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Title	Business planning 2010/11 – revenue and capital bids
Purpose	To consider the recommendations of funding the revenue and capital bids received
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1. Background

The purpose of this paper is to report on the results of the process and to analyse and prioritise the revenue and capital bids as part of the key process of identifying and agreeing on the Council's budget for 2010/11.

In accordance with the business planning framework, the bids were identified by the service when they were considering their service plans for the period 2010/11-2012/13.

Once again this year, in light of the terribly challenging financial situation, bids were only invited under the **unavoidable category**, namely unavoidable expenditure to keep a service at its current level or to respond to significant new legislative requirements.

This report considers the bids which were in keeping with the **unavoidable** definition only. Some more optional requirements have been mentioned, and these must be considered jointly with any new requirements that arise from the final review of the Council's current Three Year Plan. A provision will be made in the Financial Strategy for this, and the proposals on the use of those resources will return to the Council Board early in the new financial year.

Also note that it is intended to secure a system which will note the expected benefits from the bids allowed, in order to be able to monitor the Departments' achievements whilst ensuring that the benefits are realised in accordance with the bids.

2. The Prioritisation Process

The main stages of the process for prioritising the bids are outlined as follows:

- an opening assessment of all the bids submitted jointly by the Leadership Group, in order to ensure that only the unavoidable bids are considered;
- the Strategic and Improvement Department prepare recommendations and a draft report in terms of prioritising and funding the bids, based on the details submitted and further discussions with the services;

- the Leadership Team consider the paper of the Strategic and Improvement Department and agree on recommendations;
- consultation with the Business Group;
- the Council Board and the full Council to consider and adopt the financial Strategy, the priorities and the funding source at their meetings on 16 February and 25 February.

In terms of the capital bids, the Asset Management Plan will be directing the majority of future expenditure. The Asset Management Plan has already been adopted.

Recommendations relating to bids outside the Asset Management Plan have been shaded in the Appendix.

3. Recommendations

A. Revenue Bids

Revenue bids equivalent to a total of £6,711,761 have been received.

The following documents are attached:

- (i) the recommendations in relation to funding the bids – **Appendix A.**

To summarise, the totals are as follows: - See Part 1 of Appendix A

	2010/11
Permanent	£543,874
One-off	£409,160

Also note the recommendations in relation to transfers to the budget to fund specific work deriving from grants in the past, where the Council has an element of choice regarding using the money – see Part 2 of Appendix A.

- (ii) the list of the revenue bids where recommendations are made not to fund, together with the reasons for this, including the bids to be considered further - **Appendix B (Part 1 – to be considered further, and Part 2, where recommendations not to fund are made)**

At a meeting of the Political Group Leaders to consider the draft recommendations, the Leaders recommended that Bid No: GCym 11 – Parking Spaces for Disabled People, £34,000, should be allowed, and that detailed consideration should be given to the most effective means of processing the applications and meeting the need for parking spaces, in order to clear the backlog of applications

B. Capital Bids

The following documents are attached:

- (i) A list of the bids received and the recommendations in relation to funding the bids, after being challenged by the Strategic and Improvement Department – **Appendix C.**

Note, in light of poor projections in relation to capital expenditure, recommendations for one year only were made this year.

Also note that the total of the recommended bids is higher than the original amount recommended in the Asset Management Plan.

As noted, recommendations relating to bids outside the Asset Management Plan have been shaded in the Appendix.

- (ii) A list of the capital bids where recommendations are made not to fund - **Appendix Ch.**

4.Recommendation

The Board is asked to adopt the recommendations for funding the revenue and capital bids.

A. Views of the Local Member

Not a local matter

B. Views of the Statutory Officers

1. Chief Executive

“The report is the result of detailed work and discussions before presentation to the Board, including a meeting with the leaders of the individual groups – one recommendation from those discussions can be seen in the body of the report. The recommendations will of course have been scrutinised by the Principal Scrutiny Committee before they are considered by the Board, and any comments by that Committee will be reported at the meeting.”

2. Monitoring Officer

“No comments to add in relation to propriety”

3. Chief Finance Officer

“I confirm that the totals for the recommended revenue and capital bids (with the inclusion of the £34,000 in part 3A of the Head of Strategic & Improvement’s report) are consistent with the financial strategy for 2010/11 in the report by the Corporate Director, and that report is the basis for the Prudential Code indicators in my subsequent report.

For information, the total of the capital “bids” is much less than the full capital programme (see my report on the 3rd quarter review of the 2009/10 capital programme), which includes a number of very substantial specific grants and a number of projects which are commitments from previous years.

In general, I am confident that the bids (together with the budget review in part 5.5 – 5.13 of the Corporate Director’s report) have been logically prioritised, further to an exercise which has measured and considered an extensive range of customers’ and services’ needs. Therefore, I support the recommendations for 2010/11.”