# Explanations of overspends (and underspends) of over £50,000

#### **Environment**

Directorate: Environment	Approved Budget: £586,000
Project Title: Cycling Demonstration City	Overspend: £192,110

The project was a first for the UK in terms of design and required a number of innovative design changes which were not able to be paid within that financial years grant claim. The project has now been completed bar a couple of minor amendments following the Stage Three Safety Audit. This will be met from the capital budget in 2010-11.

Directorate: Environment	Approved Budget: £1,007,020
Project Title: Communal Bins Extension	Underspend: £452,296

The underspend within the Communal Bins Extension is due to the overall efficiency of the procurement of Communal Bins.

Directorate: Environment	Approved Budget: £300,000
Project Title: Controlled Parking Schemes	Overspend: £52,641

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 2009-10 is greater than forecast because at the request of members, the consultation for all schemes in 2010-11 were extended to include additional areas/groups of roads. The original budget allocated was £0.640 million but this was re-profiled in 2010-11 with an estimate of £0.300 million expenditure. Actual expenditure has been £0.353 million

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.

Any overspend will be calculated into the payback period from income generated by new parking schemes, over a period of 7 years.

Directorate: Environment	Approved Budget: £2,570,000
Project Title: Falmer Infrastructure Works	Overspend: £336,860

This project is SEEDA funded over three years. Works started on site in autumn 2009 and are progressing well. As a result of this, the spend is ahead of the original cost profile. Also, in early March 2010, SEEDA requested that we increase the spend in 2009/10 by an additional £0.137 million to assist with their budgets. Additionally,

Southern Water costs were incurred due to unforeseen water mains requiring diversion due to these works.

Works are still on schedule to be completed by the end of 2010 and will then enter a 12 months maintenance period. This work is SEEDA funded and is cost neutral to the council as any overspend will be funded by the Community Stadium Limited as laid down in an Agreement with them.

# **Adult Social Care and Housing**

# **HRA Capital Schemes**

Directorate: Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £326,500
Project Title: Mechanical & Electrical Works	Underspend: £(139,120) Slippage: £(21,400)

In December 2009 £0.390 million was reprofiled to 2010/11 to carry out the medium rise surveys enabling the council to utilise cost efficient rates through the 10 year partnering contract. In addition works had been identified to three properties which will be incorporated in to the new 10 year partnering contract along with any future work deemed necessary as a result of the surveys. The increased value for money in the new contract has led to the underspend of £0.100 million. The additional £0.040 million under spend is due to the final costs of a particular project being lower than forecast.

Directorate: Housing (HRA) Approved Budget: £73,000
Project Title: Empty properties – Technical Services Overspend: £208,593

The cost of rectification works are not currently covered by the limited income from rechargeable repairs. Further issues have been identified around works requested above the lettable standard that were having a financial impact on the average cost per empty property.

Directorate: Housing (HRA)

Project Title: Kitchen & Bathroom Replacements

Approved Budget: £2,772,780

Underspend: £(281,601)

The request for additional funding to increase our percentage of properties meeting the decent homes standard during the third quarter of 2009/10 was a success in terms of more properties now meeting the standard.

A decision was made to move the remainder of the decent homes work into 2010/11, where improved value for money could be delivered through the new Repairs & Refurbishment Partnership.

Directorate: Housing (HRA) Approved Budget: £261,400

Project Title: Minor Capital Works - Planned Overspend: £77,186

Maintenance

The reason for the £0.077 million overspend is that there were some projects added to the minor capital works programme after it had been approved. These were all necessary, legitimate, urgent or works of a H&S nature.

# These projects included:

- Hazelholt –the sub-division of the ex scheme managers flat (No 24) into two 2 one bed flats.
- ➤ Jasmine Ct the extension of flat 10 to use a redundant communal bathroom converting the flat from a bed sit into a 1 bed flat
- > Dangerous walls there were three walls which were condemned as dangerous by a structural engineer, these walls had to be made safe.
- ➤ Litigation following some court decisions BHCC was required to undertake some repair works and make restitution to residents.

#### Finance & Resources

Directorate:	Finance & Resources	Approved Budget: £100,000
Project Title:	Mortuary Extension	Underspend: £(53,698)

All works have now been completed, measured and valued. The total value of additional works has been less than initial estimates suggested. The contract retention sums have been agreed and paid.

# **Children & Young People's Trust**

Directorate: CYPT	Approved Budget: £3,675,000
Project Title: Primary Capital Fund	Overspend: £65,173

At 3rd Quarter a request was made to reprofile £0.122 million to 2010/2011 due to delays in the ground on a project and also the poor weather conditions in January 2010. In the 4th Quarter of the year we were informed that grant funding of £0.055 million had not been obtained for elements of the projects at Balfour Junior and Davidgor Infant School which resulted in unforeseen expenditure against this code.

This year's overspend of £0.065 million will be funded from the budget available for the Primary Capital Programme in 2010/2011.

Directorate:	CYPT	Approved Budget: £1,837,520
Project Title:	Targeted Capital Fund	Overspend: £469,273

At 3rd Quarter it was reported that due to good progress on the major project at Longhill School the cash flow forecast suggested an overspend of £0.440 million. This initial assessment proved to be correct and the final outturn figure for the year was an overspend of £0.469 million.

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The Targeted Capital Fund in 2010/2011 has a budget of £6 million with a large element allocated to the Longhill School project. We will fund this year's overspend of £0.469 million from this budget.