New Capital Project Approval Request			
Unit:	Royal Pavilion & Museums		
Project title:	Museum Van Replacement		
Total Project Cost (All Years):	£33,055		

Purpose, benefits and risks:

The purpose of the capital expenditure is to replace the old museum van with a new one that meets the needs of the museums service and the Council fleet policies. The benefits of having a new museum van are to ensure a safer, efficient and long-term cost effective way of running the museum business as the new van will be cheaper to run, to maintain and safer. There is also a budget amount allocated for this project and the tendering process will be managed by the council's fleet managers to ensure the best quality and price.

Capital expenditure profile (£'000):					
Year	This Year	Next Year	Year After	TOTAL	
Unsupported Borrowing	33			33	
Total estimated costs and fees	33			33	

Financial implications:

The cost of the van will be funded by unsupported borrowing which will be paid back from revenue over the next five years.

New Capital Project Approval Request			
Unit: Housing Revenue Account			
Project title:	243-245 Preston Road Refurbishment		
Total Project Cost (All Years):	£444,000		

Purpose, benefits and risks:

In November 2013, Housing Committee agreed to the demolition, final feasibility study, design and development of 243-245 Preston Road. A further report was taken to Housing Committee in September 2014, which noted the design and planned changes to this site and approved the estimated levels of subsidy required from the HRA for this site for the chosen rent model, with delegated authority to the Executive Director of Environment, Development & Housing and the Executive Director of Finance & Resources to agree reasonable amendments to that subsidy if changes arise. This scheme will deliver two much needed 3 bedroom, wheelchair accessible bungalows. Since September the final price for the development has been submitted which shows that costs have increased by approximately £0.060m, which is partly due to contamination identified on the site. The project is being delivered through the Sustainable Futures Strategic construction partnership and work starts in early 2015.

Capital expenditure profile (£'000):

Year	This Year	Next Year	Year After	TOTAL
Unsupported Borrowing	60	384		444
Total estimated costs and fees	60	384		444

Financial implications:

This project is to be financed through HRA borrowing using the new net rental income streams to pay for the principal and interest on the borrowing required to fund this development. Housing Committee in September 2014 approved the level of subsidy requirement from the HRA of £0.047m, this was based on borrowing over a period of 30 years. Following submission of the final costs/budget requirement, further modelling has been carried out based on borrowing over 40 years. This shows that subsidy levels with borrowing over 40 years are approximately £0.048m, which is similar to the level agreed by Housing Committee. The lifetime of these homes is a minimum of 60 years and therefore it is reasonable to assume that the rental income streams will continue over this period.

New Capital Project Approval Request			
Unit: Transport			
Project title:	North Street		
Total Project Cost (All Years):	£700,000		

Purpose, benefits and risks:

Funds to enable improvement of the public realm in North Street between Ship Street and East Street. Works to be funded by Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS). Low risk as any potential overspend will be identified by the RBS project team and additional contributions negotiated where necessary.

Capital expenditure profile (£'000):

Year	This Year	Next Year	Year After	TOTAL
External Contribution (inc S106)	250	450		700
Total estimated costs and fees	250	450		700

Financial implications:

All funding is provided by RBS, including recompensing BHCC for officer time supporting delivery of the project.