

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

DATE: 24 MAY 2012

REPORT OF: SUSIE KEMP – ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: CORPORATE PROJECTS BUDGET VIREMENT TO CUSTOMER & COMMUNITIES



KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

To approve the virement of the Corporate Projects budget to Customer & Communities (C&C) to align budget and management responsibilities.

DETAILS:

- 1 The Corporate Projects budget consists of the Community Improvement Fund, Surrey Growth Strategy and, for 2012/13 only, the remaining balance of the Policy Initiatives budget. Together these total £1,508,000. The current budget holder is the Assistant Chief Executive, with the budget standing alone outside of the Chief Executive's Office.
- 2 For 2012/13 these budgets are to be administered by the Community Partnership team within the Customer and Communities Directorate.
- 3 It is requested that the budget is moved into the Customer and Communities Directorate in order to align budget and management responsibility.

Consultation

- 4 The Strategic Director for Customers & Communities has been consulted and agrees to the virement. The Deputy Leader has been consulted on the transfer of the Surrey Growth Strategy and any comments received will be reported at the meeting.

Financial and value for money implications

- 5 There are no financial implications. The transfer of the approved revenue budget is requested in order to align budget and management responsibility.

Equalities implications

- 6 There are no equalities implications associated with this virement.

Risk management implications

- 7 The proposed virement will assist with the monitoring of this budget. There are no risk management implications associated with this virement.

Climate change/carbon emissions implications

- 8 The County Council attaches great importance to being environmentally aware and wishes to show leadership in cutting carbon emissions and tackling climate change.

9 There are no climate change / carbon emission implications.

Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children implications

10 There is no impact upon Looked After Children or corporate parenting.

Section 151 Officer commentary

11 The Section 151 Officer confirms that all material, financial and business issues and risks have been considered in this report. If approved, the effect of this will be built into the future Medium Term Financial Plan for 2013/18.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To approve the virement of the Corporate Projects revenue budget of £1,508,000 for 2012/13 (£1.5m for 2013/14 onwards) into the Customer & Communities Directorate.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To align the budget responsibility and management for the corporate projects budget.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

Once approval is received the budget virement will be reflected in monthly budget monitoring.

Contact Officer:

Andy Tink, Senior Principal Accountant, Corporate Finance

Consulted:

Yvonne Rees, Strategic Director for Customers & Communities

Sheila Little, Chief Finance Officer and Deputy Director for Change & Efficiency

Peter Martin, Deputy Leader

Informed:

None

Sources/background papers:

None
