

Re-profiles for all Directorates

Directorate: CYPT	Approved Budget: £1,364,880
Project Title: New Deal for Schools Modernisation	Revised Budget: £1,714,880 Variation: £350,000

This is a forward funding amendment to the Capital Programme due to the need to provide additional temporary accommodation at West Blatchington primary school to accommodate a further additional form of entry. Last year we provided temporary additional forms of entry at West Blatchington and Davigdor infant schools. We accepted that the additional form of entry at Davigdor would need to be a permanent expansion and are working towards providing this permanent expansion at the present time. We had expected that the temporary additional form of entry would only be required for one year at West Blatchington and, therefore, we provided just one additional classroom. It has now become apparent that the additional form of entry will be required for the 2009/10 and the 2010/11 academic years too. Consequently we have decided that the best course of action is to purchase rather than hire further additional accommodation as it will need to be in site for a considerable period of time.

We estimate that the cost of this temporary accommodation, complete with groundworks and delivery is likely to be in the order of £0.300 million. There is no budget available in the current financial year to meet this cost since all budget headings are fully committed, however at the present time there is funding available from the NDS heading in 2010/11 that is as yet uncommitted. It is proposed that some of the NDS funding from next year be brought forward to fund the provision of the temporary accommodation at West Blatchington. To ensure that there is adequate funding available, the sum requested to be brought forward is £0.350 million.

Indicative figures for 2010/11 NDS Modernisation is £2.3 million of which £1.3 million is already committed. There are therefore sufficient uncommitted funds to bring forward £0.350 million to 2009/10 for this project.

Directorate: CYPT	Approved Budget: £2,656,960
Project Title: Devolved Formula Capital	Revised Budget: £3,803,410 Variation: £1,146,450

This represents the bringing forward of 40% of all indicative Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) allocations for 2010/11 to 2009/10 as advised by the DCSF on 3rd March 09. This acceleration is a key plank of the Government's fiscal stimulus package to boost the economy in the current downturn.

The purpose of DFC is that it is capital funding that schools can use to undertake capital works on their own behalf. It is intended that the works should contribute towards the improvement and modernisation of the school buildings and be undertaken in accordance with their asset management plans. Typical works could include playground upgrades, small extensions or internal modifications etc. It is also intended that schools could use

this funding to meet any changes in legislations that may arise, and for which they have responsibility, such as the recent changes in fire regulations etc. The rules around this funding mean that schools have the option to roll the funding up for a maximum of three years, effectively allowing them to ‘save up’ for larger projects that they may wish to undertake.

We have asked all schools whether they wish to take advantage of the 40% forward funding opportunity. The up to date position in respect of this forward funding only is as follows;

£0.619 million has already been requested (some of which has already been transferred to schools);

£0.352 million will definitely not be requested this financial year

£0.176 million is as yet unallocated – we are awaiting the return of forms to see how much, if any, will be requested this year.

The original Devolved Formula Capital allocation for 2009/10 was £2.657 million. The indicative allocation for 2010/11 is £2.866 million of which the 40% to be brought forward is £1.146 million. Any unspent funds can be carried forward to 2010/11.

Directorate: Adult Social care & Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £700,000
Project Title: ICT Capital Budget	Revised Budget: £200,000
	Variation: (£500,000)

The major part of the budget was for the replacement of the council’s main Housing Management System, OHMS. Due to the risk and potential for service disruption of implementing a new IT system at the same time as implementing IT changes required for the new Repairs and Maintenance contract, Housing Management have decided to move the replacement of OHMS to 2010/11.

There will be no effect on Service Delivery.