

FINANCE, PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT & CORPORATE SUPPORT SERVICES and LEADERS

	08/09 Full Year Budget £'000	First Quarter		08/09 Variance Budget v Actual		Comments
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Finance, Performance Management						
General Capital Contingency	531	0	0	0	0	This unallocated budget is automatically profiled into month 12 unless authority is granted to use it on a specific scheme. It is then moved to the relevant General Fund Capital heading.
	531	0	0	0	0	
Corporate Support and ICT Services						
Civic Office Works	469	25	22	-3	-12	Of the projects planned at the Civic Offices this year, it is likely that works to the value of £266,000 will need to be rescheduled into 2009/10. This will be reported in the Capital Review to Cabinet in the autumn.
ICT Projects	643	161	160	-1	-1	
Customer Service Trans Programme	500	0	0	0	0	See comments on the major schemes schedule.
Total	1,612	186	182	-4	-2	

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Leisure and Young People						
N W Airfield Market Improvements	236	0	0	0	0	The majority of expenditure is expected to occur during the second half of the financial year
Leisure Centre Works	32	0	0	0	0	The work at Loughton Leisure Centre is due to be finalised this year and a feasibility study is being undertaken into potential works to the playing fields at Ongar; a Cabinet report will be presented later in the year.
Youth Sports Facilities	64	0	0	0	0	No grants have been paid this year so far, but all are expected to be completed by the end of the financial year.
Total	332	0	0	0	0	
Environmental Protection						
Bobbingworth Tip	407	102	-45	-147	-144	A capital creditor for works completed to 31/3/08 has not been paid. However, a meeting has been arranged to agree the valuation to date and a payment will ensue. See also comments on major schemes schedule.
Other Environmental works	43	0	0	0	0	This includes £20,000 for purchasing large refuse bins for flats and £23,000 for the Safer Cleaner Greener initiative. Costs are expected to come through later in this year.
Total	450	102	-45	-147	-144	

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Planning & Economic Development						
TCE: Loughton High Road Works	42	11	-31	-42	-382	The negative actual spend relates to expenditure charged to 2007/08 but not yet paid. See also comments on major schemes schedule.
TCE: Loughton Broadway Works	1,925	50	5	-45	-90	See comments on the major schemes schedule.
PDG Capital Scheme	41	20	22	2	10	This budget was carried forward from 2007/08 and is expected to be spent in the first half of the year.
Total	2,008	81	-4	-85	-105	
Civil Engineering & Maintenance						
Car Parking & Traffic Schemes	274	67	-19	-86	-128	The negative actual spend relates to expenditure charged to 2007/08 but not yet paid.
Flood Alleviation Schemes	62	16	28	12	75	Much of the capital works covered by the original contract have been completed as far as reasonably practicable and further capital works estimated at £25,000 have been identified to date.
Grounds Maintenance Vehicles & Plant	22	0	0	0	0	Expenditure is due later in the year.
Total	358	83	9	-74	-89	

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Housing General Fund						
Contributions to Affordable Housing	1,000	293	293	0	0	This initiative is progressing well with three payments relating to starts on site having been made to Estuary H A so far this year.
Disabled Facilities Grants	632	100	55	-45	-45	Although expenditure is low at Month 3, the number of grants approved was more than twice that for the same period last year suggesting that expenditure will increase in subsequent quarters. A report, presented to Cabinet in July, looked at likely expenditure profiles which will be included in the autumn Capital Review
Other Private Sector Grants	375	70	28	-42	-60	The new Private Sector Grants policy was up and running from June 2007 but attempts to recruit a member of staff to process the new grants have been unsuccessful. Although expenditure was relatively low in the first quarter, the number of grants approved would indicate that this should increase in subsequent quarters. The estimate for Private Sector Grants was reviewed in the July Cabinet report and the latest figures will be included in the autumn Capital Review.
Home Ownership Schemes	520	0	0	0	0	This includes the Home Ownership Grants Scheme (£170,000) and the Open Market Ownership Scheme (£350,000). Three grants applications have been accepted; two applicants have not confirmed that they wish to pursue and the grants are therefore being offered to the Reserve List. The OMOS scheme is being held in abeyance, but its possible use as a "mortgage rescue scheme" is being investigated.
Other Housing General Schemes	387	0	0	0	0	The majority of this budget relates to the compulsory purchase of 8/8a Sun Street, Waltham Abbey which cannot go ahead before a Court hearing in November 2008. Should the Court find in the Council's favour, purchase may be within the financial year but this is more likely to be in 2009/10. Although it will be necessary to revise the valuation of the property, this is not likely to exceed the current valuation of £350,000.
Total	2,914	463	376	-87	-19	

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Housing Revenue Account						
Springfields, Waltham Abbey	3,113	389	185	-204	-52	See comments on major schemes schedule.
Heating/Rewiring	1,086	103	121	18	17	Heating and rewiring works are due to start in August, but some testing has been carried out. Most of the expenditure to date, however, relates to the ongoing rolling programme of ad hoc boiler replacements
Windows/Roofing / Asbestos / Water Tanks	1,000	133	54	-79	-60	There are two roofing contracts, one is under way and the other is out to tender. The water tank work is currently at the survey stage and work on windows and doors have now commenced. Asbestos work to the value of c.£50,000 has been completed but not yet invoiced.
Other Planned Maintenance	850	0	-3	-3	n/a	No work has been carried out to date in this category. Door entry work is at the survey stage, some drainage works are out to tender and improvement work at Norway House is due to commence shortly. A portfolio holder report has been prepared regarding energy efficiency works and communal TV upgrades and work is due to start in August for a period of three years.
Other Capital Works	3,313	348	264	-84	-24	Some structural schemes contracts have commenced, others are expected to start in the autumn. The three year bathroom and kitchen replacement programme is due to re-start in August. Heavy demand for disabled adaptations has resulted in high costs and a strict waiting list approach has been adopted. The majority of the DLO vehicle replacement programme is completed.
Total	9,362	973	621	-353	-36	

Capital Project	Original Start Date	Latest Est/ Actual Start Date	Original Finish Date	Latest Est/ Actual Finish Date	Original Total Project Cost £'000	Latest Total Project Cost £'000	Variance %	Actual Exp To Date £'000
	Bobbingworth Tip	May-05	Mar-07	Nov-05	Oct-08	1,107	2,380	115%
Although the scheme had been progressing well there are now delays due to a lack of suitable soil for the final surface restoration phase of the project. A Cabinet report seeking more funding is planned for the next meeting.								
Loughton High Road Town Centre Enhancement	Jul-05	Aug-05	Mar-06	Nov-06	996	1,574	58%	1,501
The final account has been presented and approved by Cabinet. A final payment of £31,000 to Ms Paradigm Limited, Project Managers is yet to be paid.								
Loughton Broadway Town Centre Enhancement	Jul-06	Oct-06	Oct-06	Mar-09	3,003	3,175	6%	1,206
Phase 1 of this scheme has been completed but phase 2 has been delayed due to the position of the gas main. A revised plan has been agreed with the National Gas Grid and Essex County Council and reported to Cabinet on 14 July 2008. Members approved an additional £255,000 and a further £200,000 as a project contingency. Final approval from the Highways Authority is awaited after which works can commence on site, currently programmed for September 2008.								
Customer Services Transformation Programme	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,500	2,500	n/a	0
In view of the work of the Customer Transformation Task and Finish Panel, expenditure will be re-phased into 2009/10 as part of the Capital Review in the autumn.								
Springfields Improvement Scheme Works (HRA)	Jul-04	Nov-07	Nov-07	Feb-09	4,033	4,124	2%	1,197
Construction work commenced on 5 November 2007 and is progressing on all five blocks. However, the main contractor is behind schedule due to groundwater, foundation, drainage and other ground problems as well as design changes to overroofing and overcladding instigated by the contractor. Despite this, the contractor has assured the Council that completion occur within 65 weeks ie early February 2009.								