

Resources PD&S Panel

6th February 2012

**Analysis of Corporate Budgets
2011/2012 to 2012/2013**

CORPORATE BUDGET ANALYSIS (1)

Budget Heading	Description	2011/12 Budget (£'000)	2012/13 Budget (£'000)	Budgeting Details
Capital Charges	Cost of Debt and Minimum Revenue Provision in support of the council's capital programme. Includes Corporate Supported Borrowing provision and is net of Service Supported Borrowing Income. Also include the Council's contribution towards Ex-Avon Debt costs.	7,793	8,400	2011/12 budget allowed for borrowing of £90m @ 4.31% (full year) and a further £35m @ 5% (part year); 2012/13 funds £120m @ 4.43% (full year) and a further £30m @5% (part year). Includes Minimum Revenue Provision in accordance with Council MRP Policy.
Interest Receivable	Interest earned on the Council's cash flow balances.	(500)	(532)	2011/12 budget equates to average cash balance of £50m earning 1%; 2012/13 budget equates to average cash balance of £53m earning 1%
Unfunded Pensions	Cost of historic pensions liabilities relating to pre Local Government Reorganisation retired staff.	1,709	1,709	A gradual fall in numbers is anticipated going forwards. For 2012/2013 this reduction is projected to be offset by significant inflationary increases in payments to remaining payees, hence no change in budget.

CORPORATE BUDGET ANALYSIS (2)

Budget Heading	Description	2011/12 Budget (£'000)	2012/13 Budget (£'000)	Budgeting Details
Carbon Trading Levy	Under the Carbon Reduction commitment the Council will have to purchase carbon credits equivalent to its emissions each year.	300	300	Estimate based upon provisional data – actual will depend on recorded emission data at reporting dates.
Pensions Adjustment	Future Service Pensions Cost stable, funding for historic deficit as per 2010 now a cash top up reflecting reducing employee base. To be reviewed at 2013 valuation.	440	436	Cash sum required as per Actuarial report.
External Audit Fees	Cost of Audit Commission external Audit activities. Includes scale fee, claims audit and investigation / Audit Commission Act referrals.	398	398	Reductions to main scale fee offset by increased claim fees for 2012/2013.
Environment Agency Levy	The Environment Agency is a levying body for its flood defence function under the Water Resources Act 1991.	205	205	Levy expected to remain unchanged for 2012/2013.

CORPORATE BUDGET ANALYSIS (3)

Budget Heading	Description	2011/12 Budget (£'000)	2012/13 Budget (£'000)	Budgeting Details
Coroners	<p>The coroner service is funded by the partnership of four local authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bath and North East Somerset Council ▪ Bristol City Council ▪ North Somerset Council ▪ South Gloucestershire Council <p>Bristol City Council acts as the 'lead' authority.</p>	362	305	Budget reduction proposed by Bristol City Council following a review of the Coroner Service.
Corporate Electricity Contract Inflation	The Council's corporate electricity contract is due for renewal on 1 st April 2012 following a 3 year fixed contract.	0	210	Budget on an estimated increase of 40% for half hourly metered sites and 22% for non-half hourly metered sites based on other recent local authority tender prices achieved.
Green Initiatives	Cabinet proposed budget addition to support Green Initiative and the Green Deal	0	100	Cabinet Budget growth proposal.
Election Costs 2011/2012	Cost of local elections 2011/2012	250	0	Estimated expenditure based upon historic cost. No election budgeted for 2012/2013.

CORPORATE BUDGET ANALYSIS (4)

Budget Heading	Description	2011/12 Budget (£'000)	2012/13 Budget (£'000)	Budgeting Details
Pay Award Provision	Provision for cost of annual pay awards.	360	0	No budgeted provision for 2012/2013 based on national pay freeze.
Community Enablement Fund	Set up of Community Enablement Fund	359	0	One-off provision in 2011/2012 to establish Community Enablement Fund.
Housing and Council Tax Benefit Subsidy	The net cost to the Council where the subsidy claim does not cover costs, for example claim error.	355	305	Reduced provision based on actual previous expenditure experience.
Other	Misc	206	-438	
Total		£12,237	£11,398	