Special School to come together on a single site, with shared facilities

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.



**APPENDIX A**

Availability of the consultation document and details of the consultation meetings were advertised widely, in the Hartlepool Mail, Hartlepool Star and on radio.

Consultation began on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2007 and closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2007. 39 consultation meetings/briefings took place during this period, including:

- Four ward councillor briefings
- Two meetings at each secondary school:
  - Headteacher/Teaching and Support Staff/Members of the Governing Body
  - Parents and Public
- Two meetings at six primary schools (cluster groups)
  - Headteacher/Teaching and Support Staff/Members of the Governing Body
  - Parents and Public
- One additional public meeting (Burbank) at Ward Jackson School
- Three Neighbourhood Forum meetings
- One meeting for college governors, staff and students
- One briefing for Chair & Theme Chair of Hartlepool Partnership
- Two briefings for Dioceses
- One briefing for Unions
- One briefing for Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership

Approximately 600 persons attended the meetings described above.

In addition, there were four Roadshow Events at Tesco, Morrisons, Asda and Middleton Grange Shopping Centre.

Details of the responses to the Stage Two consultation have been placed on the Council's website ([www.hartlepool.gov.uk/schoolscapital/bsf](http://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/schoolscapital/bsf)). Some responses received were collective responses, submitted on behalf of an organisation, and these are summarised in **Appendix 1**. In addition, a significant number (in excess of 350) of individual responses were received. These are summarised in **Appendix 2**. These responses are analysed in the next four sections of this report.

## **6. STAGE TWO CONSULTATION RESPONSES: COLLECTIVE RESPONSES ON 11-16 AND SEN OPTIONS**

Collective responses were received from:

- Catcote Secondary Special School
- Dyke House School
- Dyke House School staff
- Dyke House School Form 7E
- English Martyrs School and Sixth Form College
- Hartlepool Secondary Headteachers
- Hartlepool Youth Service
- High Tunstall College of Science
- Springwell Primary Special School

➤ St Hild's Church of England School

The majority of collective responses indicated support for a five school 11-16 model and the co-location of Catcote School and Springwell School, although one collective response in particular suggested the need for more detailed exploration of admission arrangements and the concept of a Learning Village.

Comments included in collective responses are summarised in detail in **Appendix 1**.

## **7. STAGE TWO CONSULTATION: INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES TO 11-16 OPTIONS**

An analysis of the individual responses in respect of 11-16 options showed:

- 4.5% of all individual respondents expressed no preference for any of the three options
- 6.2% of all individual respondents preferred Option 1
- 19.0% of all individual respondents preferred Option 2
- 70.4% of all individual respondents preferred Option 3

Responses to the 11-16 options suggest very strong support for reorganisation to a five school model, with the closure of Brierton Community School.

## **8. STAGE TWO CONSULTATION: INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES TO SEN OPTIONS**

An analysis of the individual responses to the Stage Two consultation in relation to special educational needs showed:

- 23.7% of all individual respondents expressed no preference for either of the two options
- 13.4% of all individual respondents preferred Option 1
- 62.9% of all individual respondents preferred Option 2

A number of key themes emerged in the responses of a significant number of respondents:

- Schools to stay separate or be co-located
- Cost effectiveness of co-location
- Advantages of sharing expertise and resources
- Transition between primary and secondary phases of education

Responses to the SEN options suggest strong support for further exploration of a possible co-location of Catcote Secondary Special School and Springwell Primary Special School.

**9. STAGE TWO CONSULTATION: OTHER ISSUES**

A significant proportion of respondents included comments in their responses. A number of key themes emerged:

- Optimum number of schools
- School size and class size
- Funding issues
- Transport
- Employment
- Issues at Brierton Community School in relation to pupil performance, pupil numbers and current buildings
- Timing of potential closure of Brierton Community School
- Admissions and feeder school arrangements

Comments included in individual responses are summarised in detail in **Appendix 2**.

This demonstrates that many of the questions and comments during the consultation process related to the ‘mechanics’ of the changes to any school configuration and the impact at pupil, parent and staff levels. While general information and assurances on these issues were given at the consultation events, more detailed information can only be developed once Cabinet has decided on the option(s) it wishes to pursue. These are, therefore, key issues for the next planning stage.

**10. OUTCOMES OF BSF STAKEHOLDER BOARD MEETING 27 FEBRUARY 2007**

The BSF Stakeholder Board met on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007, within the Stage Two consultation timeframe. Members of the Stakeholder Board had been asked by the Portfolio Holder for Children’s Services, in her capacity as Chair of the BSF Project Board, to discuss BSF and the Stage Two options with as many as possible of the people they represented in advance of the meeting.

Discussion at the Stakeholder Board focused on:

- Implications on admissions of a potential closure of Brierton Community School;
- Concern about pupils and staff leaving Brierton School;
- Little apparent evidence of strong support for keeping Brierton School open;
- Agreement of governing body of Brierton School to collaborate with one or more of the other secondary schools in the town;
- Potential strategies for supporting Brierton School in the short term;
- Concerns over confirming the curriculum for Brierton School for September 2007
- Differences of opinion as to whether it was appropriate to name Brierton School in the options;
- Possible case for re-siting a secondary school in the South of the town;
- Involvement of young people in the Stage Two consultation process;

- Implications of BSF for transport;
- Discussion around concept of a Learning Village.

It was agreed that the outcomes of discussion at Stakeholder Board would be reported to the Project Board on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## **11. OUTCOMES OF BSF PROJECT BOARD MEETING 1 MARCH 2007**

The Project Board met on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 and received a paper outlining Stage Two consultation responses received up to the penultimate day of the consultation process. It was agreed that Project Board members would be informed of any additional responses received and that an extraordinary meeting of the Project Board would be called if the additional responses changed the balance of responses received up to 1<sup>st</sup> March. The additional responses received on 2<sup>nd</sup> March did not significantly change the balance of responses.

The Project Board agreed that no other viable potential options had been received in the consultation responses.

The Project Board agreed unanimously to recommend to Cabinet that it takes appropriate steps towards a formal decision to close Brierton Community School. The Project Board further recommended that Cabinet receive a report outlining possible timescales leading up to the potential closure of Brierton School. This appears as **Appendix 3**.

The Project Board agreed unanimously to recommend to Cabinet that it authorises further exploration of the possible co-location of Catcote Secondary Special School and Springwell Primary Special School on a single site with shared facilities. It felt that the concept of this shared site needed to be explored in more detail, as the concept of the Learning Village had not been sufficiently defined or understood.

## **12. OPTION ANALYSIS**

### **a) 11-16 Options**

In conclusion, the consultation has produced strong support for Option 3: the closure of Brierton Community School. The consultation booklet explained that this school was named as a possible candidate for closure because:

- Pupil numbers are predicted to fall most at Brierton School.
- Brierton School has the biggest overall problems in terms of the condition and suitability of existing buildings.
- Pupil performance is not improving as rapidly at Brierton School as it is at other Hartlepool schools.

This option has the clear advantage over the two six school options as it is the option most likely to secure BSF funding, but also provides a more secure educational future for the children from that area as well as removing from use

the school buildings with the biggest overall problems in terms of condition and suitability.

The main risks within this option are the possible disruption to the education of pupils currently attending Brierton School and the potential risks of redundancy for staff at the school. However, it is possible to mitigate these risks as all the secondary schools in the town have made a pledge to support the pupils and staff currently at Brierton School by putting in place effective transitional arrangements.

**It is recommended, therefore, that Cabinet proceed with Option 3 and authorise the formulation of a proposal to discontinue Brierton Community School.**

#### **b) SEN Options**

Both SEN options are relatively low risk as they maintain both existing schools, but co-location could provide an option for better continuity of education for SEN pupils, could possibly enable both schools to access BSF funding and could provide opportunities to link services from a wide range of partners into a Learning Village concept. However, while support for co-location was strong, it is recognised that further work needs to be done on the detail of the Learning Village aspect of this option and to develop a vision for how that site might operate.

**It is recommended, therefore, that Cabinet authorises further exploration of the possible co-location of Catcote Secondary Special School and Springwell Primary Special School on a single site with shared facilities, during the period of preparation of the BSF 'Strategy for Change'.**

### **13. NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS: 11-16 OPTIONS**

If the Cabinet approves the recommendation to formulate a proposal to close Brierton School, then further legal processes will be required.

Any decision to close a school must be preceded by publication of a Statutory Proposal to discontinue the school. Advice received from the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) indicates a need to consult directly on the intended content of the Statutory Proposal and its associated arrangements ahead of publication. In the case of a potential Statutory Proposal to discontinue Brierton Community School, the scope of the consultation would need to include such issues as:

- When the school might close
- Admission arrangements following closure (whether this should be on the basis of geographical admission zones or partner primary schools)
- Transitional arrangements leading to final closure
- Location of alternative schools

DfES guidance states that all interested parties must be consulted once the local authority has formulated its proposals. The guidance indicates that, in

the case of any proposal to discontinue Brierton Community School, interested parties would include:

- The governing body of Brierton Community School
- Parents of pupils at Brierton Community School
- Pupils of Brierton Community School
- Teaching and support staff at Brierton Community School
- Governing bodies, parents, pupils and staff at feeder primary schools
- Other schools in Hartlepool
- Diocesan Authorities
- Learning and Skills Council
- Hartlepool's Member of Parliament
- Neighbouring local authorities

Subject to Cabinet approval, appropriate documentation and an appropriate number of consultation meetings will be arranged, the detail to be agreed by the BSF Project Board.

In order to provide sufficient information for a Stage Three consultation, Cabinet would need to determine the possible date for the closure of Brierton Community School.

There would be three main possibilities in relation to a possible closing date for Brierton School:

- 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008
- 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009
- 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010

Each of these would have different implications for groups of pupils at Brierton School and these are summarised below. It is not possible to stop admission of pupils to Year Seven of Brierton School in September 2007, as the potential timelines in **Appendix 3** demonstrate.

#### **a) School closes on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008**

Pupils currently in Year Six in primary schools would transfer to Year Seven in Brierton School in September 2007, in line with the admissions allocations process. From September 2007 until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008 Brierton School would operate with all five year groups. The school would close in the summer of 2008 and all pupils would transfer to new schools at this time.

During Stage Two consultation a significant number of respondents indicated that the earliest possible closure of Brierton School should be pursued in order to secure the best possible outcomes for children and young people who would otherwise continue to attend Brierton School.

A one step closure, without any transitional arrangements, has the potential to have a very significant impact on other secondary schools in the town, possibly to the detriment of standards of teaching and learning. Cabinet is recommended not to propose a closure of Brierton School on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008.

**b) School closes on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009**

Pupils currently in Year Six in primary schools would transfer to Year Seven in Brierton School in September 2007 in line with the admissions allocation process. On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008, through transitional arrangements, there would be no admission to Year Seven and pupils in Year Eight and Year Ten would transfer to alternative schools, leaving Year Nine and Year Eleven pupils at Brierton to complete their studies at Key Stages Three and Four.

Although Brierton School would formally remain open for two years from September 2007, transitional arrangements would allow a significant scaling down of the school in September 2008, allowing a more gradual integration of Brierton pupils into the remaining secondary schools. Only one year group would move during a key stage, after the first of the three years of Key Stage Three.

**c) School closes on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010**

Pupils currently in Year Six in primary schools would transfer to Year Seven in Brierton School in September 2007 in line with the admissions allocation process. In September 2008, through transitional arrangements, there would be no admission of Year Seven to Brierton School. In September 2009, through transitional arrangements, there would be no admission of Year Seven and pupils in Year Ten would transfer to alternative schools, leaving Year Nine and Year Eleven pupils at Brierton to complete their studies at Key Stages Three and Four.

Although similar to the effect of closure on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009, this model ensures that no year group is moved during a key stage. It would, however, mean that Brierton School would formally be staying open for three years after a decision to close and this would appear to be in conflict with the views of a significant number of respondents to the Stage Two consultation.

**d) Conclusion and Recommendation**

A closure on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009 would appear to achieve the optimum balance between achieving an early closure and achieving smooth transition to new arrangements. Cabinet is therefore recommended to authorise that a proposal to discontinue Brierton Community School would take effect from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009.

**14. ADMISSIONS ISSUES: PARTNER PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

During the Stage Two consultation process the concept of moving from a system of geographical admission zones for secondary schools to a system based on partner primary schools was generally well received, although few individual respondents made explicit reference to partner primary schools in their responses. As this concept had originated from secondary headteachers themselves, it is safe to assume that secondary schools are in favour of a partner primary school system.

Cabinet is recommended to authorise further exploration of moving to a partner primary school system as part of the consultation required in advance of the

potential publication of a statutory proposal to discontinue Brierton Community School.

#### **15. NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS: SEN OPTIONS**

If Cabinet authorises further exploration of the co-location of Catcote and Springwell schools, as recommended in Paragraph 13 above, no legal processes would need to be pursued at this stage, although ultimately, Transfer Orders would be necessary to transfer each school to a new site.

The next stage would, therefore, be to develop a continuing dialogue with the two special schools and all relevant stakeholders, including parents, pupils, other schools and other professionals.

#### **16. DECISIONS REQUIRED**

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

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**Report to Cabinet: 19 March 2007  
Building Schools for the Future  
Outcomes of Stage Two Consultation**

**Collective Responses**

**a) Form 7e of Dyke House School**

This response indicated that the class had voted 100% for Option 3. Class also felt special schools should stay as they are because this would be more like a normal school.

**b) Dyke House School (signed by headteacher)**

Key issues:

- Dyke House School should remain in the heart of its community
- In favour of five school option
- Commitment to support Brierton School
- In favour of co-location

**c) Dyke House School Staff (signed by staff member)**

Key issues:

- Dyke House School should remain at the heart of its community
- In favour of five school model
- BSF will give Dyke House opportunity to build upon recent achievements
- In favour of co-location

**d) Hartlepool Headteachers (signed J Hughes, Chair)**

Key issues:

- Support for Option 3, for reasons stated in consultation booklet
- In favour of partner primary arrangements
- Head of Brierton School not included in submission
- In favour of co-location

**e) English Martyrs School & Sixth Form College (signed Chair & Head)**

Key issues:

- Full support for Option 3
- Addresses surplus places issue
- Establish partner primary arrangements
- Brierton School should close for reasons given in consultation booklet
- Closure should not be prolonged
- Support pledged for Brierton School
- In favour of co-location

**f) Catcote Special School (signed by headteacher)**

Key issues:

- In favour of co-location
- Need for central location
- Early years to 25
- Agencies to work together
- Residential element
- Community aspects
- Recognise specialist status / Enterprise Centre
- Life Skills centre

**g) High Tunstall College of Science (unsigned)**

Key issues:

- BSF – unique opportunity to create best possible, inclusive learning opportunities
- Environmentally friendly solution
- Complete new build on existing site
- In favour of five school option with closure of Brierton School
- Concern for Brierton pupils and staff and need for support
- Support for co-location of Catcote and Springwell, possibly on Brierton site
- Importance of inclusion and integration
- Parental choice to remain

**h) St Hild's Church of England School (unsigned)**

Key Issues:

- Support of 11-16 Option 3 (five schools & closure of Brierton School)
- Effective management of surplus places
- Closure of Brierton School is appropriate for reasons given in consultation document
- Short term expansion of other schools will facilitate a fast closure
- Pledge of support from St Hild's
- Need for further work on demographic projections and admission zones
- Vital to maintain 900 students at St Hild's
- More can be done to balance intakes of secondary schools
- Existing admission zone for St Hild's should be maintained
- Clavering Primary School admission zone and admission number should be increased
- Support for further discussion on SEN provision, based on principle of maximum inclusion
- SEN provision supporting parental choice
- Hub and spoke model recommended
- Need for definition of "SEN Learning Village"
- Stage One consultation response re-submitted
- Overall support for SEN Option 2 (co-location), but with further work before final decisions taken.

**i) Springwell School (email from headteacher)**

Key Issues:

- School held meetings attended by 14 parents – all supported Option 2 (co-location)
- Some concerns about the concept of Learning Village, but liked the idea of a village that encompassed co-location of physiotherapy, speech therapy, educational psychologists, occupational therapists
- Also could include Surestart, adult education, and much wider community
- Should be opportunity for mainstream pupils to be educated on same site
- Children to be involved in design
- Separate meeting disagreed about adult services inclusion
- Further discussion suggested
- Worry about congestion on Catcote Road
- Transport and location a concern
- Concern about possible animosity if co-location on Brierton site
- Possible siting on Marina
- Henry Smith site too far away

- Parents are the experts
- Important to keep primary, secondary and tertiary
- Request for Project Team to meet parents
- Request for further consultation
- Request for consultation small focus groups

**j) Report prepared by Youth Service**

Key issues:

- Consultation during open access youth club sessions, attendance at consultation events and consultation with specific groups of young people
- Possible closure of Brierton School was met with a mixed response; many young people spoke negatively about Brierton School
- Most concerns about possible closure related to immediate impact (“losing friends, having to travel, school uniforms etc.”)
- Young people did want to be involved
- Sympathy for pupils at Brierton from other young people

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**Comments Expressed in Individual Responses**

**a) Options for 11-16 Education**

Optimum number of schools

- 7 respondents felt that it was important to keep all six schools
- 3 respondents cited friendship issues as a reason for keeping six schools
- 5 respondents stated that a five school model meant minimum disruption in schools

School size and class size

- 21 respondents felt that six schools would make it possible to have smaller classes
- 11 respondents felt it was better to have smaller schools
- 6 respondents expressed view that pupil numbers would increase in Hartlepool

Funding issues

- 2 respondents felt that Brierton's problems were due to Council under-funding
- 2 respondents felt that the issue of Government funding amounted to blackmail
- 2 respondents expressed concerns about sustainability
- 26 respondents felt that a five school model would guarantee Government funding
- 44 respondents felt that a five school model was more cost effective / better vfm

Transport

- 23 respondents expressed concerns about travel and transport issues

Employment

- 3 respondents expressed explicit concerns about loss of employment

Issues at Brierton Community School in relation to pupil performance, pupil numbers and current buildings

- 12 respondents felt that Brierton should be retained and its buildings improved
- 3 respondents felt that Brierton's problems were the fault of children and / or parents
- 53 respondents felt that Brierton should close for reasons related to performance
- 40 respondents felt that Brierton should close for reasons related to demographics
- 19 respondents felt that Brierton should close for reasons related to buildings
- 8 respondents stated that Brierton has a bad reputation (including for bullying)
- 4 respondents expressed concerns about maintaining Sports facilities at Brierton
- 6 respondents felt that it had already been decided to close Brierton
- 6 respondents felt it was wrong to have named Brierton

Timing of potential closure of Brierton Community School

- 7 respondents felt that Brierton should be closed as soon as possible
- 2 respondents felt that Year 6 pupils should not go to Brierton in September 2007
- 4 respondents felt that Brierton should be phased out
- 11 respondents were concerned about upheaval or disruption if a school were to close

Admissions and feeder school arrangements

2 respondents expressed concerns about feeder school model

5 respondents stated that they were in favour of feeder school model

Other comments

6 respondents stated that schools should remain in the heart of their community

4 respondents raised explicit issues about SEN children in mainstream settings

10 respondents explicitly praised Dyke House School

5 respondents explicitly praised Manor College

The following issues were raised by a single respondent:

- Five schools would guarantee stability
- A five school model allows a fundamental re-think of education
- Five schools should be improved to same standard
- The five school model balances locations
- Option 3 takes into account all areas
- Option 3 will enable schools to have the best facilities
- Option 3 will allow consolidation of good standards
- Option 3 allows for parental choice
- Important to create the best possible learning environment
- Schools have improved
- Expand the best schools
- Children adapt easily
- Good teachers and discipline are important, not money
- Need for more joined up thinking on primary and post-16
- A radical re-think around Children's Centre location and extended schools
- Options need to be more radical
- Keep Brierton open until all new schools ready
- Concern about use of supply teachers at Brierton School
- Brierton staff are under pressure
- It's ok to close Brierton as long as my child does not suffer
- Explicit concerns about children's education if Brierton were to close
- Brierton can be improved
- Pupils will be alienated if Brierton closes
- Closing Brierton moves the problems to other schools
- The Council should remove the Portacabins at Brierton
- There should be 3 schools, North, Central & South plus 1 religious school (EM)
- Re-site a new school in South East of town
- The Council should do away with religious schools
- Explicit concerns about A2L
- Explicit concerns about transition issues

**b) Options for Special Educational Needs**

Schools to stay separate or be co-located

- 76 respondents felt that co-location would enable sharing of facilities and equipment
- 4 respondents felt that co-location would provide a more secure environment
- 2 respondents stated that co-location would help children to be more integrated
- 2 respondents stated that co-location would reduce the need for transport
- 2 respondents stated that co-location was an amazing opportunity

- 2 respondents suggested using Brierton site for co-location
- 6 respondents felt that there should be more than SEN facilities if Catcote and Springwell were co-located
- 3 respondents stated that schools should be separate as they serve separate parts of the town
- 7 respondents stated that existing arrangements work well
- 2 respondents felt that Catcote and Springwell needed separate facilities
- 3 respondents stated that smaller schools were an advantage

#### Cost effectiveness of co-location

- 33 respondents stated that co-location would be more cost effective / viable than two separate schools
- 11 respondents stated that co-location would save money
- 4 respondents felt that Option 2 would secure the funding

#### Advantages of sharing expertise and resources

- 24 respondents stated that co-location would enable teachers to share expertise and experience
- 3 respondents stated that others would be able to use facilities if Catcote and Springwell were co-located

#### Transition between primary and secondary phases of education

- 27 respondents felt that co-location would help with transition / continuity
- 2 respondents felt that co-location could provide for all ages
- 4 respondents stated that it was wrong to mix children of all ages
- 3 respondents stated a need for separate age related facilities
- 2 respondents felt that SEN children need a change of school at 11

#### Other comments

- 2 respondents felt that Government was blackmailing us to change
- 4 respondents stated that change would cause upset
- 2 respondents emphasised the need for SEN to be integrated with mainstream

The following issues were raised by a single respondent:

- Option 2 is interesting and innovative
- Option 2 is in the best interests of the children
- Option 2 would provide continuity of care
- Co-location will provide flexibility and first-class provision
- Co-location is exciting
- Co-location will raise status of SEN community
- Federate Catcote and Springwell
- Co-location concept is eye-catching
- Important to preserve resourced units in mainstream schools
- Co-location will secure jobs
- Co-location would release land for sale
- Inclusion is important (favoured status quo)
- There is a need for special schools
- Excellent work of existing schools
- New EDC on same site as co-location
- New CLC on same site as co-location

- Falling numbers affecting SEN
- Unnecessary expense
- No guarantee of funding for Springwell
- Co-location would lead to higher transport costs
- Co-location would disrupt collaboration with neighbouring schools
- Amalgamation would cause problems
- Leave alone - it's what children know

**Report to Cabinet: 19 March 2007  
Building Schools for the Future  
The Decision Making Process**

If, on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007, Cabinet authorises progress towards the possible closure of Brierton Community School, the shortest possible timescale for making the statutory decision is as follows. This would be essential if the school were to be considered for closure in the Summer of 2008.

19/03/07	Cabinet authorises statutory consultation in advance of publication of proposal to discontinue Brierton Community School
20/03/07	BSF Project Board meets to agree scope of statutory consultation
30/03/07	School Easter holiday begins
16/04/07	Schools return after Easter holiday
16/04/07	Statutory consultation begins
11/05/07	Statutory Consultation ends
25/05/07	Schools close for half term
29/05/07	Cabinet meets to consider responses and authorises Public Notice
04/06/07	Schools reopen after half term
04/06/07	Public Notice published; 6 week representations period begins
16/07/07	Representation period ends
20/07/06	Schools close for Summer holidays
06/08/07	Cabinet / School Organisation Committee considers representations and decides on proposal. If approved, implementation date is agreed (31.08.08)

If Cabinet feels a later closure date is more appropriate, this timescale could be extended into autumn 2007, but consideration needs to be given to the Authority's position in Wave 5 of BSF.

19/03/07	Cabinet authorises statutory consultation in advance of publication of proposal to discontinue Brierton Community School
20/03/07	BSF Project Board meets to agree scope of statutory consultation
	Project Board approves detail
08/05/07	Statutory consultation begins
25/05/07	Schools close for half term
12/06/07	Statutory Consultation ends
09/07/07	Cabinet meets to consider responses and authorises Public Notice
20/07/07	Schools close for Summer holiday
03/09/07	Schools reopen after Summer holiday
03/09/07	Public Notice published; 6 week representations period begins
15/10/07	Representation period ends
29/10/07	Cabinet / School Organisation Committee considers representations and decides on proposal. If approved, implementation date is agreed (31.08.09 or 31.08.10)



# SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

23 March 2007



**Report of:** Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

**Subject:** WITHDRAWAL OF EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL FUNDING TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR WITHIN HARTLEPOOL – SCRUTINY REFERRAL

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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline the draft findings and conclusions of Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee's investigation in relation to the Withdrawal of European Structural Funding to the Voluntary Sector within Hartlepool.

## 2. SETTING THE SCENE

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'.
- 2.5 Having considered the *Audit of Community and Voluntary Groups in Hartlepool* the Committee was presented with, and discussed a Scoping Paper on how to proceed with its investigation. The Scoping Paper was approved (with a number of amendments including a change of focus from the withdrawal of ERDF to European Structural Funding, more generally) on 24 November 2006 and subsequently the Committee has carried out its investigation into this issue.
- 2.6 There are three different objectives for European Structural Funding, which are listed below:
- **Objective 1:** to promote the development and structural adjustment of regions whose development is lagging behind;
  - **Objective 2:** to support the economic and social conversion of areas experiencing structural difficulties;
  - **Objective 3:** to support the adaptation and modernisation of education, training and employment policies and systems in regions not eligible under Objective 1.

### ***Changes to European Funding***

- 2.7 The issue of the Withdrawal of European Structural Funding to the Voluntary Sector within Hartlepool implies that there has been a change in European Funding. Consequently, it is necessary to briefly outline the nature of European Funding, with regard to the voluntary sector, in the 2000-06 round of funding and in the new 2007-13 round of funding.

### **EU Funding 2000-2006**

- 2.8 The UK was allocated over £10 billion through the current European Structural Funds between 2000 and 2006.
- 2.9 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%).

- 2.10 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, increasingly limited.

### **EU Funding 2007-13**

- 2.11 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.
- 2.12 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.

### **Summary**

- 2.13 The changes to European Funding are likely to have a significant impact on the CVS. Consequently, it is important to provide a brief summary of these changes when 'setting the scene' for this investigation, which is provided below for Members consideration:

- a) The UK will receive about half the total sum in funding through European Structural Funding under the 2007-13 round of funding, compared with 2000-06.
- b) Hartlepool is unlikely to receive as high a proportion of the North East's allocation in the 2007-13 round of funding as it did in the 2000-06.
- c) Simultaneously, the way that the CVS can access European monies has followed the trend for using co-financing (which was introduced towards the end of the 2000-06 programme) and there will be no direct bidding for these funds.

### **3. OVERALL AIM OF THE SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION**

- 3.1 To examine the issue of the Withdrawal of European Funding to the Voluntary Sector within Hartlepool and the potential impact this would have.

### **4. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- 4.1 The following Terms of Reference for this investigation were agreed by Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 24 November 2006:
  - a) To gain an understanding of how the voluntary sector are being / will be affected by the 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 the likely impact of a loss of funding on services provided within the town.
  - d) To establish how the local authority, and its partners in the LSP, can maximise the investment to the voluntary sector in light of changes to European Funding; and

### **5. MEMBERSHIP OF SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 Membership of Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee for the 2006/7 Municipal Year:-

Councillors S Allison, 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

## 6. METHODS OF INVESTIGATION

6.1 Over the course of the investigation Members have considered evidence from a wide variety of sources, including:

- (a) Hartlepool Borough Council Officers;
- (b) Verbal Evidence from European Structural Funds Voluntary Organisation Northern (ESFVON);
- (c) Verbal Evidence from Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit (TVJSU)
- (d) Evidence from Community and Voluntary Sector Organisations in Hartlepool:-
  - i. Representative from Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency (HVDA);
  - ii. Representative from Owton Fens Community Association (OFCA);
  - iii. Representative from Headland Development Trust (written submission); and
  - iv. Representative from Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre.
- (e) Focus Group with the 12 CVS organisations that have received European Structural Funds in either 2005/06 or 2006/07. The Focus Group discussions were organised in accordance with the Terms of Reference for this investigation, and responses were sought to each of the questions that these effectively pose. The following bodies were represented at the Focus Group:
  - 1. Hartlepool Targeted Communities Package Co-ordinator;
  - 2. Hartlepool Art Studio Limited;
  - 3. West View Employment Action Group;
  - 4. West View Advice and Resource Centre;
  - 5. West View Project; and
  - 6. HVDA.

6.2 In addition, to evidence from the sources above the Committee also received comprehensive information about the community and voluntary sector in Hartlepool through the, *Audit of Community and Voluntary Groups in Hartlepool* on 20 October 2006. The Committee had a further opportunity to consider the Audit on 9 February 2007 and to question officers about it.

## FINDINGS

### 7. Impact on Voluntary Sector of a Major Loss in European Funding

- 7.1 Over the course of the investigation Members received evidence from a number of sources about the likely impact that a major reduction in European funding would have on the Voluntary Sector. This included evidence from all the representatives outlined in paragraph 6.1 above and from a focus group comprised of representatives that had received European Funding in either 2005/6 or 2006/7.
- 7.2 It has been argued by a number of witnesses including ESFVON, TVSJU, Council officers and representatives of the CVS that the 2000-06 Objective 2 Programme Priority 4 programme of European Funding (concerned with community regeneration) was very successful and that across Hartlepool the CVS has been particularly successful in accessing funding through this.
- 7.3 However, between 2002 and 2005 co-financing was introduced to Objective 3 funding. According to evidence received in the Committee the notion of match funding through Job Centre Plus and the LSC was sold as part of introducing this, and it was stated that it would not adversely impact on small organisations.
- 7.4 It has already been highlighted in section 2 that under the 2007-13 ESF programme there will be a reduction in the money available for the CVS to access. However, there is also a desire for fewer bigger projects, which has at least in part been influenced by the drive to make efficiencies in the Civil Service. This is largely due to the applications for ESF monies being fairly complex and, therefore, requiring a lot of processing and monitoring. Consequently, the current co-financing arrangements are set to continue, which means that Job Centre Plus and the LSC have to invite CVS organisations to tender for funding, within the framework that they set. A number of witnesses have argued that this is likely to have a highly negative impact on the voluntary sector's ability to access funding. The impact of this on the voluntary sector is that consortia applications for funding will be required from the CVS because it is unlikely that these organisations will be big enough to access funding streams on their own.
- 7.5 A further development in the 2007-13 ESF Programme is that there is no proposed priority for 'targeted communities'. This is despite the CVS suggesting that there should be a sub priority within the North East for disadvantaged groups.
- 7.6 According to the evidence presented by the Director of EFSVON there will be a reduced allocation of ERDF under the 2007-13 programme but it is not clear how this will be accessed as yet. It could come from applications or tenders or commissioning. Again there is no proposed priority for 'targeted communities'. This regime will also 'require' consortia applications for funding.

- 7.7 In addition, the Director of ESF/VON identified the following key challenges for the CVSW whilst presenting his evidence to the Committee:
- a) There is less money available;
  - b) The focus is on less projects, which are bigger; and
  - c) There is a squeeze on the opportunities available through European Structural Funds through both the ESF and ERDF.
- 7.8 In a written submission to the Committee HVDA indicated that at present there are 556 VCS groups registered with them. Although the number of groups receiving some level of support is expected to remain approximately the same the range and concentration of that support is likely to be severely curtailed. They provided the following examples of the types of work which are likely to be reduced:
- (a) The provision of technical and concentrated work undertaken with community groups in order to ensure that are more effective in achieving their goals.
  - (b) Specific work with hard to reach groups such as ethnic minorities, gay and lesbian, carers.
  - (c) Development work with individual residents groups
  - (d) Targeted work to encourage a culture of volunteering with people from hard to reach and particularly disadvantaged communities, such as those who are long term unemployed, have disabilities, are from ethnic minorities.
  - (e) Specific work to enable VCS groups to promote their activities and 'message' more effectively.
- 7.9 Without the additional 'match' of European funding HVDA argue they do not have the financial resources for the level of staff requirement to achieve the above specific pieces of work. Since the end of the last European project (December 2005) HVDA has had to rationalise the services provided which has resulted in two members of staff being made redundant and a reduction in the hours of work of five others. European funding also contributed to the core staffing costs of HVDA. For the 2007-08 year HVDA has projected that it will be able to maintain its present level of core staff by using part of its reserves however by December 2007 the Board of Directors will again be required to prioritise the services provided and how best to achieve them into the 2008-09 year. At the present projection it is likely that HVDA will again be required to issue notices of redundancy/and or offer reduced hours of working to core staff.
- 7.10 The Co-ordinating Manager of OFCA who attended the meeting of the Committee on 9 February 2007 indicated that approximately 30 staff are directly or indirectly funded by European monies. European Funding has brought real money into the town, which has been match-funded. He was concerned that there will be a big impact on the town and the voluntary sector as a whole following the reduction European Funding.

- 7.11 The representative from Belle Vue Community, Sports and Youth Centre who attended the meeting on 9 February 2007 indicated that the Centre itself benefited directly from European funding for building purposes in 2002. Since then many learning providers, who access European funding, use the Centre and as a result there is the potential that Belle Vue will have a reduced income. This in turn may lead to a direct, and negative, impact on the services the Centre provides to the 600 young people it works with every week, which it funds through its core income.

### ***Focus Group Findings***

- 7.12 During discussions of this issue members of the focus group raised the following points:
- a) One representative indicated that when a project, which was funded by the ESF, came to an end their outreach capacity was cut by approximately 50%.
  - b) ERDF has, in the past, generated grants for capital resources and has allowed CVS bodies to bring funding in through other resources. Consequently, a likely impact of the changes to EU Structural Funds is for a reduction in funding directly and for a loss in opportunities to generate resources.
  - c) The reduction in funding will mean a likely reduction in capacity building for organisations like HVDA. This funding has helped organisations to support volunteers in the past and it is likely that the scope of what they can do, and flexibility over how this can be done, will be reduced in the future. It was argued that downsizing projects is seemingly inevitable with job losses for project staff highly likely.
  - d) CVS bodies may not be able to look to European Funding in the future to meet new needs.
- 7.13 In summary, the focus group agreed that there are likely to be two main types of impact on the CVS. Firstly, it may have a drastic impact where, for example, the ESF has been the main funder of a project there is a strong possibility the project will close in the future. Secondly, European funding acts as a catalyst for other funding and for generating social capital. Consequently, it was argued that there are likely to be far reaching knock-on effects on the beneficiaries of CVS actions locally.

## **8. National, Regional and Local Action in Anticipation of the Reduction in European Funding**

- 8.1 As the header above implies there are three levels of government / governance responses in anticipation of the reduction in European Funding that have relevance for the findings of this Committee. These are; nationally,



regionally and locally. Consequently, the findings in this section have been outlined accordingly.

### **National response**

- 8.2 According to the evidence submitted by the TVJSU it is clear that the Treasury's policy is to concentrate resources on skills and employability. Indeed the Government's *National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF): EU Structural Funds Programme 2007-13*, identifies three overarching themes for the UK's nations and regions to give particular attention to in developing priorities for EU funding. These are:
- a) Enterprise and Innovation;
  - b) Skills and Employment; and
  - c) Environmental and Community Stability.
- 8.3 The NSRF moves onto to identify Sustainable Economic Development as the central component of the UK's vision for structural fund spending.
- 8.4 When the Director of ESFVON was asked whether the pressures for the limited choice available to the CVS were coming from Brussels or Westminster, he indicated that this was being driven by Westminster. Brussels sets out a number of opportunities (which are concerned more with competitiveness and jobs rather than social programmes, compared with the previous programme), which the Director of ESFVON argued had been limited by the NSRF (as outlined above). The opportunities available to the CVS have been further limited by the Government's proposal to continue with co-financing.

### **Regional Response**

- 8.5 Representatives of GONE and ONE were invited to participate in the investigation but were unable to attend to provide evidence. Nevertheless, ESFVON and the TVJSU were both able to attend to provide evidence to the Committee from a regional and sub-regional perspective.
- 8.6 ESFVON is the specialist regional development agency for voluntary and community organisations accessing, or seeking to access, the European Structural Funds for the economic and social regeneration of the North East of England. During the past twelve years ESFVON has advised and supported organisations which have been successful in being recommended for funding of over £100 million, with a total value of projects in excess of £200 million. ESFVON has links with over 1000 organisations providing a network covering the North East of England.
- 8.7 The Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit provides support for the boroughs of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees and the Tees Valley Development Company by:

- a) Formulating sub-regional strategies in partnership with the member boroughs, the European Union, government, government agencies, the private and voluntary sector
- b) Influencing the decisions and actions of European institutions, national government and the local private sector through lobbying to maximize the attraction of external resources to the sub-region and to ensure that the policies adopted by these organisations cater for the needs of the sub-region.
- c) Providing relevant information and forecasts to support the authorities of the member boroughs and other organisations.

- 8.8 It was argued by the Director of TVJSU that in 2004 his organisation and the voluntary sector had tried to persuade Government Office for the North East (GONE) and One North East (ONE) to transfer underspend resources from Priorities 1 and 2 (sector development and business support) to Priority 4 (community regeneration). However, this was met with resistance by GONE and ONE. The argument they made was that the region should not put European Funding into measures like Priority 4, which they argued are effectively ameliorating the symptoms of the problem rather than tackling the fundamental structural problems of the regional economy. Consequently, it was argued (by GONE and ONE) that resources are better spent by developing venture capital funds for new and growing businesses, and developing centres of excellence for encouraging innovation in key sectors with potential growth.
- 8.9 The evidence provided by the TVJSU also indicated that GONE and ONE believed that there was no need for further resources to be invested in community regeneration because substantial amounts were already being invested. In addition, they argued that Priority 4 schemes tend to be run by small voluntary sector organisations and vary in their effectiveness. These are often intensive for GONE to manage and (it was argued by GONE and ONE) the standard of reporting back is often below the standard required by the European Commission.
- 8.10 However, in this debate the TVJSU pointed out that there was a real danger that a lot of the excellent community regeneration work being carried out in the North East was likely to be lost. This was because community regeneration was being reduced substantially through other sources such as the Single Regeneration Budget, Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, and the unwillingness of ONE to fund these types of project.
- 8.11 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 North East and the European Structural Fund Voluntary Organisations Northern (ESFVON) would look into the problem and make representations to Government about it. However, it has been argued by the TVJSU that ONE and GONE took considerable time to convene the group and only held one meeting. They did not produce a

report to the PMC because, according to the TVJSU, they found the issue too difficult to deal with.

- 8.12 GONE and ONE have now produced the draft programme for consultation for the Competitiveness and Employment European Development Fund for 2007-13. There are only two priorities:
- (a) Enhancing and exploiting innovation; and
  - (b) Encourage business growth and enterprise.
- 8.13 However, within the NSRF a priority on 'Sustainable Communities' has been identified but the North East's regional response to this has been to not carry forward this priority. Consequently, the (constrained) options, identified in paragraphs 8.2-8.4, have been further limited by an unwillingness on the part of GONE and ONE to reflect the (potential) priority of sustainable communities, within the regions response to the NSRF. This is a significant development, which, it has been argued, limits the potential for community capacity building within the region.
- 8.14 A further development highlighted by the Manager of HVDA was that some Regional Development Agencies were choosing to prioritise community funding and gave the example of the East of England Development Agency (EEDA). Further research in relation to the EEDA indicates that they have approved over £21m of funding to support activity geared towards 'Investing in Communities' in Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire for the period 2007-2011. It will be used to raise individual's aspirations and motivation to gain employment, promote and encourage enterprise, promote partnership development and support the ownership of community assets. It has been developed mainly in response to the end of Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) funding and has come from the EEDA's single pot budget. It is distributed across the sub-regional partnerships and is geared towards a variety of organisations including those in the CVS.
- 8.15 A general view that emerged in the Committee was that Members were concerned that the additional pressures resulting from a reduction in European Funding had led the Government and regional government (through GONE and ONE) to focus the remaining funding on economic development at the expense of social funding objectives.

### ***Local Response / Focus Group Findings***

- 8.16 During discussions in the Focus Group a general view emerged that a relatively limited amount had been done within the voluntary sector locally in anticipation of reduction in European Funding. It was felt that a reasonable number of groups would rather focus on delivering services than on fundraising.
- 8.17 A number of additional points were raised about the awareness in the Voluntary Sector of changes to funding regimes more generally and the impact this has on the ability to plan for the future. Shifting pots of funding

under different arms of Government can be confusing and destabilising for community and voluntary sector organisations.

- 8.18 A further factor, which featured fairly prominently in the Focus Group's discussions, was that the likely reduction in European Funding is occurring at the same time as other funding streams / opportunities are coming to an end or being reduced. Representatives gave the examples of NRF and Lottery funding. These combinations of factors have made it increasingly difficult to devise a response in anticipation of a reduction in European Funding that will offset the consequences of these changes.
- 8.19 Manor Residents Association argued (in a written submission) that they are continuing to work in partnerships to explore other avenues of funding, which they hope will minimise the impact of the loss of funding, as well as being able to maintain a level of service consistent with community needs.

## **9. Likely Impact of the Reduction in European Funding on Services Provided within the Town**

- 9.1 Since co-financing was introduced it has been argued that a CVS organisation has not been successful in accessing funding on its own. Therefore, the CVS has come together more frequently on a Tees Valley basis to access funding and there has been some success in accessing funding through these means. Nevertheless, a general view emerged in the Committee that co-financing has had a negative impact on Hartlepool and that central Government has dictated this. There is a high level of despondency, within the voluntary sector and beyond, about how the consultation leading to the production of the NSRF has turned out. The only response to accessing European monies is to create partnerships of bigger groups, and it has been argued that it is very difficult for the CVS to enter into these.
- 9.2 The Headland Development Trust (HDT) argued, in their written submission to the Committee, that whilst they have received a number of direct European grants the majority of the European funding that they receive is indirectly through partnership working with other CVS agencies in the town. They move on to argue that the withdrawal of this funding will have a significant impact upon sustaining the delivery of programmes in Hartlepool, with the overall effect being most felt by the beneficiaries served – generally the most vulnerable members of society. This view was echoed by Members and other witnesses during the investigation. HDT gave the example of their Community Legal Learning Programme, which has helped 66 people to achieve a level 2 qualification in the last year, but would have to cease under the new EU funding regime.
- 9.3 The Committee has expressed concern that there will be a big knock-on effect resulting from the changes to / reduction in European Funding, which will impact most on disadvantaged communities. There are concerns that if the CVS fragments as a result of these changes the divisions in society will become greater and this will impact on statutory service providers within the town.

- 9.4 During discussions in the Committee Members have raised the issue of Hartlepool's rating on the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) and the contribution that the CVS makes to deprived communities, in particular. Hartlepool is ranked the 14<sup>th</sup> worst local authority in terms of IMD on the 2004 ratings. Consequently, it has been argued that the CVS significantly contributes to enhancing social cohesion within the town, given the relative economic and social deprivation experienced in the town.
- 9.5 A number of Members discussed the impact of the changes to European Funding on the notion of 'Double Devolution'. David Milliband (when he was Minister for Communities and Local Government) defined double devolution as, "not just devolution that takes power from central government and gives it to local government, but power that goes from local government down to local people, providing a critical role for individuals and neighbourhoods, often through the voluntary sector."
- 9.6 However, it has been suggested by Members that the knock-on effects of these changes to European Funding would mean that a number of projects funded through European monies, either directly or indirectly, would cease to continue and that the community capacity building, which is central to encouraging double devolution, would be adversely affected by these changes. Members of the Committee have regarded the national and regional implementation of changes to European Funding as being centralisation and regionalisation 'by the back door'.
- 9.7 Consequently, some Members have argued over the course of this investigation that Central Government should be lobbied about the changes to European Funding. It has been argued that if Government is serious about local people managing their development then there needs to be more local control over how this kind of funding is allocated. The notion of 'Double Devolution' is one that the Committee has indicated its support for over the course of the investigation. However, the findings of the Committee have suggested that this is likely to remain a 'notion', rather than a 'reality', under the proposed allocation of European Structural Funding, which has (in the past) been a key mechanism for community capacity building.

### ***Focus Group Findings***

- 9.8 The Focus Group shared a number of views expressed by in the Committee, these include:
- (a) There will be a knock on effect for other funding regimes, for example the loss of ESF support will significantly reduce the impact of projects like the NRF because funding is less likely to be available for match funded projects.
  - (b) There is likely to be an impact on the beneficiaries of the services the CVS provides. Those present felt that this could impact on the

beneficiaries of these services economically and socially, and also in terms of an overall impact on jobs and educational opportunities.

- (c) The loss / reduction of European Funding will have a significant impact on the voluntary sector across the region as a whole. As projects end jobs will be lost together with training, employment and educational opportunities.

## **10. How the Local Authority, and its Partners on the LSP, can Maximise the Investment to the Voluntary Sector in Light of the Changes to European Funding**

10.1 A central purpose of this report is to clarify the evidence the Committee has received so far, and for this to act as a basis for Members to formulate additional responses to this issue, should they wish to do so. Over the course of the investigation there has been a general consensus amongst the witnesses the Committee has received evidence from over the negative impact that the reduction in European Funding is likely to have on the CVS and the town.

10.2 During the evidence gathering session with the Director of the TVJSU it was argued that the prospects for community organisations obtaining EU funding are bleak. Nevertheless, a number of possibilities for the CVS to access European monies were identified:

- a) Through enhanced national programmes of Job Centre Plus and the Learning and Skills Council (LSC);
- b) By being commissioned by Business Link North East to run projects which help disadvantaged groups back into enterprise; and
- c) Through employability and skills projects, which will be funded by Job Centre Plus and the LSC.

10.3 The Director of ESFVON argued that the ethos of his organisation is that communities make for strong regions, rather than strong regions leading strong communities. This 'bottom-up' approach was broadly supported by the Committee as a desirable approach to strengthening communities and building social capital. However, there are real concerns that developments in the 2007-13 round of European Structural Funding will not be conducive to fostering this type of approach. Indeed, this concern has been reflected in much of the Committee's discussions about this issue to date, and has been highlighted by some Members as a problem, which it is difficult for the Local Authority to respond to given its position within the regional, national and European systems of government / governance.

10.4 Nevertheless Members have suggested a number of approaches to how the Local Authority and its partners on the LSP can respond to this issue. These include:

- (a) That the Authority should explore working with the Local Authority movement within Europe to lobby against the impact of the reduction European Funding on the CVS;
- (b) That the Authority should also lobby the local MP, national Government, GONE and ONE about these changes to funding. It has been argued that the national and regional response to these changes are effectively a form of nationalisation and regionalisation by the back-door and that they discourage the notion of 'double devolution';
- (c) Over the course of the investigation a number of Members have expressed a desire to see some form of partnership based approach to responding to the pressures resulting from changes to European funding. This has included the suggestion that a 'core' CVS organisation is established, which will have the capacity to help smaller CVS organisations. Similar suggestions from Members have included the need to establish a partnership / working party to respond to this issue strategically, which would include Council and CVS representatives; and
- (d) That the amalgamation of CVS groups in the town may be a necessary response to reduction in European Funding and the changing nature of allocation of this funding.

10.5 In addition, the Director of TVJSU argued, when providing evidence to the Committee, that it might be possible to facilitate future involvement for the CVS through the Local Area Agreement process and through the LSP. It was argued that the Council could play an important role in these processes, in its co-ordinating capacity, by linking the CVS into this.

10.6 Members of the Committee may want to consider how the Local Authority, and its Partners on the LSP, can Maximise the Investment to the Voluntary Sector in Light of the Changes to European Funding, further in this meeting.

### ***Focus Group Findings***

10.7 In addition, the Focus Group discussed this issue and in doing so a number of potential options for future Local Authority assistance to Community and Voluntary bodies, which had previously been presented to the Committee, were outlined in order to prompt discussions. These were:

- i. Further review Community Pool criteria;
- ii. Potentially fund fewer groups better;
- iii. Restrict funding to 'core costs contributions' only, not project work;
- iv. Increase nominal funding to a larger number of groups to enable LA support / 100% rates relief;

- v. Encourage amalgamations of groups to reduce costs;
  - vi. Joint sharing of premises to improve sustainability (regardless of ownership / lease / rent position); and
  - vii. Significantly increase the Community Pool Budget
- 10.8 Generally the Focus Group felt like these options were satisfactory. A significant increase in the Community Pool Budget was deemed to be especially desirable by those present.
- 10.9 One representative felt that contributions to core cost funding have worked well in the past (e.g. in partnership with the PCT) and it can make a big difference to the ability to deliver a wider range of work. However, it was also argued that it tends to be difficult to get contributions to core costs as funders tend to prefer to support project activity rather than this.
- 10.10 It was highlighted during discussions that the Local Authority had to make savings of 3% across the Departments in the forthcoming budget. A potential area for savings had been a freeze on the Community Pool. However, this did not occur and it would continue to increase in accordance with inflation. The Community Pool will be £437,109 for 2007/8 and there are already bids for £577,000.
- 10.11 It was agreed that 3 year funding (through the Community Pool) for strategic CVS organisations would be a useful recommendation as it would provide more stability and be an easier and more effective way of working. There is a common perception amongst the CVS and the Local Authority that the annual bids come around far too quickly.

## 11. CONCLUSIONS

11. Over the course of the investigation the Committee has reached the following conclusions:
- a) That The UK will receive about half the total sum in funding through European Structural Funding under the 2007-13 round of funding, compared with 2000-06.
  - b) That a number of witnesses including ESFVON, TVSJU, Council officers and representatives of the CVS have argued that the 2000-06 Objective 2 Programme Priority 4 programme of European Funding (concerned with community regeneration) was very successful and that across Hartlepool the CVS has been particularly successful in accessing funding from this. Hartlepool's total amounted to 10.2% of the funding available for the North East, whilst its population is only 3.54%.



- c) The fact that there is less European Structural Funding available now means that there is likely to be more competition within the region and sub-region to access the available European monies. Therefore, it is less likely that Hartlepool will be able 'overachieve' to the same proportion, within a smaller budget.
- d) That Members were concerned that the additional pressures resulting from a reduction in European Funding had led the Government and regional government (through GONE and ONE) to focus the remaining funding on economic development at the expense of social funding objectives.
- e) That Co-financing under the 2007-13 programme of European Funding will further limit the potential of CVS bodies to access European Funding and that this will require partnerships of CVS groups to access this funding.
- f) Given the hierarchical nature of this issue there is limited amount that can be done locally to change the nature of funding allocation. Indeed, ESFVON and the TVJSU (in consultation with CVS bodies and Local Authorities) have both lobbied nationally and regionally to request that more of the available funding is allocated to communities and social regeneration, rather than to skills and economic regeneration. However, it has remained the Government's, and regions, priority to improve economic sustainability as a means to improving social cohesion.
- g) Over the course of the investigation a number of Members have expressed a desire to see some form of partnership based approach to responding to the pressures resulting from changes to European funding. This has included the suggestion that a 'core' CVS organisation is established, which will have the capacity to help smaller CVS organisations. Similar suggestions from Members have included the need to establish a partnership / working party to respond to this issue strategically, which would include Council and CVS representatives.

## 12. RECOMMENDATIONS

### 12.1 That Members of the Committee:

- (a) Note the contents of the draft final report and approve or amend the findings and conclusions of this report; and
- (b) Determine a series of recommendations based on the findings of this investigation, and in particular, on the conclusions in section 11.

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### BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

- (i) *National Strategic Reference Framework: EU Structural Funds Programme 2007-13*, issued by the Department of Trade and Industry 23 October 2006.
- (ii) 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;
- (iii) Decision Record of the Grants Committee Meeting held on 10 January 2006;
- (iv) 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;
- (v) 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;
- (vi) *Audit of Community and Voluntary Groups in Hartlepool* Presented to the Committee on 20 October 2006;
- (vii) Report of Scrutiny Manager / Scrutiny Support Officer entitled 'Withdrawal of European Regional Development Funding to the Voluntary Sector Within Hartlepool – Scoping Report' presented to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee held on 24 November 2006;
- (viii) 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;
- (ix) Report of the Director of TVJSU entitled 'European Funding' presented to the Committee on 19 January 2007;

- (x) Report of the Director of ESFVON entitled 'Withdrawal of European Structural Funding to the Voluntary Sector with Hartlepool' presented to the Committee on 19 January 2007; and
- (xi) Minutes of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee held on 10 February 2006, 2 June 2006, 20 October 2006, 24 November 2006, 19 January 2007 and 9 February 2007.