

Budget Carry Forward Request 2014/15

Chief Officer : Lesley Bowles

Budget description : Broadband

Type of expenditure: Revenue

Cost Centre code : CDBRDBND

Budget unspent at 31/3/15: £78,250

Amount requested for carry forward: £78,250

Reason for request, including the benefits of this expenditure, why the budget was not spent in 2014/15 and timescales for expenditure in 2015/16 :

This funding is required to continue the development of the New Economic Development & Property Team. 2 new members of the Team, including the Head of Economic Development & Property were appointed in 2014/15. A new Economic Development officer has now been appointed and recruitment is under way for a further two new team members.

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

Failure to continue the development of the Economic Development & Property Team will put at risk the council's commitment to Economic Development, the Property Investment Strategy and the Council's aspirations for financial self-sufficiency. Existing budgets are under pressure and may be insufficient to achieve this unless this sum is carried forward.

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Chief Officer : Jim Carrington-West

Budget description : Asset Maintenance Argyle Road

Type of expenditure: Revenue

Cost Centre code : 30200 YMKAG 9999

Budget unspent at 31/3/15: £ 49,000

Amount requested for carry forward: £49,000

Reason for request, including the benefits of this expenditure, why the budget was not spent in 2014/15 and timescales for expenditure in 2015/16 :

A number of Asset Maintenance works were identified and scheduled for 2014/15 but were not carried out during the year due to lack of resources and other priorities.

These works are still required to be undertaken therefore the relevant allocated budget is requested to be carried forward.

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

The asset maintenance requirements identified are still an essential requirement in addition to those scheduled for the coming year to maintain the Argyle Road offices. Therefore if this budget is not carried forward, this area will be overspent or the offices will fall into disrepair.

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Chief Officer : Adrian Rowbotham

Budget description : Revenues and Benefits

Type of expenditure: Revenue

Cost Centre code : FSPARCTS

Budget unspent at 31/3/15: £71,225

Amount requested for carry forward: £71,225

Reason for request, including the benefits of this expenditure, why the budget was not spent in 2014/15 and timescales for expenditure in 2015/16 :

The following grant was received in 2014/15:

- DCLG Localising Council Tax Support New Burdens Grant £71,225

The Local Council Tax Support Scheme replaced Council Tax Benefit from 2013/14.

From 2014/15 the amount of Council Tax to be paid by Council Tax Support customers increased from 8.5% to 18.5% which over time 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.

Expenditure in 2014/15 was contained within existing budgets and additional funding received from the major precepting authorities. It would be beneficial to keep this amount for its intended purpose as obtaining payments from the remaining customers is likely to be more difficult and time consuming.

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 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: Adrian Rowbotham

Budget description: Transparency Regulations

Type of expenditure: Revenue

Cost Centre code : PPREVIEW 90200

Budget unspent at 31/3/15: £5,615

Amount requested for carry forward: £5,615

Reason for request, including the benefits of this expenditure, why the budget was not spent in 2014/15 and timescales for expenditure in 2015/16 :

The department for Communities and Government provide a new burdens grant for the costs associated with the Transparency Regulations which were passed in to law in late 2014. The grant for the year was not received until 26 March 2015 and at such late notice was unable to be spent for its intended purpose in the 2014/15 financial year.

It is anticipated that the expenditure will be committed within the first quarter of 2015/16 to enable the Council to meet its requirements under the Transparency Regulations by investing in IT services that assist with the publication of data.

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

The Council may not fulfil its statutory requirements under the Transparency Regulations or will be required to deliver less efficient processes to ensure data is published in accordance with the law.

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Chief Officer : Jim Carrington-West

Budget description : Backup Generator

Type of expenditure: Capital

Cost Centre code : YLVB 50100

Budget unspent at 31/3/15: £ 140,000

Amount requested for carry forward: £140,000

Reason for request, including the benefits of this expenditure, why the budget was not spent in 2014/15 and timescales for expenditure in 2015/16 :

Previous approval of £140k capital expenditure has been granted by members to install a replacement backup electricity generator into the Argyle Road office to ensure business continuity in the event of a prolonged power outage.

The initial scoping works have been carried out in 2014/15 but due to resources being unavailable, the main works had not been commissioned before the end of March 2015. These works are now scheduled to take place during 2015/16 therefore the capital budget allocated is requested to be carried forward.

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

If this money is not carried forward, the generator will not be procured and installed, leaving the council at risk in terms of business continuity in the event of a prolonged power outage.