

## COUNCIL – 26 JULY 2011

### FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE PARALYMPIC CYCLING EVENT

Report of the: Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources

Status: For Decision

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**This report supports the Key Aim** of the effective management of Council resources.

**Portfolio Holder** Cllr. P. Fleming

**Head of Service** Mrs Christine Nuttall - Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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**Recommendation:** That Council agrees the Cabinet's recommendation that the £35,000 underspend in the Community Development Budget 2010/11 be set aside as an earmarked reserve to support the Paralympic Cycling event.

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#### Introduction and Background

1. The Cabinet meeting on 23 June 2011 considered the Provisional Out-turn for 2010/11 and requests to carry forward funding from a number of budgets into the 2011/12 financial year where it had not been possible to spend the money by the end of the financial year as originally anticipated.
2. The Cabinet considered these requests in the light of comments made by the Finance Advisory Group (FAG) which took place on 15 June 2011 as to whether each request qualified as a genuine "carry forward".
3. One request related to funding for the Paralympic Cycling event to be held in Sevenoaks in 2012 and the Cabinet shared the view of the FAG that as there was not a budget for this at the beginning of the financial year, because details of the event had yet to be agreed, the request for funding could not be regarded as a carry forward.

#### Funding to Support the Paralympic Cycling Event

4. The Cabinet considered that whilst it would not be possible to approve funding for this event as a "carry forward" the event aligned well with many of the Council's objectives and was worthy of support. It recognised that whilst the event does not take place until 2012 it would be beneficial to undertake some work in 2011/12 which would require funding in the current financial year.
5. The Cabinet considered the briefing report attached at Appendix A which outlined the benefits of supporting the project and identified an underspend of

£35,000 in the Community Development Budget for 2010/11, made up of an underspend of £10,000 plus additional income of £25,000, and how this could be used to support the Paralympic Cycling event.

6. Based on this identified funding the Cabinet resolved to recommend to the Council that the £35,000 underspend in the 2010/11 Community Development Budget should be set aside as an earmarked reserve to support the Paralympic event.

## **Key Implications**

### Financial

7. These are set out in Appendix A. .

### Community Impact and Outcomes

8. Supporting the cycling event will promote activities which are in line with many of the Council's Community aims and will assist in promoting cycling, helping disabled children with the District to access sport, promoting healthy living and raising the profile of disability and sport in the locality.

### Legal, Human Rights etc.

9. None

### Value For Money and Asset Management

10. None

## **Conclusions**

11. The Council is asked to agree the Cabinet's recommendation to set aside the £35,000 underspend in the 2010/11 Community Development Budget as an earmarked reserve to support the Paralympic Cycling event.

### **Sources of Information:**

Report to Cabinet – 23 June 2011 “Provisional Out-turn 2010/11 and Carry Forward Requests” and the associated briefing note attached to this report at Appendix A

Cabinet minutes – 23 June 2011

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## Update to Cabinet on Paralympic Event

Although the Paralympics event does not take place until 2012/13, it would be beneficial to undertake some work in 2011/12, for example with disabled people in the District, the local Sports Council, the Parish Council, voluntary organisations and Sencio Community Leisure in the run up to the Olympics. This could include promotion of cycling, helping disabled children within the District to access sport and generally raising the profile of disability and sport across the District through local activity. Whilst the District Council will be able to promote and co-ordinate supporting events and activity, there is capacity within the voluntary and community sector to deliver significant work that will contribute to the Paralympics legacy.

It was not possible, before the announcement of the Events, to discuss with partners the potential for this work. However, it is envisaged that the requested funding of £35,000 would contribute to this work as well as to the smooth-running of the event itself in the District. Underspends in the youth, health promotion and sustainability budgets would be used for youth, health and sustainability aspects of the Paralympics as shown below. The remaining £25,000 does not relate to a 2010/11 budget but was additional external income received at the end of 2010/11 for work on youth and other community activities undertaken by the Community Development team. It is hoped that this will provide a contingency fund for the District Council's agreed responsibilities for the Paralympics Event. It could also assist local clubs and community groups to provide activities that raise the profile of disability and sport across the District.

Sustainability c/f	Work to promote cycling in advance of the Paralympics, working with local cycling and sports groups.	£3,000
Youth c/f	It was not possible, before the announcement of the Events, to discuss with partners the potential for this work. However, it is envisaged that the carried forward funding would contribute to hire of venues, specialist coaching, hire of equipment and promotional materials.	£2,000
Health promotion c/f	Training and equipment for volunteers stewards to assist visitors to the District in association with the Paralympics	£5,000
Event management	Hire of venues, specialist coaching, hire of equipment and promotional materials	£3,000
District Council's agreed contribution to the Paralympics	This was estimated and presented to Cabinet on 17th March 2011. The budget presented covered provision of 2 disabled toilets per day for spectators along the outside track, leaflets to local residents and first aid provision and staff costs, all of which were identified as being met from existing budgets, street cleaning, environmental health enforcement, some parking enforcement.	£0

Promotional material	This was presented to Cabinet on 17th March with £6,000 to be identified. Currently the cost of this is unknown and we are awaiting further information from London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG).	£6,000
Contribution towards community events	To assist local sports and community groups to provide activities associated with sport and disability	£6,000
Contingency		£10,000
	TOTAL	<u>£35,000</u>

**Recommendation**

Based on the identified funding above, it is requested that Cabinet recommend to Council that £35,000 underspend in the 2010/11 Community Development Budget be set aside as an earmarked reserve to support the Paralympic event.