

PROPOSED CARRY FORWARDS INTO 2008/09

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Summary	Executive is asked to consider carry forward requests for 2008/09.
Recommendation:	That the requests for carry forwards for 2008/09 be approved.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At its meeting on 27th May 2008 Executive considered various requests for carry forwards of 2007/08 revenue underspends to 2008/09 but asked for more information before making any decisions.

2. DETAILS OF CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS

2.1 The following are the further details of carry forward requests:-

Proposed Carry Forwards into 2008/09

Corporate Team	Department	£	Comment
Regeneration	TIC	6,200	Underspend carried forward in accordance with Business Plan agreed with funders towards shop refit
	Economic Development	500	Rural Projects Fund
	Economic Development	9,800	Whitehaven Regeneration Scheme
	Economic Development	500	Other events
	Planning	10,000	Commission new work consultants - Regen Strategy
	Development Control/Building Control	110,000	Carry forward of salaries underspend to facilitate continued service improvement during 2008/09.
	Planning Policy	40,000	Work committed during 2007/08 yet to be carried out
	Housing Strategy Document	15,000	Work committed during 2007/08 yet to be carried out
	Environmental Works	5,100	Work committed during 2007/08 yet to be carried out
		<u>197,100</u>	

Corporate Team	Department	£	Comment
Legal	Equality and Diversity	10,000	Will enable the Council to enter into contracts with 3 County-Wide groups representing ethnic minorities, the disabled and the lesbian, gay and transgender community for feedback and advice on our draft Equality Impact Assessments. Structured consultation processes are essential for further progress to be made. Negotiations ongoing in 2007/08 but not concluded until 2008/09 year.
	Member training	2,500	To part fund a full round of member PDPs in June 2008 facilitated by a professional provided by NWE0.
		12,500	
Leisure and Environmental Services	Cultural Services - Consultancy Study - Leisure	18,000	Delayed study as Sport England NW are undertaking
Finance	Accountancy & Audit	50,000	To cover specialist computer audit and agency costs already commissioned.
Revenues and Benefits	Remote working	4,000	This is to cover any expenditure to set up a remote worker which could be internet connection, pc's, desk, printer etc.
Policy and Performance	Covalent Training	3,400	For rolling out to internal staff – additional licence costs.
	Public Consultation	6,000	Statutory Survey – The Place – no budget in 08/09.
	Job Evaluation and Agency	34,800	For assisting job evaluation process and financing agency staff when there is a skill shortage
		44,200	
TOTAL CARRY FORWARD REQUEST		325,800	

3. FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES (INCLUDING SOURCES OF FINANCE)

3.1 The current, unaudited, 2007/08 revenue underspend is £892k. £360k has already been allocated as a provision for job evaluation and £62k as an increase to bad debt provision. If the £325,800 carry forwards detailed above are approved, this will leave £144,200 underspend unallocated. [There is a further request for £9,500 on this agenda, which – if approved – will leave £134,700 and an item in Part II, which will further reduce this balance.]

List of Appendices - None

List of Background Documents: None, see previous Executive report already published.

List of Consultees: Corporate Team, Cllr Elaine Woodburn

CHECKLIST FOR DEALING WITH KEY ISSUES

Please confirm against the issue if the key issues below have been addressed. This can be by either a short narrative or quoting the

Impact on Crime and Disorder	Various carry forward requests can have a positive impact
Impact on Sustainability	Various carry forward requests can have a positive impact
Impact on Rural Proofing	Various carry forward requests can have a positive impact
Health and Safety Implications	No immediate implication
Impact on Equality and Diversity Issues	Will enable further progress to be made on Equality Impact Assessments.
Children and Young Persons Implications	Various carry forward requests can have a positive impact
Human Rights Act Implications	Various carry forward requests can have a positive impact
Comments of S.151 Finance Officer	The total underspend amount is subject to the 2007/08 accounts being audited and signed off.
Comments of Monitoring Officer	Monitoring Officer has contributed to report. No further comments to make.

Please say if this report will require the making of a key decision

Yes