COMMUNITY PROTECTION

Community Safety

To provide Anti-Social Behaviour Intervention Teams to tackle deliberate small fires and anti-social behaviour in known hot-spots across the district (particularly in Kenilworth at present). Delays occurred because of uncertainties over PCSO numbers and Fire and Rescue policy in relation to the scheme across the county. Assurances have now been received and 63 sessions are planned between now and November (Bonfire night).

Street Marshalling for taxi drivers and their customers at taxi ranks, plus a wider role in responding to developing incidents of anti-social behaviour and providing support to venerable individuals, particularly lone females. This was delayed due to uncertainty over partnership funding. Assurances have now been received and it is planned to run during peak periods particularly Friday and Saturday evenings and into the early hours.

WDC Highways

Rural footway lighting - EU requirement to replace mercury filament lighting with modern efficient sodium units. After procurement and receipt of tenders it was decided to make changes to the schedules and technical information to complete an ICE Contract Document and Procurement Contract. These documents are currently being completed in order that they can be registered with "Delta".

TOTAL COMMUNITY PROTECTION

CULTURE

Green Space Development

This leisure improvement budget has been set aside for Royal Pump Rooms CCTV. This now scheduled to take place in the summer as this is the only time that is convenient due to the operating schedule of the facility.

This budget covers lottery / capital funding that was awarded for play equipment and play projects. The project is time specific and does not run in line with financial years. If the project is not completed funding will be lost and the agreement with the lottery would not be upheld.

Meadow Community Sports Centre

Installation of new cricket nets at the school as part of the dual use agreement. This is scheduled to take place in the Easter holidays as that is the next available school closure date. Easter has fallen in the new financial year and funding is required to be carried forward to complete the project.

TOTAL CULTURE

CUSTOMER and INFORMATION SERVICES

Community Partnership Team

Support the development of Parish Plans has been delayed due a number of Parish Councils not being in a position to progress plans at this stage.

Supporting the engagement activity identified by the Community Engagement Strategy Action Plan has been delayed whilst the plan was being adopted by the Warwick Partnership.

Projects are under development for delivery through the Packmores Centre. Delays have occurred whilst looking at the most effective way of benefiting the local community.

Supporting the implementation and development of the Family Intervention Project has been delayed due to the need to secure local funding to support a reduced LPSA2 award.

Projects and initiatives identified for support by Community Forums have been delayed due to the delay in the development of Locality Plans which, in turn, has impacted on the level of applications received through the Community Grant Fund.

To redefine the roles of the Warwick Partnership Executive Group and Theme Coordination Group has been delayed whilst a review of the first year of the Integrated Delivery Plan is undertaken.

Delay in the development of the Integrated Grants Scheme has meant that not all funding of the Small Grants Fund were able to be made.

ICT Services

Upgrade of the Council's IPT telephony system. The project is in progress with the planning phase and hardware and software schedules complete. Orders have been placed and we are now awaiting delivery to schedule implementation.

TOTAL CULTURE

DEVELOPMENT

Credit Crunch

Several initiatives were developed over the last year. However, two projects have slipped due to staff shortages due to prolonged sickness and to the impact of Lean Systems Thinking over last summer and did not start until quarter 4:

Business Seminar Programme - launched January 2011 and programmed marketing activity will now run to December 2011.

Unemployed Person Enterprise Grant Scheme was launched in January 2011 and a number of potential new start up businesses are likely to take up the support on offer. To ensure we only support only genuine new start ups the grant will not be paid until the business is up and running.

Tourism

The March meeting of the Executive agreed to make a contribution towards the redevelopment of the Court House, Warwick. This was to be financed from the Warwick Renaissance Earmarked Reserve and £2,700 from the 2010/11 Tourism Budget.

Climate Control

A report to the March 2011 Executive detailed the progress on this work to date and approval was given to carry the unspent balance forward to 2011/12.

Warwick Town Centre Plan

Past reports to the Executive have highlighted delays in the project due to staff capacity and also delays in the Local Plan and the consequent delays in appointing consultants. The work is now back on track.

TOTAL DEVELOPMENT

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Health Core

Consultants Fees: Money has been retained in this budget to assist with the development of the APP / Civica software system. Due to the nature of the development it is not easy to predict as it depends on a number of factors. The work needed is to roll-out the mobile technology which will enable greater efficiencies and for consultancy advice to achieve data capture.

Food and Occupational Health and Safety

The Council is prosecuting a local employer under health and safety legislation. Due to the nature of the case it is a long process. A preliminary hearing has resulted in the case being sent for court proceedings, which is still pending. In April 2010 the Executive approved a transfer of £100,000 from the Contingency budget to supplement existing budgets. As the court case is still pending there is still a requirement to meet potential legal costs.

Environmental Protection

Money has been retained in this budget to promote responsible dog ownership. The budget will be required for education campaigns, new signage and dog waste bins once a decision on Dog Control Orders is taken.

TOTAL ENVIRONMENT

FINANCE

Contingency Budget

Balance of the unutilised Contingency Budget

Spencers Yard (United Reform Church) Project

The project has been delayed as the original scheme was abandoned when Advantage West Midland's funding was reduced. Feasibility work is underway to consider alternative projects.

In August 2010 the Executive considered a report on the improvement works planned for the Pump Room Gardens by the Friends of the Pump Gardens Group and agreed to act as a guarantor up to £47,000 if all of the funding for the scheme could not be secured. The project is expected to take place during the summer 2011.

TOTAL FINANCE

HOUSING and PROPERTY SERVICES

Homelessness

Software improvements to HomeChoice online application form and electronic housing advice procedure manual has been delayed by competing work priorities within Housing and ICT Services. This has been further exacerbated as a result of the Audit Commission Inspection recommendations. The work has now been programmed for completion during 2011/12.

The Rent Bond Scheme assists households who are homeless; threatened with homelessness or in housing need. The scheme guarantees a paper bond equivalent to one month's rent and, only in exceptional circumstances, is a cash payment required. This budget is required as a contingency to pay for future damages / rent arrears that might come to light once a tenancy has ended.

Grant for Homelessness / Housing Advice Services for young people has been delayed whilst discussions are undertaken with the partner agency.

Housing Strategy

Funding for Rural Housing Enabler to undertake rural housing needs surveys to facilitate development of new affordable housing in rural areas spans 2 financial years. The balance is required to complete the project.

The Strategic Housing Market Assessment commenced in March 2011 and funding is required to complete the contract.

Private Sector Housing

A new smart phone to improve performance and service delivery is being trialled. This comes with a standard 3 year contract and, consequently, funding for year 2 and year 3 is required to be carried forward.

Corporate Property Repairs and Maintenance

Warwick Cemetery Road and Footpath: Discussions between Property and Engineering about the job specifications has led to a need to redesign the work which left insufficient time to undertake the work in the year. The footpath is to the new part of the cemetery and is currently closed. The road is not Disability Discrimination Act compliant and so is not suitable for disabled and elderly people.

Crematorium Roof: Work was originally to be undertaken by ROK. Following their going into Administration the work has had to be re-procured and needs to be fitted in around the working requirements of the Crematorium.

St. Nicholas Park Café decoration and joinery work: This was originally to be undertaken by ROK. Following their going into Administration the work has had to be re-procured and needs to be fitted in around the working requirements of the Café Manager.

TOTAL HOUSING and PROPERTY SERVICES

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Street Cleansing

Weed killing and stoning of the car park at Harbury Lane to increase capacity has been delayed until the end of the football season as police are concerned about parking on the main road.

TOTAL NEIGHBOURHOOD

STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

Member Training

Funding from IDEA helped to reduce the cost of the Leadership Academy programme. However, with induction for new members following the May 2011 elections, and the continuing development of existing Councillors it is requested that the balance on the budget be carried forward.

TOTAL STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

TOTAL ALL EARMARKED RESERVE REQUESTS

7,200

38,200

50,700

5,000

35,300

5,000

9,100

700

20,000

32,000

6,100

300

45,900

121,600

1,800

6,000

19,100

33,000

6,800

101,300

6,300

114,400

86,800

307,600

47,000

22,100

12,000

7,500

7,900

800

43,000

20,000

4,000

6,000

7,400

7,400