

2019/20 CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS - £0.830M

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY

Regeneration

£0.060m income received from Flint Town Council in 2019/20 towards town centre regeneration. This will focus more on interventions in properties and will include the recruitment of a new post which will be recruited to in 20120/21.

£0.015m EU Settled Status (EUSS) WLGA Grant to raise awareness, increase and support the number of people applying for EUSS. Grant was received late in 2019/20 expenditure and expenditure will not be incurred until early 2020/21.

£0.015m Export Health Certificate WLGA Grant. Grant was received late in 2019/20 and expenditure not being incurred until early 2020/21.

£0.037m Heritage Lottery Wales Grant 'Off Flint' first instalment of the grant received up front in the final quarter of the financial year. The project has been delayed due to current pandemic and the Heritage Lottery Fund have agreed an extension and the Community Heritage Officer is due to be appointed in early 2020/21, together with the procurement exercise commencing.

£0.062m The Warm Homes Fund programme provides an administration fee on a per property basis to cover the staff time and associated costs of delivering the programme. These costs are not necessarily incurred evenly over time and any surplus needs to be available to the end of the programme period in order to cover excess costs.

Planning Policy

£0.130m Local Development Plan (LDP) balance to fund expenditure incurred as per the updated timetable to take account of consideration of consultation comments and response by the Council April/May 2020, submission of the LDP to Welsh Government for examination during Summer 2020, formal examination of the LDP during Autumn 2020 which is when the majority of the costs will be occurred.

Health & Safety Enforcement

£0.070m of Contaminated Land which has been committed to cover costs enabling the completion of the final design works, remediation strategy and preparatory works required on earmarked sites.

£0.049m is one off windfall interest from an Empty Homes loan repayment. The purpose of the roll forward would be to secure a short term contract for an additional resource to assist in the administration of the Empty Homes Scheme and reduce backlog.

Land Drainage

£0.015m remaining WG Grant for Sustainable Drainage SuDS (SAB). Like Flintshire most LA's have only partially spent against this grant with an intention rolling balances forward to support their SAB costs in 2020/21. WG advised that they are flexible in relation to how and when the grant funding could be spent provided it related to SAB implementation costs.

GOVERNANCE

Internal Audit

£0.046m of vacancy savings which would be used to cover planned expenditure in 2020/21 on recruitment costs for a permanent Principal Auditor and temporary additional Senior Auditor hours to assist with backlog. In addition, there is a likelihood that procurement of a new audit management software system will be necessary during 2020/21, which is in year 5 of the current contract, so there will be a requirement to pay an upfront cost of at least £0.020m for any new system.

CHIEF EXECUTIVES

£0.015m for CAMMS is requested to be rolled forward to 2020/2021 to fund the one year extension for the system licence to ensure business continuity, whilst Flintshire undergoes a procurement exercise to acquire an alternative system.

SOCIAL SERVICES

£0.030m for the Westwood Centre car park which was due to be refurbished, but the work has been delayed as the Centre roof is being replaced and work on the car park will not commence until the roof work is completed during 2020/21.

£0.032m Ty Dewi Sant (TDS) expansion. A contribution of £0.060m was received from the North East Wales Community Equipment Stores (NEWCES) in 2019/20. Delays to the installation of IT have resulted in the delay to the completion of the project.

£0.010m grant for implementation of the new Performance and Improvement Framework. The Grant was received late in 2019/20 and expenditure is not being incurred until early 2020/21.

HOUSING AND ASSETS

£0.030m utilising an in year underspend to top up the reserves which fund the Welfare Reform Response team, which will allow the service to function for the next two years

£0.058m for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) – the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) allocation has been overspent for the last two years and the allocation for 2020/21 is still to be confirmed. The trend for DWP allocations in the last 2 years has been downward, so due to anticipated demands on this fund, it would be prudent to carry forward this amount to mitigate any pressure in 2020/21.

£0.060m for food poverty, this relates to in year pressure allocation that has not been fully utilised, therefore it is necessary to carry forward the balance to enable this critical work to continue into 2020/21.

£0.030m for the work being carried out jointly with Housing Services to support people to move into accommodation quicker by supporting the funding of floor covering where this is not present in the property. This is a project to identify the scale of the issue and to work with housing providers to enable this to be undertaken at properties that are released for rent.

EDUCATION & YOUTH

£0.003m of underspend from the Archives service in respect of Microfiche facilities. It is intended to use this towards the purchase of a new Microfilm scanner in 2020/21 which will help equip the new joint archive service more effectively going forward.

£0.003m of underspend on the Department of Education account to be rolled over for a short period into the next financial year to help with purchasing equipment for the new 'HUBs' for keyworkers children. This is due to the uncertainty of the numbers/ages of the Young People who will be catered for.

£0.060m to fund the following schools modernisation works which couldn't be completed during 2019/20.
Connah's Quay High School - Fencing work £0.017m, and Furniture, Fittings and Equipment £0.003m
Penyffordd Primary School - Community Fencing £0.010m
Queensferry Campus – Security £0.025m, Repair and Maintenance £0.005m.