

Summary of overspends / underspends identified

Schemes	2010/11 Budget £'000	Total Changes £'000
Environment		
Detailed Overspend (over £50,000)	103	103
Horsdean Travellers Site	20	20
St Lukes Pool	49	49
Total	172	172
Housing, Culture & Enterprise (HRA)		
Detailed Overspend (over £50,000)	72	72
Energy Efficiency (Storage Heater Saving)	(41)	(41)
Fire safety and asbestos management	(49)	(49)
Total	(18)	(18)
Total Changes to Budgets	154	154

Environment

Directorate: Environment	Approved Budget: £340,000
Project Title: Controlled Parking	Revised Budget: £442,760
	Variation: £102,760

Spend is dependent on whether an area takes up the offer of a parking scheme - this is not known until the relevant consultation has taken place. It is also dependent on how large an area opts for a scheme, as the bigger the scheme, the greater initial expenditure on consultation and implementation, including signing, lining and provision of Pay & Display machines. The expenditure for 2010-11 is greater than forecast because, at the request of members, the consultations for all schemes in 2010-11 were extended to include additional areas/groups of roads. Both an extension of Area H (Royal Sussex County Hospital) and an extension of Area J (London Road Station area) have been implemented this year which has meant pay & display machine costs, signing, lining and extensive scheme design work with the help of Consultants.

The project timetable has not been affected; although larger areas have been consulted and some minor re-consultation of particular roads has taken place, this has all been done within the agreed timetable. Parking scheme consultations take up to 2 years from start to finish. The budget realignment will be calculated into the payback period from income generated by new parking schemes, over a period of 7 years.

Housing, Culture & Enterprise (HRA)

Directorate: Housing, Culture & Enterprise (HRA)	Approved Budget: £1,100,000
Project Title: Housing Centre	Revised Budget: £1,707,700
	Variation: £607,700

In December 2009, in order to deliver the new Repairs and Improvement Partnership Cabinet approved funding for the refurbishment of an industrial unit on the Fairway Trading Estate, Eastergate Road in Brighton as a Housing Centre. A budget of £1.100m for the Housing Centre, profiled over 3 years, was included in the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme Budget report approved by Cabinet in February 2010.

The updated forecasts for the cost of refurbishment show that costs are expected to increase by £0.607m. As the project has progressed the potential for the building to provide a base for wider housing services in addition to the Council's Property & Investment team and Mears, has led to significant changes to the original plans. These include a 60% increase in the office space and incorporation of the housing Estates Service, and an improved heating and cooling solution. The changes in design are due to council's need to accommodate more staff within the office space and increase potential occupancy by over 100 members of council staff. These changes have increased the budget, but mean that the Housing Centre now provides great future potential for improving the service and providing accommodation savings. The centre will also take pressure off accommodation needs across the council; supporting the corporate SmartSpace initiative and associated financial savings.

The increased costs of £0.608m for the Housing Centre refurbishment are to be met from underspends of £0.427m identified in the capital programme ICT and Procurement budgets as detailed below with the balance of £0.181m being met by underspends identified in the HRA Revenue Budget 2010/11 Targeted Budget Management Report .

Directorate: Housing, Culture & Enterprise (HRA)	Approved Budget: £620,000
Project Title: ICT Fund	Revised Budget: £292,800
	Variation: £(327,200)

The ICT fund Budget included estimates for the review and replacement of the current Housing Management system. The review has shown that it will not be necessary to purchase a new system. Therefore current forecast costs in IT have been revised to reflect this and now include costs only for the development /upgrade of the existing system as well as upgrades in the asset management system. This leaves a variance of £0.327m available towards funding the increased costs of refurbishment of the Housing Centre.

Directorate: Housing, Culture & Enterprise (HRA)	Approved Budget: £135,000
Project Title: Procurement	Revised Budget: £35,000
	Variation: £(100,000)

The current HRA capital programme budget includes an amount of £0.135m which had been carried forward from the previous financial year relating to the procurement costs of long term contracts. Current forecasts are that only £0.035m of this budget is required and that there is a variance of £0.100m available towards funding the increased costs of refurbishment of the Housing Centre.

Directorate: Housing, Culture & Enterprise (HRA)	Approved Budget: £456,800
Project Title: Conversion of Shared Facilities / Minor Empty Properties	Revised Budget: £348,300
	Variation: £(108,500)

There is an underspend on empty properties due to savings in unit costs of empty property works. This is partially offset by additional conversion of shared facility work.

