

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

REPORT OF CORPORATE LEADERSHIP TEAM

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1. USE OF 2011 12 REVENUE UNDERSPEND

1.1 Key Issue for Decision

1.1.1 This report presents proposals for the use of the net revenue underspend of £1.1m arising from the 2011/12 financial year.

1.2 Recommendation of Corporate Leadership Team

1.2.1 That the Leader approve the proposals for the use of the net revenue underspend totaling £815k as set out in Appendix 1.

1.3 Reasons for Recommendation

1.3.1 At the meeting on 16th May 2012 Cabinet considered a report on the revenue and capital outturn for 2011/12. The decisions arising from that report included agreement that further consideration would be given to the use of the net underspend by bringing forward schemes that support the delivery of the key priorities of the Council.

1.3.2 The net underspend on the revenue account is set out in the table below, as reported to Cabinet in May 2012. The net value of £1.113m has been transferred to general balances.

	£,000
Gross Underspend	4,653
Less allocations to:	
Capital Support	2,304
Grants and Contributions	549
Carry Forwards	687
Net Underspend	1,113

1.3.3 In addition to this underspend, Cabinet agreed to the carry forward of the balance of Housing and Planning Delivery Grant into 2012/13. The sum carried forward was £0.13m. Proposals exist for the use of £0.09m of the sum carried forward and it is proposed that the uncommitted £0.04m be added to the 2011/12 net underspend, for allocation to appropriate schemes. This raises the total available to £1.153m.

1.3.4 Following the decision by Cabinet in May 2012 Corporate Leadership Team requested details of proposals from officers that would improve efficiency and meet the objectives of the Council as set out in the strategic plan. In addition, officers were required to identify the broad deliverability timetable for each proposal.

1.3.5 A range of proposals have been developed and the details are set out in Appendix 1.

1.3.6 Further proposals are being developed may be submitted in conjunction with the relevant Cabinet members and will be brought to the Leader for approval when fully developed.

1.4 Alternative Action and why not Recommended

1.4.1 The 2011/12 revenue underspend could remain in general balance but this would not proactively support the delivery of the Council's strategic priorities.

1.5 Impact on Corporate Objectives

1.5.1 The targeted use of the Council's revenue underspend directly supports the achievement of the Council's corporate objectives.

1.6 Risk Management

1.6.1 There is a risk that the proposals for the use of the underspend do not achieve the stated outcomes. This risk will be mitigated by regular formal monitoring and reporting as part of the Council's service and financial monitoring and reporting processes.

1.7 Other Implications

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1. Financial
2. Staffing
3. Legal
4. Equality Impact Needs Assessment
5. Environmental/Sustainable Development
6. Community Safety
7. Human Rights Act
8. Procurement
9. Asset Management

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1.7.2 The financial implications are set out in the body of this report.

1.8 Relevant Documents

1.8.1 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Proposals for the use of the 2011/12 revenue underspend.

IS THIS A KEY DECISION REPORT?

Yes

No

If yes, when did it first appear in the Forward Plan?

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This is a Key Decision because:

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Wards/Parishes affected:

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How to Comment

Should you have any comments on the issue that is being considered please contact either the relevant Officer or the Member of the Executive who will be taking the decision.

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