



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE JOINT OVERVIEW BOARD AND SCRUTINY BOARD

TUESDAY, 6TH JANUARY 2009 AT 6.00 P.M.

COMMITTEE ROOM, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

MEMBERS: Councillors P. M. McDonald (Chairman), D. L. Pardoe (Vice-Chairman), A. N. Blagg, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, Mrs. M. Bunker, Miss D. H. Campbell JP, S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, Dr. G. H. Lord, S. P. Shannon, C. B. Taylor, C. J. Tidmarsh and L. J. Turner

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest and whipping arrangements
3. To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the joint meeting of the Overview Board and Scrutiny Board held on 2nd December 2008 (Pages 1 - 6)
4. Update presentation on the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2009/10-2011/12 (Pages 7 - 20)
5. To consider any other business, details of which have been notified to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services prior to the commencement of the meeting and which the Chairman considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting

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PRESENT: Councillors P. M. McDonald (Chairman), D. L. Pardoe (Vice-Chairman), A. N. Blagg, Mrs. J. M. Boswell (during Minute Nos. 1/08 to 4/08), Mrs. M. Bunker, Miss D. H. Campbell JP, S. R. Colella, Dr. G. H. Lord, S. P. Shannon, C. B. Taylor, C. J. Tidmarsh and L. J. Turner

Invitees: Councillor P. J. Whittaker and Mr. J. Jordan (Democratic Services Manager, Worcestershire County Council)

Observers: Councillor Mrs. C. M. McDonald, Councillor E. J. Murray, Councillor C. R. Scurrrell and Councillor C. J. K. Wilson

Officers: Mr. K. Dicks, Mr. T. Beirne, Mr. P. Street, Mr. H. Bennett, Mrs. C. Felton, Ms. J. Pickering, Ms. J. Pitman, Mrs. S. Sellers and Ms. D. McCarthy

1/08 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

(At this point in the meeting it was explained that Councillor J. M. Boswell had been appointed as a Member of the Scrutiny Board.)

2/08 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest or whipping arrangements were made.

3/08 **JOINT COUNTYWIDE FLOODING SCRUTINY REPORT**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Jordan (Democratic Services Manager from Worcestershire County Council) to the meeting. It was explained that unfortunately, the Task Group Chairman, Councillor M. T. King from Wychavon District Council, was unable to attend.

Members considered the Joint Countywide Report on Flooding in detail. Several comments were made and questions were raised relating to a number of issues including: riparian ownership; enforcement and prosecution; recommendations coming out of the Pitt Review; flash flooding; drainage responsibility; flood defence measures; roles of County Council, District Council and Parish Councils; responsibilities of other agencies such as Severn Trent, Environment Agency and Highways Agency; inconsiderate motorists; emergency planning and sustainability; clearing and maintaining ditches and culverts; role of elected Members; and Gold Command.

The Chairman was particularly interested in the issues surrounding riparian ownership which ranged from householders being unaware they were riparian owners to certain locations where it seemed impossible to establish riparian ownership. It was understood that this was an area which had been difficult for the Task Group to address.

It was explained that the Task Group was conscious not to duplicate the 90 recommendations coming out of the Pitt Review. However, some had been identified and highlighted within the Scrutiny Report to provide a strategic overview and others were picked out to give a 'local flavour'.

It was stated that approximately £7.5m had been spent on remedial work by the County Council but there was a concern that there were many people who were still unable to move back into their own homes following the floods in 2007.

Issues relating to establishing Gold Commands were mentioned. It was understood that it was often difficult to predict the weather, however, it was agreed, that Gold Commands needed to be set up early as possible.

There was a brief discussion on the future role of Councillors and it was suggested that 'Gold' representatives should include an elected Member to enable them to provide community leadership and to help cascade information to local residents.

It was stated that advice was sought from the District Council before ditches or watercourses were cleared. However, it was pointed out that such work was not always necessarily the best solution as it could potentially cause flooding problems elsewhere. Therefore, it was important to ensure such work was co-ordinated. It was also confirmed that enforcement action could be taken by the District Council under the Local Government Act 2000.

Flood defence measures were discussed. With regards to sandbags, it was confirmed that the District Council was not legally responsible to provide sandbags. It was pointed out that sandbags slowed the flow of water rather than prevent water entering a building and there were also issues regarding the length of time sandbags could be used due to water contamination. It was stated that the advice generally given was that it was vital for householders to prepare for such an occurrence (for example taking up carpets, ensuring power points are higher and so on).

There was a concern regarding resource implications and officers stated that they were currently investigating sustainability in relation to drainage engineers in this Council and Redditch Borough Council.

It was mentioned that a flood leaflet had been produced containing relevant information, including an out of hours emergency number, which could be circulated to Members.

In relation to the problem with flood barriers for Upton not being stored locally, it was reported that the Environment Agency was looking into a permanent solution.

It was pointed out that there was a need for effective communication between all agencies and it was stated that it was hoped Worcestershire would be better prepared in the future. It was stated that the Task Group would reconvene for a review in 12 months time.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Executive Director – Partnerships and Projects be requested to consider the financial and other implications in relation to the recommendations and report back findings at the Scrutiny Board Meeting on 27th January 2009 and the Overview Board Meeting on 3rd February 2009;
- (b) that, subject to the outcome of (a) above, the Joint Countywide Report on flooding, including recommendations be approved in principle;
- (c) that the Executive Director – Partnerships and Projects be requested to circulate the leaflet produced relating to flooding; and
- (d) that during its review, the Task Group be requested to investigate the possibility of elected Members being appointed as ‘Gold’ representatives to assist them in providing Community Leadership.

RECOMMENDED that the Cabinet be requested to consider the following at its meeting due to be held on 4th February 2009:

- the Joint Countywide Report on flooding;
- the financial and other implications relating to the recommendations being put forward; and
- that the views of the Overview Board and Scrutiny Board be taken into consideration, including (d) above.

4/08 **BUDGET PRESENTATION**

The Head of Financial Services gave a presentation with updated information on the Medium Term Financial Plan (Revenue Budgets) for 2009/10 to 2011/12, including the proposed pressures and savings and the Capital Programme.

It was explained that the Budget linked to the Council’s Priorities, as agreed earlier in the year, and officers had also consulted a small cross section of the public which was called a ‘Budget Jury’.

Several questions were raised during and after the presentation with ensuing discussions. Items raised included: car parking charges; neighbourhood wardens; town centre redevelopment; community transport; CCTV; Street Scene vehicle replacement; chargeable green waste service; collection of Business Rates; spatial project savings; Monitoring Officer investigations; Equality and Diversity Forum bids; Customer Service Centre (CSC); Assistant’s Chief Executive’s team, including Improvement Manager; Basement Project and Foyer Scheme; consultants; and smoke free post.

There was a particular concern regarding the car parking charges. It was understood that the budget proposals suggested car parking charges would not be increased in 2009/10 and 2010/11. However, it was believed that having smaller annual increases at approximately the rate of inflation (2.5%) would be a better option than no increase followed by a high increase in future years. It was also noted that the same view was put forward by the Budget Jury.

With regard to car parking, questions were also raised regarding whether neighbouring areas, such as Kidderminster, had also seen a drop in car parking receipts.

It was explained that it was proposed that Neighbourhood Wardens would be increased by one rather than two posts in the proposed budget.

There was a brief discussion relating to the community transport bid and it was stated that this related to a recommendation put forward by the Public Transport (Buses) Task Group after consulting the Equality and Diversity Forum.

It was noted that there was funding within the Capital Programme to replace CCTV equipment. This led to a brief discussion on the effectiveness of CCTV in other areas and the possibility of removing CCTV equipment in Worcester City. It was believed that in Bromsgrove District, there was evidence to suggest that there had been a significant reduction in anti-social behaviour. However, it was suggested that West Mercia Police benefited from CCTV and therefore could be requested to make a financial contribution.

With regard to Street Scene Vehicle Replacement Programme, there was some concern that it included the green waste collections which would be a chargeable service from 2009/10. Therefore, it was believed that these should be separated as the new annual charge should cover the future cost of the service.

There was some confusion in relation to percentage of funds that were required for green waste, residual and recycling and it was requested that this be clarified. In relation to information on the chargeable green waste service next year, the Board was informed that the Head of Street Scene and Community had called a meeting for the following day to ensure all households in the District received the necessary information. It was suggested that such information should be given to the Parish Councils direct.

It was understood that the Council Tax level had been calculated to be 4.45% increase per annum and it was questioned whether it might be appropriate to raise this to 4.95%.

It was pointed out that the Spatial Project savings had been realised and built into the base budget and therefore had not been included as additional savings.

Officers confirmed that although there were issues with the Dolphin Centre in relation to transferring to a Trust, savings had been made via staff realignment and income from the new fitness suite and it was anticipated that further savings could be made over a 5 year period.

The Chairman questioned the new bids 'Disability Group and Finding a Voice', 'Self Advocacy' and 'Fun Farm Day'. Members were informed that these bids originated from the Equality and Diversity Forum and that the 'Fun Farm Day' bid had since been withdrawn. It was suggested by the Chairman that the County Council could be requested to assist with the relatively small amount of funds required.

It was confirmed that although Worcestershire County Council had withdrawn staffing from the Customer Service Centre, due to 90% of queries relating to the District Council, the funding had been reinvested into the Worcestershire Hub.

There was some confusion between the Basement Project and the Foyer Scheme and it was explained that the Basement Project generally dealt with the prevention of youth homelessness whereas the Foyer Scheme worked with a select group of young people who had been made homeless.

The Executive Director – Partnerships and Projects explained that in relation to the Museum, there were financial implications attached to all closure options.

Questions were raised regarding the new bid for Consultants relating to examination in public (EIP) for 2009/10. The Executive Director – Partnerships and Projects understood Members' concerns and agreed that the typical daily fee of approximately £1000 was very high. However, it was explained that the EIP funds relating to the use of consultants were for plans such as the Core Strategy and the town centre. The relevant legislation dictated that for a plan had to have the necessary Development Plan Document (DPD) status, it must go through an EIP. Nevertheless, officers agreed to investigate this further and report back to the Board.

Finally, the Head of Financial Services was thanked for her informative presentation.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Head of Street Scene and Community be requested to provide further information on the percentage of funding required for residual, green waste and recycling elements of the service;
- (b) that the Head of Street Scene and Community be requested to ensure information on the chargeable green waste service is given to the Parish Councils as well as all households within the District;
- (c) that the Executive Director – Partnerships and Projects be requested to investigate further the reasons for the £100K bid for 2009/10 for Consultants in relation to EIP (Examination in Public); and
- (d) that the presentation and report be noted.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that a rise in car parking charges, at approximately the rate of inflation, be included in all years for the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2009/10 to 2011/2012 (as supported by the Budget Jury);
- (b) that Worcestershire County Council be approached for funding towards the new bids 'Disability Group and Finding a Voice' and 'Self Advocacy';
- (c) that the £25K bid in 2009/10 to fund an improvement manager for 6 months be withdrawn;
- (d) that West Mercia Police be requested to consider making a financial contribution towards the replacement of CCTV equipment; and
- (e) that the Cabinet consider ensuring all funding relating to the chargeable green waste collections is separate to the funding required for the refuse and recycling collection service.

5/08

RECOMMENDATION TRACKER REVIEW

Consideration was given to the report relating to reviewing the existing arrangements in place to monitor Cabinet approved recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny investigations.

RESOLVED that the Overview and Scrutiny recommendations continue to be monitored by the relevant Board using the existing format on a quarterly basis.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Chairman

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

OVERVIEW BOARD AND SCRUTINY BOARD

6TH JANUARY 2009

UPDATE MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2009/10-2011/12

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Geoff Denaro
Responsible Head of Service	Jayne Pickering – Head of Financial Services

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. To provide an update on information to enable the Boards to review the current position on the medium term financial plan (revenue and capital budgets) for 2009/10-2011/12 including the proposed pressures and savings. In addition a presentation will be delivered to the Boards at the meeting to summarise this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Boards:
 - 2.1.1 Consider the pressures as identified in Appendix A and recommend to Cabinet any changes in priority categorisation;
 - 2.1.2 Consider the unavoidable pressures identified at Appendix B and recommend any changes to Cabinet;
 - 2.1.3 Consider the savings identified at Appendix C; and
 - 2.1.4 Consider the Capital Programme as included at Appendix D and recommend any changes in scheme priority to Cabinet

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The draft budget report was presented to this Board on 2nd December 2008 to include the background in the preparation and process that the Council has undertaken in the development of the Medium Term Plan. This report presents updated Appendices to the Boards which will be included in the final report to Cabinet on 7th January 2009 and for final approval by Full Council on 22nd January 2009. The Council Tax level will be proposed to Full Council on 25th February for final approval.

4. UPDATED BUDGET INFORMATION

4.1. The current budget book that was sent to all members in February 2008 includes the Base budget for 2009/10 and 2010/11. These budgets have been used as the starting point of the plan and the proposed pressures and savings will be included to form the new approved budget for 2009/10-2011/12.

4.2. The base budget for 2009/10-2010/11 included a number of approved changes to the funding of services from the financial position of 2008/09. These included:

- Savings in relation to delivering leisure services by alternative methods. (£150k)
- Income generated from the charging for the green waste service £400k
- Identified savings in relation to providing services in the planning department following the delivery of the spatial project of £170k
- Identified savings in relation to the reduction in software licenses from the delivery of the spatial project of £60k
- Council Tax level to be 4.45% increase per annum

4.3 The attached Appendices detail the revised position on the budget requirements to include:

- Appendix A – High, Medium and Low pressures
- Appendix B – Unavoidable pressures
- Appendix C – Savings / additional income
- Appendix D –Capital Programme 2009/10-2011/12

5. OVERALL POSITION

5.1 Based on the assumptions and the proposed pressures and savings the estimated position for each of the three years is as follows:

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Base cost of General Fund Services	12,113	12,514	13,048
Pressures – High bids & unavoids	1,060	977	963
Transfer re grants received – Planning Delivery & Local Authority Business Grant	-362	-23	-22
Savings	-572	-1043	-1173
Investment Income	-147	-116	-134
Cost of Borrowing		6	65
Recharge to capital programme	-133	-136	-136

Net operating expenditure	11,959	12,179	12,611
Transfer from (-) to balances	-146	-71	
Collection Fund surplus	-40		
Government Grant	-4,945	-5,047	-5,097
Assumed Council Tax @ 4.45%	-6828	-7167	-7524
Overall Shortfall	0	-106	-10

5.2 The above table demonstrates a slight surplus that will be transferred to balances for costs associated with future transformational projects that the Council will utilise to deliver the significant savings included in this plan.

6. BALANCES

6.1 The current projected level of balances at 31.03.09 is £1.088m assuming all costs approved are spent. The level of balances can be utilised for one off costs and it is proposed that the funds required for any redundancy or early retirement costs are met from this area. .

7. FEES AND CHARGES

7.1 The financial plan 2008/09-2010/11 currently assumes a 2.5% increase in all income. The high pressures proposed at Appendix A include the cost of not increasing the car park tariff for 2009/10.

7.2 Currently budget holders are reviewing the volume of transactions and income received together with any other areas that could be chargeable.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None other than those included in the report.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None as a direct result of the draft budget. Legal and Human resource issues will be addressed during any discussions in relation to restructures and redundancies.

10. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

10.1 The delivery of a balanced budget demonstrates the Councils ability to fund objectives and priorities within a reasonable level of increase to residents.

11. RISK MANAGEMENT

11.1 The main risks associated with the details included in this report are:

11.1.1 Non compliance with the statutory deadlines to set a balanced budget.

11.1.2 No formal consultation undertaken with the public

11.1.3 Poor use of resources scoring in relation to consideration of the budget

11.2 These risks are being managed as follows:

11.2.1 Non compliance with statutory deadlines

Risk Register: Financial Services
Key Objective Ref.: 6
Key Objective: Effective and Efficient Accountancy Service

11.2.2 No formal consultation undertaken with the public

Risk Register: Financial Services
Key Objective Ref.: 6
Key Objective: Effective and Efficient Accountancy Service

11.2.3 Poor use of resources scoring in relation to consideration of the budget

Risk Register: Financial Services
Key Objective Ref.: 6
Key Objective: Effective and Efficient Accountancy Service

11.3 Key actions and controls to manage these risks include:

- Detailed timetable in place to manage the budget process with departments and accountancy support
- Allocation of qualified and professional staff to focus on budget setting accounts
- Regular updates at Corporate Management Team in relation to budget processes
- Formal consultation on the budget with the Budget Jury
- Formal consultation in place with unions and individual employees
- Formal consultation with customer panel via SNAP in place

12. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

12.1 The consideration of the current position of the budget will give the public an opportunity to comment on the proposals which will be reported back to Council at the meeting in January. The setting of the budget against the Corporate Priorities will ensure that the Council demonstrates to the customer that we have aligned our resources to the key services required.

13. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues - N/A
Governance/Performance Management - N/A

Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 - N/A
Policy - N/A
Environmental - N/A
Equalities and Diversity - N/A

14. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	Yes
Corporate Director (Services)	Yes
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	Yes
Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Yes
Head of Organisational Development & HR	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	Yes

15. APPENDICES

Appendix A – High, Medium and Low pressures
Appendix B – Unavoidable pressures
Appendix C – Savings / additional income
Appendix D –Capital Programme 2009/10-2011/12

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Budget timetable
Detailed budget working papers

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NEW BIDS FOR FUNDING

APPENDIX A

Key Deliverable Bids	2009/2010 £000	2010/2011 £000	2011/2012 £000	Commentary	Link to Corporate Objectives	Priority Ranking
CSC Staffing Issue	76	76	76	2.5 FTE CSC avs & 1 manager (County withdrawing funding)	Sense Of Community	High
Disability Group & Finding a voice	1	1	1	Disability Group - Enable group to provide social and information network for people with disability and Finding a voice Determine demand for network and if one, set up network to provide support and provide voice for this community.	Sense Of Community	High
Allotment Project	1	1	1	Allotment Project - Regenerate run down allotment. Padstone and Greenscope Day Service to work on allotment.	Sense Of Community	High
Climate Change Strategy	20	20	20	New bio-diversity officer post net of BDHT £15k Contribution and shared costs with Redditch	Clean Streets and Climate Change	High
Graduate Trainee	25	25	25	Part of restructure - linked to savings offered	Sense Of Community	High
Wardens/ ASB Officers	30	30	30	1 neighbourhood wardens	Sense Of Community	High
Car Park Changes	38	38	38	inflation removed 09/10 only	Town Centre	High
Project Support	35	35	35	Emergency Planning Assistant, Business Continuity/ Town Centre Admin	Town Centre	High
Community Transport	30	30	30	1 Drivers and vehicles- need full business case to address income & spend	Sense Of Community	High
Shortfall in income on B&B and Hostels	19	20	21	hostels have been transferred to BDHT and therefore no longer receive income and B&B not required	Housing	High
Basement Project	0	20	25	To provide SLA with basement project - support homeless and young people	Housing	High
Youth Budgeting	10	10	10	White paper - getting younger people involved	Sense Of Community	High
Consultants re EIP	100			Inspectors for investigaiton & preparing report - potential from balances		High
Museum	25	10	10	Cataloging and transportation	Sense Of Community	High
Permanently recruit improvement manager	25.0	0.0	0.0	Expect this to be a spend to save bid		High
Foyer 24 hour support	3.0	10.0	10.0	Joint funding of an enhanced level of support and supervision at the proposed new Foyer scheme for 16 to 25 year olds by providing (jointly funded) nigh time and weekend caretaking / support supervisor on site.	Housing	High
MARC	15.0	15.0	15.0	Grant funding re MARC centre	Housing	High

Key Deliverable Bids	2009/2010 £000	2010/2011 £000	2011/2012 £000	Commentary	Link to Corporate Objectives	Priority Ranking
Neighbourhood Partnerships	22	22	22	to increase substantive funding for existing 2 neighbourhood partnerships from £4k to £15k - 08/09 funded from improvement plan (cabinet 30/04/08) (unparished)	Sense Of Community	High
Neighbourhood Partnerships	8	34	44	To increase Neighbourhood partnerships to other £4k in 1st year followed by £5k in 2nd year per cllr (incr one p/ship eac yr)	Sense Of Community	High
Wardens/ ASB Officers	30	30	20	1 neighbourhood wardens	Sense Of Community	Medium
Town Centre- Cleanliness	10.0	10.0	10.0	Improve perception of cleanliness, litter pickup	Clean Streets and Climate Change	Medium
Inflationary Increase for Housing SLA	9	0.0	0.0	BDHT inflationary increase is based on RPI	Housing	Medium
Fixed Penalty Notice Implementation	15.0	6.0	6.0	Steve Martin to confirm figures with JG - members have already agreed this in principle	Town Centre	Medium
Civil Parking Enforcement	0.0	90.0	90.0	To implement Civil Parking Enforcement	Town Centre	Medium
Self Advocacy	4	4	4	Self advocacy for older people. Set up group sessions each fortnight to develop self advocacy skills and retain independence for longer. Changed to low priority following consideration by budget jury	Sense Of Community	Low
Monitoring Officer Investigations	30.0	30.0	30.0	Additional officer required to service increase in member investigations		Low
Committee admin (LNP's)	30.0	30.0	30.0	Additional officer required to service LNP		Low
Increase Democratic Participation	5.0	5.0	5.0	Community involvement, Raising awareness, Increasing participation	Sense Of Community	Low
Economic Development Strategy	0.0	70.0	70.0	New post-strategic Eco Dev post. Possibly to share with WCC or RBC	Town Centre	Low
Sickness absence software to improve performance & Healthy Living Campaign	22.0	5.0	5.0	Possible spend to save additional costs arising from sickness or agency		Low
Recruitment Adverts	2.0	2.0	2.0	Improve advertising for Council posts		Low
Video Links improvement	8.0	5.0	5.0	To improve accessibility	Sense Of Community	Low
Front of House	50.0	50.0	50.0	2 Customer Service Advisors - to be met from admin review/ alternative methods found	Sense Of Community	Low

APPENDIX B

Other Possible Pressures/Unavoidables	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	Commentary
2009/10 - 2011/12	£'000	£'000	£'000	
ICT Helpdesk In-House	25	25	25	Full amount
Car Park Income - 0809 shortfall	90	90	90	Full amount
Concessionary Fares	50	50	50	Based on 08/09 projection
Fuel Bills (Utilities)	50	50	50	Rising Utility Costs
Elections Budget	15	15	15	Inadequate elections budget
JE Licence & Redditch		6		To fund software JE modelling -
Over 60's free swims			26	Funding only for 2 years - proposal agreed check value
Smoke Free Post	35	35	35	Grant income no longer available - check scope to share costs with Redditch
Election	0	10	60	Election costs (£70k total - split for prep work; carry forward any remaining budget from 10/11 to 11/12)
Increase in fuel charges based on usage	90	90	90	Figure may be revised due to falling oil prices
License enterprise		25	25	To update licenses
Planning apps , land charges	110	110	60	Needs breakdown
Negative budgets offset	19	19	19	To correct prior year negative budgets
Museum Rates	0			One year unavoidable (£6k) pending asset management review - can mitigate by registering as charitable trust
Members remuneration - increases over inflation	5	5	5	N.B. Champions and Scrutiny Board
Income From BDHT re sale of houses	50	50	0	income target now reduced due to decline in sales - budget for economic recovery from 11/12
Air quality monitoring	20			To monitor air quality in the town centre- statutory
SIA Licensing (CCTV) 2009	3			Requested 22-9-08 missed from original lists
Charge for land rental Bromsgrove Rovers	15			To review position on the expiry date at the end of 09/10
	577	580	550	

PROPOSED SAVINGS

APPENDIX C

Description	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	Commentary
	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Non Domestic Rates	-30	-30	-30	Estimated Saving based on 08-09 actual
Clothing & Uniforms	-5	-5	-5	Net estimated savings
Corporate Training	-50	-50	-50	Based on previous 2 years budget usage
Printing & Stationery	-25	-25	-25	Improved procurement - includes saving from ICT & printing
Member Development	-8	-8	-8	
Discretionary Rate Relief	-10	-10	-10	
Emergency Planning/Works	-13	-13	-13	Contribution to County for support
Housing Benefit Overpayment recoveries	-100	-100	-100	
Income Hire Charges	-15	-15	-15	Trade Waste main contributor
ICT Training	-5	-5	-5	Reduction in budget
ICT support infrastrucutre	-20	-20	-20	savings on infrastructure
Disaster share with Redditch	-20	-20	-20	sharing ICT disaster recovery with Redditch
Additional income from licensing	-10	-10	-10	
Savings from advertising	-20	-20	-20	improved procurement - changing supplier
CCTV	-5	-8	-8	additional income
Lifeline	-2	-2	-2	saving based on PNC capital bid
Lifeline	-1	-5	-15	saving based on PNC capital bid
Dolphin Centre	0	0	-20	additional income
Grounds Maintenance cost review	-12	-12	-12	Following review of grounds maintenance provision on parks and open spaces
Alternative methods of service delivery / shared services	-134	-523	-623	Shared service working
Commencement of co-mingled recycling collections (collect as alternating collection with residual)	0	-100	-100	100k offered in 08/09 budget round - additional 100k also offered for 10/11 onwards
Appeal Consultants Budget	-10	-10	-10	Remove budget - carries risk based on member decisions
Contractual/Overtime Changes	-14	-14	-14	Street Cleansing Operation - review contracts/overtime arrangements
Grounds Maintenance - Cemeteries	-18	-18	-18	Reduction in posts from 4 to 3
Postage Review	-5	-5	-5	Reduction in budget following review
Environmental Health Licensing	-10	-10	-10	additional income target
Savings from business process change	-25			Linked to pressure - improvement post
Remove base budget n/hood partnership				Current funding for parished area
General grants budget	-5	-5	-5	
TOTAL SAVINGS	-572	-1,043	-1,173	

PROPOSED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2009/10-2011/12

APPENDIX D

Service Area	Description of Bid	2009/2010 £'000	2010/2011 £'000	2011/2012 £'000	Commentary	Funding	Council Priority
Legal & Democratic	Remedial Work to Council Buildings following Stock Condition Surveys	50	50		To deliver the planned programme of maintenance required for the Council buildings as identified via external assessments	Capital Receipts/Prudential Borrowing	
Planning & Environment	Discretionary Home Repair Assistance & Housing Renewal Grants (Private Sector Only)	100	100		Home Repair & maintenance assistance grants	Capital Receipts/Prudential Borrowing	Housing
Planning and Environment	Grants to Principal Preferred Partners (BDHT/ W Mercia) for the development of affordable housing in the district.	700			Grants to preferred partners to deliver affordable housing across the District - not delivered during 2008/09 due to issues with economy and development of housing property	Capital Receipts/Prudential Borrowing	Housing
Planning & Environment	Town Centre Development	100	100	63	Improvements and redevelopment of Town Centre	Capital Receipts/Prudential Borrowing & Gov Grants £63k pa	Town Centre, Clean Streets & Climate Change.
Planning & Environment	Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG's) - Private & BDHT Grants	510	410	310	Mandatory Disabled facilities Grants (% for Grant)	Government Grant	Housing
Street Scene & Community	Replacement of CCTV Equipment	290	79		Planned programme of replacement CCTV cameras	Capital Receipts/Prudential Borrowing	Town Centre, Clean Streets & Climate Change.
Street Scene & Community	Street Scene Depot Vehicle Replacement Programme (Commercial Services)	13			Maintain the planned programme of replacement vehicles for commercial services fleet	Capital Receipts/Prudential Borrowing	Town Centre, Clean Streets & Climate Change.
Street Scene & Community	Street Scene Depot Vehicle Replacement Programme (Garage Services)	15	25		Maintain the planned programme of replacement vehicles for garage services fleet	Capital Receipts/Prudential Borrowing	Town Centre, Clean Streets & Climate Change.
Street Scene & Community	Street Scene Depot Vehicle Replacement Programme (Grounds)	102	54		Maintain the planned programme of replacement vehicles for grounds maintenance fleet	Capital Receipts/Prudential Borrowing	Town Centre, Clean Streets & Climate Change.
Street Scene & Community	Street Scene Depot Vehicle Replacement Programme (Multi-lift Vehicle)	12			Maintain the planned programme of replacement vehicles for multi lift plant	Capital Receipts/Prudential Borrowing	Town Centre, Clean Streets & Climate Change.
Street Scene & Community	Street Scene Depot Vehicle Replacement Programme (Recycling)	13			Maintain the planned programme of replacement vehicles for recycling service	Capital Receipts/Prudential Borrowing	Town Centre, Clean Streets & Climate Change.

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Service Area	Description of Bid	2009/2010 £'000	2010/2011 £'000	2011/2012 £'000	Commentary	Funding	Council Priority
Street Scene & Community	Street Scene Depot Vehicle Replacement Programme (Refuse Collection)	273	14		Maintain the planned programme of replacement vehicles for refuse collection service	Capital Receipts/Prudential Borrowing	Town Centre, Clean Streets & Climate Change.
Street Scene & Community	Street Scene Depot Vehicle Replacement Programme (Street Cleaning)	146			Maintain the planned programme of replacement vehicles for street cleaning service	Capital Receipts/Prudential Borrowing	Town Centre, Clean Streets & Climate Change.
Street Scene & Community	New Toilet Block in Town Centre	174			Provision of refurbished town centre toilet to ensure DDA compliant. Not delivered in 2008/09 due to consultation being undertaken with users	Capital Receipts/Prudential Borrowing	Town Centre, Clean Streets & Climate Change.
Planning and Environment	Upgrading of Houndsfield Lane Caravan Park	204			Contribution toward seeking Government Grant for the refurbishment and extension of the Gypsy and Traveller caravan site at Wythall.	Capital Receipts / Prudential Borrowing	Housing
Street Scene and Culture	New Park at Barnsley Hall (Part funded from Liveability Fund.)	215			To provision park/sports facilities at Barnsley Hall site - not delivered in 2008/09 due to awaiting outcome of PPCG 17 to identify areas of need	Capital Receipts & Liveability Fund	Sense of Community
Street Scene and Culture	District Wide Provision/Enhancements of Sports Facilities	360			To provision park/sports facilities across the District - not delivered in 2008/09 due to awaiting outcome of PPCG 17 to identify areas of need	Grant Funded	Sense of Community
Policy & Performance	Community Transport	75			To provide 1 wheelchair adapted vehicle and related software and equipment to deliver community transport across the District.	Capital Receipts / Prudential Borrowing	Sense of Community & Town Centre
Street Scene & Community	Spadesbourne Brook and cleansing of Water Courses	25			To purchase a vehicle to support the street scene department fulfill role of cleansing water courses	Capital Receipts / Prudential Borrowing	Town Centre, Clean Streets & Climate Change.
Street Scene & Community	Parks & cemeteries	45			To undertake works to comply with Health & Safety requirements to include changes to paths and access	Capital Receipts / Prudential Borrowing	Sense of Community

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Street Scene & Community	Lifeline kit replacement - PNC5	54			To purchase replacements lifeline computer system to deliver an enhanced system and generate additional income for the service	Capital Receipts / Prudential Borrowing	Sense of Community
Street Scene & Community	Wheeled bins for co-mingled collections		473		Wheeled bins for the co-mingled collection service and will provide a third bin for properties that require a green waste collection. They will replace the existing red and blue boxes.	Capital Receipts / Prudential Borrowing	Climate Change
Street Scene & Community	Replacement for recycling vehicles		670		vehicle to replace the existing fleet of recycling vehicles for the co-mingled collection service	Capital Receipts / Prudential Borrowing	Climate Change
Street Scene & Community	Street Scene Depot Vehicle Replacement Programme (Grounds)			17	To maintain the 10 year programme of replacement fleet within the Grounds Maintenance Services	Capital Receipts / Prudential Borrowing	Climate Change
Street Scene & Community	Street Scene Depot Vehicle Replacement Programme (Grounds)	50	50		To repair the bridges under LA ownership	Capital Receipts / Prudential Borrowing	Town Centre, Clean Streets & Climate Change.
Street Scene & Community	Street Scene Depot Vehicle Replacement Programme (Refuse Collection)			984	Replacement of remainder of refuse collection fleet	Capital Receipts / Prudential Borrowing	Climate Change
Street Scene & Community	Access Improvements to Allotment Sites	20			Access Improvements at Watt Close Allotment, Stourbridge Road Allotment and Roundhill Allotment Sites.	Capital Receipts / Prudential Borrowing	Sense of Community
	SUPPORT SERVICES RECHARGES TO CAPITAL (To be recharged over all schemes in 2008/09, 2009/10 & 2010/11)	133	136	136	Support service recharge	Capital Receipts/Prudential Borrowing	
TOTAL SCHEMES PROPOSED		3,679	2,161	1,510			

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