

Carry Forwards and Earmarked Reserves - Changes to Approvals at April 2013 Cabinet

Type	Name	Directorate	Description	April approved amount	Revised amount	Increase
				£000	£000	£000
Budget Carry Forward	Prosperity Fund	EDT	<p>The County Council has committed to a £2m Prosperity Fund per annum for three years which is being delivered in partnership with the county's Local Enterprise Partnership (Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership - NEP).</p> <p>£500k of the Prosperity Fund has been earmarked to support 2 key initiatives, namely the Fit for Market (FFM) scheme (investing with the private and public sectors to secure the provision of commercial land and premises which would otherwise be unviable); and the Innovation and Enterprise Fund (INV-ENT) a scheme unique to Northamptonshire involving a business rate rebate to small/medium enterprises (SME's) enabling funds to be released to re-invest in activities which secure business growth, including new jobs. Because of the complex negotiations involving the commercial sector and the need to ensure maximum return on prospective investments by the County Council, coupled with the need for due diligence, the FFM and INV-ENT schemes are being managed as three year programmes within the budget envelope. In 2012, two FFM initiatives have been agreed with NEP which are LOCATE and superfast business. This entails the need for uncommitted funds to be rolled-forward.</p>	723	855	132
Earmarked Reserve	Demand Management (Children's Services)	CCL	The Council faces a future risk in 2013-14 in supporting the Children's Services Improvement agenda. The funding set aside will support the planned improvements over 2013-14 and enable the Council to improve its control and performance in this demand led service.	2,100	3,313	1,213
Earmarked Reserve	Education Services Grant In Year Reserve	CCL	The Department for Education (DfE) has replaced the Local Authority LACSEG (Local Authority Spend Equivalent Grant) recoupment process whereby formula grant was previously top sliced from Northamptonshire's funding settlement and allocated to academies in Northamptonshire. The Local Authority LACSEG recoupment from 2013-14 is replaced with the new Education Services Grant (ESG). The ESG will make a reduction from Northamptonshire's funding settlement based on a national rate and the in turn academies and the Local Authority will receive an ESG allocation back from the DfE again based on national rates. The ESG will be allocated based on the number of Northamptonshire pupils that the Local Authority remains responsible for at the start of the year. However there will be an in year adjustment to the ESG to reflect any conversions of maintained schools to academy status in 2013/14. This reserve will provide the Local Authority with the ability to absorb the impact of any adjustments.	1,300	1,696	396
Earmarked Reserve	Adult Social Care demography pressure	ACS	An earmarked reserve is requested to help fund the significant demographic pressures on Adult social care budgets in future years. As we continue with the service review to align with the anticipated new social care bill and find new ways to manage the ever increasing demographic pressures, earmarked reserves will support with the transformation.	600	1,000	400
			Total	4,723	6,864	2,141

Carry Forwards and Earmarked Reserves - Previously approved at April 2013 Cabinet

Type	Name	Directorate	Description	Amount
				£000
Budget Carry Forward	Children's Services Improvement Programme	ACS	<p>In 2011-12 CMT approved an investment of £500k in the Children's Services Improvement Programme "to ensure that children are safe and able to achieve the best possible outcomes in their life."</p> <p>The programme has a social care focus and is made up of the following 5 main improvement areas: Project 1 - Managing Thresholds: ensuring timely access to responsive services Project 2 - Effective Practice: improved quality of engagement with the child/family Project 3 - Reducing Delays: safe and timely permanent care for the child Project 4 - Inspection Readiness and QA: Improved compliance, performance management and learning Project 5 - Finance: Improved financial control and recovery</p> <p>The £320k carry forward will contribute to continue with the improvement programme.</p>	320
Budget Carry Forward	Employment Costs	LGSS (Managed)	The project to deliver the £16m Council-wide savings relating to Employment Costs will continue to October 2013.	399
Budget Carry Forward	Community Transport	EDT	This is base budget for Community Transport (CT) grants given to CT operators. Work was undertaken earlier in the year to encourage CT operators to function under a new funding model, however consensus was delayed. Carry forward of £103k is required to enable grant funding to be paid next year as due to the delay it was not utilised as planned in this financial year.	103
Budget Carry Forward	Superfast Northamptonshire	EDT	<p>Carry forward is requested to fund continuing technical and commercial support for the superfast Northamptonshire broadband project.</p> <p>Superfast Northamptonshire is seen as a key deliverable for the Northamptonshire Arc and a priority for the County Council and its Prosperity Agenda.</p> <p>This support is required to ensure that Northamptonshire is able to successfully complete it's framework procurement, appoint a suitably qualified telecommunications supplier (BT) to co-invest in superfast broadband connectivity, get maximum value for money from it's capital investment and to secure further funding.</p>	136
Budget Carry Forward	Property Asset Management	LGSS (Managed)	There are five areas of expenditure that were budgeted for in 2012-13, but where the work has either been commissioned or negotiations are at an advanced stage to complete, but will fall after 31st March 2013. In order that these costs are correctly matched with the budget an element of the 2012-13 underspend is requested to be carried forward to fund these items.	336
Budget Carry Forward	Continuing Health Care	ACS	In 2012-13 the service have been working with Health to maximise the Continuing Health Care (CHC). Funding to support the care packages, where clients part of the packages are for health need. As part of the ongoing negotiation the service have successfully agreed for Health to contribute an additional £300k CHC for packages. Dedicated staffing resources were deployed during this year to work on these cases. The carry forward request for £300k is to enable the service to continue to fund those posts next year and also to support with the transition arrangements of the care management re-design next year.	301

Budget Carry Forward	Organisational Workforce Development	LGSS (Managed)	<p>£100K is requested to deliver the IT workforce skills training programme next year.</p> <p>Significant investment has been completed in creating an IT infrastructure that responds to the need to develop the NCC service provision. This infrastructure provides the capacity to place IT as an efficiency tool which generates cost savings for the business as well as process efficiencies.</p> <p>This training will ensure those working within the council are appropriately skilled and competent to exploit new and existing technologies and increase efficiency savings.</p>	100
Budget Carry Forward	Learning Disability Partnership	ACS	<p>The LDPB is a partnership arrangement supporting people with a Learning Disability to have equal life chances and the same human rights as everybody else. The partnership sets the workplan for the year allocating the budget to deliver areas of work which have been agreed by the partnership board. The County Council is responsible for the partnership budget spend and delivering the agreed outcomes. There have been delays in delivering parts of the workplan set for 2012/13 and therefore a request is made to carry forward the balance budget to deliver those remaining outcomes during 2013-14. This carry forward will be utilised to set up volunteering, work and self employment opportunities, including training and support for participants, the launch of the Rights Charter involving all partners and some housing options support and training.</p>	51
Non-Ringfenced Grant	Troubled Families	CCL	<p>Through the Troubled Families Programme the County will be looking to work with over 1200 families over the next 2 years to achieve 3 outcomes, being in work, reducing crime and increasing attendance at school. The programme is a national programme and the government has created a troubled families grant. In 2012-13 the grant allocation to NCC was £1,240,600. The work this year has focused on identifying families and the intervention that will be required. Spend against the grant in 2012-13 has been £114,000.</p> <p>It is proposed that the remaining grant is invested in the intensive activity programme planned for 2013-15 and is therefore transferred to the Troubled Families Earmarked Reserve (see below).</p>	1,166
Non-Ringfenced Grant	Growing Places	EDT	<p>The Council has been appointed as accountable body for the Growing Place Fund allocated to Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership (NEP) by Communities and Local Government (CLG).</p> <p>The fund is to be managed as a revolving fund to invest in infrastructure projects which will unlock housing and jobs growth. The revenue grant supports technical and financial appraisal, developing repayment terms and testing of repayment mechanisms, legal advice, financial management and project monitoring and evaluation.</p>	373
Earmarked Reserve	Troubled Families	CCL	<p>The Funding is to be utilised to undertake some one off intensive work with our most complex and multiple problem families. The proposal is to use this one off investment to work with those families where it is identified that the immediate need is greatest and the most impact could be delivered. The funding of this activity will support the implementation of the Council's new prevention strategy particularly supporting "Troubled Families" and be utilised alongside core budgets. It is proposed that the council use this investment as its contribution to the government initiative for Troubled Families. This is a payment by results scheme which, if successful, the council could receive 40% of the funding back from Central government.</p>	2,726
Earmarked Reserve	Libraries Relocations	CCL	<p>To support the Libraries Strategy adopted by Cabinet in October 2011 funding has been realised from the sale of TALIS shares. The Library Service was a founding member of the Company which has now been bought out by Capita. It was prudent for the shares to be cashed in especially as going forward the Library Service would be using a different library management system.</p> <p>To enable the premises savings targets in the Library Strategy to be realised it is proposed to use this one off funding to meet the cost of relocation of 2 further libraries.</p>	106
			Total	6,117