

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

2006/07 BUDGET BIDS

REVENUE RECURRING

Budget Heading	Item	Description	Recommended Bid £	Prioritisation Score
R1	West Cumbria Local Strategic Partnership	Continued support for the West Cumbria LSP and Coordination Support Team plus provision for increase in resources planned.	34,000	statutory/ contract bound
R3	Sustainability and Nuclear Policy	Sustainable Development budget	0	?
R4	The Beacon	0972 32201-0972 Education The Beacon Education budget currently stands at 0. During 05/06 The Beacon has been successful in achieving external grants to enable education activity to take place. It is unlikely that these grants can be relied on every year. Suggest £5k.	0	19
R5	Whitehaven Tourist Information Centre	0850 32202-0850 Postage Increase allocated budget for postage to £8000 from current £5000. Increasing use of the TIC means that more information has to be sent on to more people, reflecting the interest in Whitehaven and the Western Lake District as a tourism destination.	0	unacceptable risk
R6	Whitehaven Tourist Information Centre	0850 32202-0854 Increase allocated budget for computing to £3000 from current £1000. During 2004/05, Whitehaven TIC was loaned computer equipment (hardware, software and training) forming a Destination Management System. The System enables an efficient accomodation booking and enquiry service offering up to the minute information. This have become an essential service for the public. From 2005/06 onwards, there is a charge for using this equipment of £2000 per year.	2,000	unacceptable risk
R7	Leisure Grants	Service Level agreements A non-recurring bid has been made anually to support agreements with external facility managers at: Millom Recreation Centre, Copeland Stadium, Egremont Swimming Pool, Egremont Market Hall and sundry smaller facilities and organisations to support financial stability and allow those managing facilities to plan more long term.	34,000	19
R9	Copeland Bowls Centre and Synthetic Pitch	Revenue to support continued management of Copeland Bowls Centre and Sythetic Pitch Following an initial 3 year business plan which was developed before the centre was opened there is a need to establish a long term proposal for funding the facility. The 3 year business plan was supported by an initial capital investment programme which included some element of maintenance. 2006-2007 will require ongoing maintenance of the building which was not incorporated within the initial budget.	0	11
R10	Housing Unfitness (Recently with Env Health)	Unfit housing Assess unfit housing in the borough and take any necessary action.	0	statutory/ contract bound
R12	Members Allowances	Members Allowances 2006/2007 Makes provision (estimated) for changes to Members Allowances which may be recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) for 2006/2007.	40,000	statutory/ contract bound
R13	Training	Member Training & Development Provides for resources training & development for Councillors to meet needs identified in personal development plans. Provides for completion of PDP's in 2006/2007.	20,000	6
R15	Copeland Direct	Hardware & software Increased cost of maintenance for Contact Central following upgrade	10,829	statutory/ contract bound

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R16	Finance & Business Development	Concessionary Travel	The Government have proposed Statutory free concessionary travel on off peak local bus travel for senior citizens and people with disabilities from 1 April 2006.	350,000	statutory/ contract bound
R17	Finance & Business Development	CIPFA Benefits and Revenues Services Subscription	Annual subscription to the above service that provides a comprehensive package of support to enhance the effective delivery of Revenues and Benefits Service. Cost is based on the minimum subscription of 4 places which provides access to all revenues, benefits and performance management and Leadership events. Plus all documentation and Service support.	0	3
R18	Finance & Business Development	Academy Quality Assurance (QA) Module	Academy have developed a QA module to fully integrate with Academy Benefits to support better quality assurance and training needs analysis. It standardises and automates QA and checking activity and provides reports to identify training needs and for evaluating the effectiveness of training. The development and software licence have been funded by the DWP through Performance Standards, ongoing maintenance fees of £1900 however are payable by the Authority.	1,900	statutory/ contract bound
R19	Finance & Business Development	ESP Caselaw subscription	Annual subscription to ESP Caselaw Expert. The Case Law Expert is an on-line tool that has been designed to save time when searching for relevant Commissioners decisions in relation to Housing and Council Tax Benefit. It also offers useful summaries of the decisions and the points of law raised.	1,750	3
R22	Cemeteries	Closed Churchyard Maintenance	With the official closure for burials of the churchyard of St John's Church at Cleator Moor responsibility for maintenance has been passed to this Council.	0	unacceptable risk
R23	Street Infrastructure	Hard Landscaped Areas	To enable necessary repairs / improvements to be carried out in a timely fashion to footpaths and hard surfaced areas of Council land throughout the borough.	0	unacceptable risk
R24	Street Infrastructure	Street Furniture Maintenance	To fund a rolling programme to paint and repair street furniture throughout the borough. This should allow furniture to be painted on average every 3 to 4 years.	5,000	5
R25	Street Infrastructure	Maintenance of Walls & Fences	To enable necessary repairs to be carried out in a timely fashion to walls and fences on Council land throughout the borough.	0	unacceptable risk
R26	Communications	A to Z of Services	To produce an A to Z of Services for all Copeland residents.	0	7
R27	Communications	Licences	Newspaper Licensing Agency Licence	1,100	unacceptable risk
R28	Books and Publications	Books and Publications	This is a bid to increase the Legal Services Books and Publication Budget.	4,000	unacceptable risk
R29	Emergency Planning	Emergency Planning	A bid to use allocation expected with the RSG for Emergency Planning for Emergency Planning purposes.	19,614	statutory/ contract bound

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R32	Grants	Grants to CABx and CLC	A bid to increase the current level of grant to local CABx and Community Law Centre	47,000 10
R33	Licence Fee - MVM	Licence Fee - MVM	This figure relates to a Licence fee, currently £13,123, payable as part of the MVM software package. The fee has been paid on a non-recurring basis in previous years. However, the Council is contractually obliged to pay this fee.	13,650 statutory/ contract bound
R38	LLPG	Hopewiser Atlas Suite	A complete address management product suite to help further cleanse the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) and help link to back office systems	6,000 not scored
R40	Tenet MapRite	Tenet MapRite	A product that will be a significant help in automatically adjusting our spatial data to reflect the Positional Accuracy Improvement (PAI) programme being carried out by the Ordnance Survey.	5,000 not scored
R41	CCTV-2	CCTV camera leasing and monitoring costs.	This bid, allied to Capital funding bid CCTV-1 infrastructure costs, requests funding for the leasing of cameras and the staff costs for part-time and ad hoc monitoring of cameras. It will provide for the leasing of digital camera equipment in new and/or existing locations in Millom, Whitehaven, Egremont, Cleator Moor and Frizington. It envisages that proactive monitoring of the cameras will take place at peak periods (9pm-2am Fri, Sat, Sun), which will help to alleviate the problem of cameras not pointing in the right direction at the right time and failing to capture the necessary evidence. It builds on a successful budget bid of £28,000 recurring and £34,000 non-recurring allocated in 2005-06.	14,000 8
R42	Policy Unit	Performance Management Software	Recurring revenue costs for licence and support of corporate performance management software	3,000 1
R45	Youth Council	Youth Council	Costs associated with arranging and running the Copeland Youth Council, including the annual forum.	0 4
R48	Financial Services	On line conversion facility for creditor invoices detailed information	Running costs in excess of present arrangements for the introduction of an online conversion facility. Please see capital bid C5	2,321 unacceptable risk
R49	Salaries	Webmaster	To create a post with overall responsibility for the development of the web ensuring that it meets the Council's aspirations as an interactive channel for eGovernment, and allowing excellent communications with customers	0 Resource
R50	Woodland Management	Maintenance of Phoenix Bridge Woodland	To continue to provide footpath, fenceline & steps maintenance. To maintain and manage woodland compartments. Strimming to sides of pathways.	0 unacceptable risk
R51	Woodland Management	Provision of more specific vehicle which is suited to Arboricultural Works	To provide a more economical means of carrying out arboricultural & certain grounds maintenance operations. Leased through our existing fleet contract with Lex, via a five year rental agreement	0 unacceptable risk
R53	Personnel Trading Account	Medical Fees. (moved to non recurring)	Cost of providing an improved Occupational Health Service to the Council	0 unacceptable risk

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R56	Personnel Trading Account	Health & Safety	Cost of providing miscellaneous health and safety equipment, including First Aid supplies, aids required under the Display Screen Equipment Regulations, etc.	0 unacceptable risk
R57	RBS	Hardware & Software	Increased cost of maintenance for addiional server (see captial bid)	0 statutory/ contract bound
R58	Customer Services (Revenues and Benefits)	Academy Software Support	Additional Contract Related Software Support	8,500 statutory/ contract bound
R59	Customer Services (Revenues and Benefits)	Cumbria Takeup Campaign	Contiribution to DWP funded County wide take up campaign	4,700 statutory/ contract bound
R62	Cycleways, Environmental Works & Reclamation	MOVED TO NON-RECURRING	Contrib to Cycleway Mgt/tree planting/LNRs/land reclamation works	0 statutory/ contract bound
R63	Planning Policy		Employee costs & supplies/services inc new LDF costs (+ cross ref with PDG)	40,000 statutory/ contract bound
R64	Waste Services Manager	Plastic Bottle Recycling	The provision and regular servicing of plastic bottle recycling facilities for each of the four main population centres in Copeland.	10,760 15
R68	Waste Services Manager	Kerbside Recycling. (MOVED TO NON RECURRING)	A kerbside collection service for recyclable materials including vehicles and the staff to operate it.	0 12
R69	Waste Services Manager	Street Cleansing Vehicles	The majority of the fleet of vehicles used by the Environmental Cleaning team are due to reach the end of their useful life during the latter part of 2005/6 and early 2006/7. Due to the long lead in time for some of these vehicles, specifications have been drafted and preliminary costings provided by the Council's current vehicle supplier. The cost of replacement vehicles are all significantly higher than existing ones and cannot be afforded within existing budgets. The higher prices in some cases are for a more specialist specification of vehicle than the existing ones. For example we currently use vans that do not have tipping bodies where loads have to be manually removed. This is not acceptable and the specification for replacement vehicles lists tipping bodies as a standard requirement to avoid manual handling of heavy loads. The bid is to increase the budget by 10% to enable suitable replacement vehicles to be procured for the Environmental Cleaning service.	18,800 statutory/ contract bound
R70	Landscape Officer - Amenity & Environment	Maintenance of Greenbank Woodland	To continue to provide footpath, fenceline & steps maintenance. To maintain and manage woodland compartments. Strimming to sides of pathways	0 unacceptable risk

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R71	Waste Services Manager	Increased cost of fuel	Fuel prices have increased significantly over the last year, the budget for 2005/6 was based on 73 pence per litre. Current prices are around 95 pence per litre and may continue to rise. The fleet of vehicles based at Moresby use in excess of 200,000 litres of diesel each year meaning the difference for 2005/6 could be	15,000	unacceptable risk
R73	Business Development Manager	E government programme	The E Government programme for which capital Funding has been provided incurs the purchase of software and electronic systems that will require future maintenance and licence fees for which the Government does not provide funding. The cost is currently estimated at £13,990 per annum.	24,275	statutory/ contract bound
R74	Business Development Manager	GIS Operating Licence	The Geographical information System is central to a number of other systems in process of introduction into the Council: Academy, MVM and the BT CRM, as they all use the geographical location of the property as core information. Since the introduction and development of these systems is reliant on the GIS system being in place and fully up to date there is a need to maintain the system and pay licence	13,990	statutory/ contract bound
R75	Business Development Manager	Software Operating Licences - Members	Members have now all been provided with the opportunity to loan laptop computers for Council related activity. A standard suite of Microsoft software has been installed on these computers. There is an annual licence fee required for this provision. At 50 members this amounts to £5,000 per annum.	5,000	statutory/ contract bound
R76	Business Development Manager	Software Operating Licences	In previous years there has been a budget allowance of £10,000 for Microsoft licences. Further to this there has been a gradual expansion and increase in provision of software over recent years. A complete review of the Council software requirements has been undertaken to establish current level of need. Microsoft Corporation has also changed the basis of charging for product licences and provision of updates to improve the operation of the software and maintain compatibility. Based on provision of 300 licences the cost of the enterprise agreement is now £29,128, this is likely to slightly increase to say £30,000 next year. Additional budgetary provision of £20,000 is therefore required.	20,000	statutory/ contract bound
R77	Business Development Manager	Adjustment for NNDR New Council Centre	An estimate of the expected NNDR was made some time ago. The District Valuer has now made the valuation, and further adjusted this upwards. The original estimate was £64,000, the current valuation generates a payment of £78,000, an increase of £14,000. This will have to be paid for 2005/6 and in future years, although the percentage of full valuation paid may change year on year.	15,000	statutory/ contract bound
NR41	Policy Unit	BV Satisfaction Survey	Best Value General User Satisfaction Survey	0	statutory /contract bound
NR39	Treasury Management	Treasury Management Interest	To cover a decline in interest rates resulting in a decline in Cash Management interest.	150,000	statutory /contract bound
C25	Revenues and Benefits Business Continuity		This provides provides for business continuity and resilience for Revenues and Benefits in the event of IT server failure or complete loss of systems.	10,000	unacceptable risk
R78	Fraud Holding Account	Other Government Grants	A one-off funding was received in 2004/05, but put into the base budget in error. This will not be received in 06/07 and so will need to be taken out of the base	12,000	

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R79	Fraud Holding Account	Prosecution Income	Fraud prevention activity will be the same but advance warning has been given that the DWP incentive scheme will change from 1 April 2006	15,000	
R80	Chief Executive	Additonal salary	Fraud prevention activity will be the same but advance warning has been given that the DWP incentive scheme will change from 1 April 2006	17,000	
Total Revenue Recurring Bids				<u>995,189</u>	