

**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.

**Budget Carry Forward Request 2013/14**

**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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

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