

## **IMPROVING NEIGHBOURHOODS BOARD**

**Date of Meeting – 24 March 2009**

### **Safer, Stronger Communities - Budget 2008/2012**

1. The revenue and capital estimates for the period 2008-2012 were approved at the Board meeting on 25 September 2008. This report updates the estimates and includes details for the Safer, Stronger Communities (SSCF) revenue and capital budgets as follows –
  - the monitoring position to February 2009
  - the projected outturn 2008/2009
  - revised estimates for the period 2009 to 2012
  - recommendations for amendments and rephrasing.
  
2. The revenue budget monitoring position to February 2009 and projected outturn 2008/2009 is detailed at Appendix 1. The main amendments which are included in the projected outturn are detailed below. These changes do not have an impact on the overall funding of SSCF as the resources are available in reserves and will be drawn in the appropriate year to meet expenditure -
  - The major work on the Neighbourhood Action Plans is now expected to be incurred during 2009/2010, and budget provision of £16,180 has been moved forward to meet the cost
  - The revenue funds of £20,000 allocated towards the Community Park project will need to be moved forward to 2009/2010 as a decision on the Access to Nature funding bid has not yet been received
  - Budget provision of £12,500 originally approved for the contribution towards the communications resource is no longer required and has been deleted
  - The 2008/2009 budget for the Neighbourhood Trainees includes a element for training which will now be undertaken next year and will require £8,000 of the budget provision moved forward to meet costs in 2009/2010.
  
3. The updated revenue estimates for the period 2008-2012 are detailed at Appendix 2. The estimates approved by Board in September 2008 have been updated for the amendments detailed at paragraph 2 above.

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4. The Capital Programme 2008/2009 is detailed at Appendix 3. It is proposed that the following amendments and rephasing be made. Where capital projects are rephased to 2009/2010, the funding will follow.

#### Amendments and Rephasing

**Multi-Use Games Areas** – there are remaining works on the Walks scheme including flood lighting which will be completed in 2009/2010. The budget also includes an allocation towards the South Lynn multi-use games area which will not be undertaken until next year. It will be necessary to move budget provision of £73,050 to 2009/2010 to complete the projects.

**Extension of Alley Gating Works** – The original approved programme of alley gating works covering all five areas of Improving Neighbourhoods is complete. The original budget was insufficient to undertake works in all priority areas due to the increase in material prices. The Board is requested to approve the allocation of £25,000 additional funding to complete priority works, specifically in Hillington Square and South Lynn, which will be completed during 2009/2010. Funding can be reallocated from uncommitted resources within the budget for Community Parks.

**Play Areas** – the project is being tendered as a single contract and the required formal tender process has delayed the start of the works. It is anticipated that the project will complete during 2009/2010 and the budget will need to be rephased to next year to meet the cost of the works.

**Community Parks** – A decision on the Access to Nature bid is not expected until the summer 2009 and it is proposed that the budget provision is rephased to 2009/2010.

**Loke Road Play Area and Park** - it is expected that works on this project will be completed during April 2009 and net budget provision of £21,980 will need to be moved forward to 2009/2010 to meet these costs.

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5. The tables below summarise the revised estimates for the period 2008 to 2012.

#### Expenditure and Funding 2008-2012

	<b>2008/2009</b> £	<b>2009/2010</b> £	<b>2010/2011</b> £	<b>2011/2012</b> £	<b>Total</b> £
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Revenue	506,582	664,680	40,360	27,340	1,238,962
Capital	469,481	381,500	0	0	850,981
<b>Total</b>	<b>976,063</b>	<b>1,046,180</b>	<b>40,360</b>	<b>27,340</b>	<b>2,089,943</b>
<b>Funding</b>					
Grant in year	413,000	258,000	0	0	671,000
Grant brought forward	85,550	0	0	0	85,550
Contribution from Reserve	477,513	788,180	40,360	27,340	1,333,393
<b>Total</b>	<b>976,063</b>	<b>1,046,180</b>	<b>40,360</b>	<b>27,340</b>	<b>2,089,943</b>

6. As previously reported during the closedown of the council's accounts in 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 the Council took measures to protect against the loss of government funding for SSCF. A total of £1,392,090 is held in reserves and will be returned to SSCF to support the planned expenditure for the period as summarised in paragraph 5 above. The updated revenue and capital estimates use £1,333,393 from reserves and leaves a balance of £58,697 unallocated as detailed in the table below.

#### Safer, Stronger Communities Reserve

	<b>2008/2009</b> £	<b>2009/2010</b> £	<b>2010/2011</b> £	<b>2011/2012</b> £
Balance brought forward	1,392,090	914,577	126,397	86,037
Draw from balance	(477,513)	(788,180)	(40,360)	(27,340)
Balance carried forward	914,577	126,397	86,037	58,697

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the revised revenue and capital estimates for the period 2008-2012 as detailed in the report and summarised at Appendices 1, 2 and 3.

## Appendix 1

### Safer, Stronger Communities – Revenue Monitoring 2008-2009

	Revised Estimate 2008/2009 £	Actual to February 2009 £	Projected Outturn 2008/2009 £
<b>Grant</b>			
Neighbourhood Element	(413,000)	(359,978)	(413,000)
Balance brought forward	(36,550)	(36,550)	(36,550)
Reserve	(57,032)		(57,032)
<b>Total Funding Available</b>	<b>(506,582)</b>	<b>(396,528)</b>	<b>(506,582)</b>

### Budget Allocations

#### Salaries for NM team, office overheads and action planning

Management Costs (including salaries, recruitment, training, travel, equipment, stationery etc ) <b>includes Trainee Posts</b>	296,230	242,911	296,230
Office overheads i.e. Oak Circle and Fairstead	13,858	19,371	20,371
Neighbourhood Action Plans	14,580	0	1,000
Evaluation SSCF project	10,000	6,962	10,000
Communications Resource	12,500	0	0

#### Cleaner, Greener

Scrap Yard - Feasibility Study for recycling project	2,770	1,500	1,500
Neighbourhood Clean Up Team (salaries)	131,352	120,406	131,352
Maintenance of MUGAs	2,000	347	2,000
Community Parks	20,000	0	0
Graffiti Removal	3,870	3,870	3,870
Fairstead Charter	4,171	1,320	4,171

#### Broadening Horizons

Urban Activity Motivator	12,229	7,461	12,229
<i>Lottery Funding</i>	(8,000)	0	(8,000)
<i>Net Expenditure</i>	<b>4,229</b>	<b>7,461</b>	<b>4,229</b>

Supporting Sport in the Community	0	1,405	1,405
Supporting Football in the Community	5,400	0	5,400
Community Grants Scheme	5,585	2,430	2,430
Summer Activities Programme	4,904	5,037	5,037
Community Initiatives with focus on community cohesion	2,788	0	2,788

#### Involved and Included

Board Meetings and Development	14,800	13,279	14,800
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<b>Total</b>	<b>557,157</b>	<b>426,300</b>	<b>506,582</b>
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## Appendix 2

### Safer, Stronger Communities - Revenue Estimates 2008-2012

	Projected Outturn 2008/2009	Estimate 2009/2010 £	Estimate 2010/2011 £	Estimate 2011/2012 £
<b>Grant</b>				
Neighbourhood Element	(413,000)	(258,000)	0	0
Balance brought forward	(36,550)	0	0	0
Reserve	(57,032)	(406,680)	(40,360)	(27,340)
<b>Total Funding Available</b>	<b>(506,582)</b>	<b>(664,680)</b>	<b>(40,360)</b>	<b>(27,340)</b>

### Budget Allocations

#### Salaries for NM team, office overheads and action planning

Management Costs (including salaries, recruitment, training, travel, equipment, stationery etc ) <b>includes Trainee Posts</b>	296,230	323,540	10,010	0
Office overheads i.e. Oak Circle & Fairstead	20,371	21,190	0	0
Neighbourhood Action Plans	1,000	65,500	0	0
Resident Satisfaction Surveys	0	22,520	0	0
Evaluation SSCF project	10,000	20,000	0	0
Communications Resource	0	0	0	0

#### Cleaner, Greener

Scrap Yard - Feasibility Study for recycling project	1,500	0	0	0
Neighbourhood Clean Up Team (salaries)	131,352	136,930	0	0
Maintenance of MUGAs	2,000	8,000	0	0
Community Parks	0	20,000	0	0
Graffiti Removal	3,870	0	0	0
Fairstead Charter	4,171	0	0	0

#### Broadening Horizons

Urban Activity Motivator (salary and equipment)	12,229	37,500	38,350	27,340
<i>Lottery Funding</i>	(8,000)	(8,000)	(8,000)	0
<i>Net Expenditure</i>	<b>4,229</b>	<b>29,500</b>	<b>30,350</b>	<b>27,340</b>
Supporting Sport in the Community	1,405	0	0	0
Supporting Football in the Community	5,400	5,000	0	0
Community Grants Scheme	2,430	0	0	0
Summer Activities Programme	5,037	0	0	0
Community Initiatives with focus on community cohesion	2,788	0	0	0

#### Involved and Included

Board Meetings and Community Involvement	14,800	12,500	0	0
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<b>Total</b>	<b>506,582</b>	<b>664,680</b>	<b>40,360</b>	<b>27,340</b>
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## Appendix 3

### Safer, Stronger Communities - Capital Programme 2008-2010

Capital Schemes	Capital Budget 2008/2009 £	Actual to February 2009	Projected Outturn 2008/2009	Rephasing to 2009/2010
<b>Grant</b>				
Brought Forward from 2007/2008	(49,000)	(49,000)	(49,000)	0
Reserve	(849,240)	(320,836)	(420,481)	(381,500)
<b>Total Funding Available</b>	<b>(898,240)</b>	<b>(369,836)</b>	<b>(469,481)</b>	<b>(381,500)</b>
<b>Budget Allocations</b>				
<b>General</b>				
Oak Circle Office - Parking Bays	15,500	425	15,425	0
Fairstead - Centre Point	0	54	54	0
Multi-use Games Area implementation	467,996	343,790	368,044	73,050
<i>Lottery funding</i>	(90,346)	(60,230)	(98,276)	
<i>Net Expenditure</i>	<b>377,650</b>	<b>283,560</b>	<b>269,768</b>	<b>73,050</b>
Alley gates (excluding project officer post)	39,090	40,058	40,058	25,000
Play Areas	103,000	0	0	103,000
Green Neighbourhood Grants	8,000	2,090	3,135	4,870
Community Parks	419,000	0	11,400	233,810
<i>Other contributions</i>	(179,000)	0	0	(80,210)
<i>Net Expenditure</i>	<b>240,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,400</b>	<b>153,600</b>
Graffiti removal - vehicle and equipment	50,000	48,500	48,500	0
<i>Other contributions</i>	(31,000)	(41,000)	(41,000)	0
<i>Net Expenditure</i>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>North Lynn</b>				
Loke Road Play Area and Park	154,000	4,029	135,000	69,000
<i>Lottery and WREN funding</i>	(92,000)	0	(44,980)	(47,020)
<i>Net Expenditure</i>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>3,839</b>	<b>90,020</b>	<b>21,980</b>
<b>St Margarets &amp; St Nicholas</b>				
Friars Play Area	34,000	32,120	32,120	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>898,240</b>	<b>369,836</b>	<b>469,481</b>	<b>381,500</b>