

Key Decision Required:	NO	In the Forward Plan:	NO
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CABINET

11 APRIL 2014

REFERENCE FROM CORPORATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF 26 MARCH 2014

A.1 CORPORATE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

BACKGROUND

On 28 February 2014 Cabinet considered the Corporate Budget Monitoring Report for the third quarter of 2013/14.

Cabinet resolved (minute 141 refers):

- (a) The financial position as at the end of December 2013, be noted;*
- (b) The following budget adjustments for 2013/14 be approved:*
 - (i) That salary budgets be adjusted by £0.106m to reflect the current position, with a corresponding transfer to the Fit for Purpose Budget;*
 - (ii) That £0.178m be allocated to support the cost of agency staff within the Revenues and Benefits Service, funded from Government grant income; and*
 - (iii) That £0.010m be reallocated from the existing Folding and Inserting Machine capital budget within the Capital Programme to meet the cost of the necessary scanning equipment to support the implementation of Individual Electoral Registration.*
- (c) The following budget adjustments for 2014/15 be approved and funded from the Fit for Purpose budget:*
 - (i) That £0.128m be allocated for additional Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) provision in the District; and*
 - (ii) That £0.044m be allocated to 'Hardship Support'.*
- (d) In consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Coast Protection, authority be delegated to the Corporate Director (Public Experience) to agree the necessary charges relating to street naming and numbering for 2014/15;*
- (e) In consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Benefits and Revenues, authority be delegated to the Corporate Director (Life Opportunities) to agree the necessary charges relating to the Council's Housing Sheltered Units for 2014/15; and*

(f) The Capital Programme for 2013/14 be amended to reflect an additional contribution of £200,000 to the Dovercourt Swimming Pool Redevelopment Project, along with a new £200,000 scheme relating to Frinton and Walton Swimming Pool redevelopment, funded from contributions of £160,000 from the Leisure Capital Projects Reserve and £240,000 from the Asset Refurbishment and Replacement Reserve.

The Committee referred to the above report considered by Cabinet.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / COMMENTS TO CABINET

Cabinet is now asked to consider the recommendations of the Corporate Management Committee and determine its response if any:

COMMENT TO CABINET:

- (a) The Committee comments to Cabinet that it continue with the excellent work and to look at how the Council's robust position can be enhanced by seeking a more joined-up approach with Town and Parish Councils with regard to providing shared services and associated costs.
- (b) That taking the "Right to Buy Scheme" into consideration Cabinet look into the possibility of building HRA properties outside of the scheme.
- (c) That Cabinet closely monitors the level of recycling and the promotion of such to ensure the increase needed to recover the recycling position is achieved.

PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

Comments will be provided directly at the meeting.