COMMITTEE	The Council
DATE	1st March 2012
TITLE	Revenue and Capital Bids 2012/13
PURPOSE	Adopt the recommendations in relation to funding the bids.
AUTHOR	Geraint George, Head of Strategic and Improvement
PORTFOLIO LEADER	Leader of the Council
RECOMMENDATION	To approve the recommendations in relation to funding the bids.

1.   Background

As part of the key process of identifying and agreeing the Council's budget and priorities for 2012/13 the Council invites revenue and capital bids. The purpose of this paper is to report on the results of prioritising the bids. In accordance with the business planning framework the bids have been identified by the services as they considered their priorities and service plans.

Again this year, in the face of an extremely challenging financial situation, bids were invited under the **unavoidable category** only, namely, "*unavoidable expenditure to maintain a service at its current level or respond to substantial new legislative requirements*".

This report considers the bids which corresponded to the **unavoidable** definition only.

2.   The Prioritisation Process

Following the original invitation, revenue bids were received equivalent to £3,281,503 (permanent), and £121,638 (one-off), along with capital bids of £1,723,000.

As seen in the enclosed spreadsheets, the amounts recommended to be funded are as follows:

Permanent Revenue Bids - £1,713,896

One-off Revenue Bids - £85,000

Capital Bids - £240,000

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

- an opening assessment by the Leadership Group of all the bids submitted, in order to ensure that only the unavoidable bids were considered
- the Strategic and Improvement Department have prepared 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 Group have considered the paper of the Strategic and Improvement Department and agreed on recommendations.
- Consultation with the Business Group. The Business Group agreed with recommendations made.
- Principal Scrutiny Committee and the Council Board considered and approved the recommendations for the Financial Strategy, the priorities and the funding sources at their meetings in February 2012.
- The Full Council to consider and adopt the financial strategy, the priorities and the funding sources at their meeting on 1st March 2012.

3.   Recommendations

A. Revenue Bids

Members are asked to consider the following attached documents :

(i)   The recommendations regarding the funding of bids that are considered unavoidable – **Appendix A.**

(iii)   A list of the bids that are not recommended to be funded within the unavoidable bids process for the reasons noted - **Appendix C**

B. Capital Bids

The following documents are attached:

(i)   A list of bids received and the recommendations regarding funding those bids – **Appendix B.**

A. Vews of the Local Member(s):-

Not a local matter

B. Views of the Statutory Officers:-

1. The Chief Executive

"As stated in the report, the recommendations presented have been subject to very detailed discussions and scrutiny. I therefore approve them."

2. Monitoring Officer

"No comments with regards to propriety."

3. Chief Financial Officer

"I can confirm that a thorough challenge has taken place in processing the bids that are here in order to ensure that only absolutely unavoidable requirements are recommended for funding, and to ensure that the value of the bids are correct estimates of the cost of dealing with the additional requirements on the relevant services.

The effective challenge of the revenue bids here this year has led to a recommendation to accept a total that is less than 1% of the Council's revenue budget.

The total of the capital bids here is much lower than the full capital progamme, since the programme includes substantial specific grants and schemes that are commitments from previous years."

C. Background Papers :-

CH. Policy Implications :-