

Budget Carry Forward Request 2013/14

Chief Officer : Adrian Rowbotham

Budget description : Property Investment

Type of expenditure: Revenue

Cost Centre code : FSMSINVP 60013

Budget unspent at 31/3/14: £40,000

Amount requested for carry forward: £40,000

Reason for request, including the benefits of this expenditure, why the budget was not spent in 2013/14 and timescales for expenditure in 2014/15 :

During 2013/14 £50,000 was set aside to support the Property Investment Strategy to fund property investment studies. £10,000 has been spent in 2013/14 and the remainder will be required in 2014/15 as more projects commence.

Implications of not carrying forward this budget (e.g. impact on achievement of performance targets, etc):

If suitable studies are not carried out on future property investment proposals, there is a risk that the Council will not optimise the financial return.

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Chief Officer : Adrian Rowbotham

Budget description : Revenues

Type of expenditure: Revenue

Cost Centre code : FSPARCTS

Budget unspent at 31/3/14: £77,000

Amount requested for carry forward: £77,000

Reason for request, including the benefits of this expenditure, why the budget was not spent in 2013/14 and timescales for expenditure in 2014/15 :

The following grants were received in 2013/14:

- DCLG New Burdens – Implementation of Local Council Tax Support Scheme £50,134.
- DCLG Council Tax Support Transitional Grant £27,531

Implementing the Local Council Tax Support Scheme in the first year (2013/14) was contained within the Council's budget including the amounts provided by the major Precepting authorities.

From 2014/15 the amount of Council Tax to be paid by Council Tax Support customers has increased from 8.5% to 18.5% which may result in reduced collection rates unless extra work is completed to contact individuals who are not paying to explain the different payment options available to them.

Implications of not carrying forward this budget (e.g. impact on achievement of performance targets, etc):

From 2014/15 the amount of Council Tax to be paid by Council Tax Support customers has increased from 8.5% to 18.5%. There is a risk that fewer people will pay going forward which will result in a reduced Council Tax collection rate.

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Chief Officer : Jim Carrington-West

Budget description : Support General Admin - MFDs

Type of expenditure: Revenue/Asset Maintenance

Cost Centre code : XAYA

Budget unspent at 31/3/14: £13,680

Amount requested for carry forward: £12,000

Reason for request, including the benefits of this expenditure, why the budget was not spent in 2013/14 and timescales for expenditure in 2014/15 :

The current MFD contract includes higher charges through the initial period of the contract which then decrease for the last two years. There was therefore a proportion of the budget that was unspent during 2013/14 which is requested to be carried forward as it is programmed to cover the costs of implementing a replacement MFD estate.

Implications of not carrying forward this budget (e.g. impact on achievement of performance targets, etc):

If this money is not carried forward as planned, there will be insufficient up-front costs to cover the implementation of new MFDs when the current estate reaches the end of its life.

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Head of Service: Pat Smith, Chief Housing Officer

Budget description: Disabled Facility Grants 2013/14

Type of expenditure: Capital

Cost Centre code: 67000 YLTB 6831

Budget unspent at 31/3/14: £66,594

Amount requested for carry forward: £66,594

Reason for request, including the benefits of this expenditure, why the budget was not spent in 2013/14 and timescales for expenditure in 2014/15:

In accordance with Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 all applicants have 12 months from the date of approval in which to carry out the works,

- Our experience in the last year has been that KCC Assessment and Enabling Team have faced a turnover of staff which has impacted upon the processing of DFG's.
- Two complex children cases, totalling £60,000, have had their completion date extended, meaning it was not possible to complete during 2013/14.

Implications of not carrying forward this budget (e.g. impact on achievement of performance targets, etc):

If not carried forward, along with the reduction in the budget of DFG to £517,000, it is possible that this may have a negative impact upon:-

- the Council's performance in meeting its target in relation to the number of DFGs completed;
- the time it would take before the disabled applicant received their adaptation; and
- the number of applicants experiencing an excellent service.

This carry forward will mitigate the pressure going forward in 2014/2015 in particular regarding the following applications:

£28,000 11/00108/DFG Due to the complexity of this grant works must now be completed before 31st March 2015.

£17,000 13/00007/DFG An extension has been granted with works having to be completed by 31st May 2014.

£4,100 13/00128/DFG No payments have been released and it is anticipated that the works will be completed and the payment released during Quarter 1 2014/2015.

£9,500 13/00165/DFG No payments have been released and it is anticipated that works will be completed and the payment released during Quarter 1 2014/2014.

£2,600 13/00101/DFG No payments have been released and works are expected to be undertaken no later than Quarter 2 2014/2015.