

2nd QUARTER BUDGET CLINIC ACTIONS

APPENDIX B

Issues shown in bold are the outstanding actions from the 1st Qtr Budget Clinic 2006/2007

SOCIAL CARE				
Issue	Action Required	Timeframe	Progress	Person Responsible
Demand Pressures on the Social Care budget.	Review and update of the Social Care Medium Term Financial Plan.	August 2006	Discussed at the Q2 budget clinic and the work is ongoing	Jan Douglas/Tony Parkinson
Use of additional budget allocations 2006/07.	Section to be included in future budget clinic reports.	October 2006	Included in Q2 clinic report.	Jan Douglas/Heads of Service
Use of Ayresome Industries surpluses.	Investment Plan for Ayresome Industries to be prepared.	September 2006	Included in Q2 clinic report.	Tony Parkinson
Clarification of Costs and Funding for Fair Price for Care Issues.	Report to be presented to next budget clinic.	February 2007		Tony Parkinson
Details of progress on capital spending proposals as set out in the Reserves & Balances report be included in the next capital report to budget clinic.	Include details in next budget clinic report.	February 2007		Tony Parkinson
CORPORATE SERVICES				
Issue	Action Required	Timeframe	Progress	Person Responsible
Use of additional budget allocations in 2006/2007.	Section to be included in future budget clinic reports.	October 2006	Included in Q2 clinic report.	Section Heads
Investigate what agreement the Council has for the delivery of a Scrutiny service to Tees Valley Councils and ensure it is formalised	Formal Agreement with the other Borough Councils. Report to be presented to Budget Clinic.	January 2007		Richard Long

REGENERATION				
Issue	Action Required	Timeframe	Progress	Person Responsible
WMNT transfer to Independent Status.	Update on the potential costs of transfer process.	October 2006	Included in Q2 clinic report.	Jan Sinclair
Use of additional budget allocations in 2006/2007.	Section to be included in future budget clinic reports.	October 2006	Included in Q2 clinic report.	Tim White/Heads of Service
Can economies of scale on security measures across the town centre be achieved?	Review the proposed arrangements and report back to next budget clinic for inclusion in the MTFP.	January 2007		Tim White
Budget pressures on Housing Renewals fee income need clarification.	Investigate the reasons for budget pressures and report to be presented to next budget clinic.	January 2007		Tim White/Head of Service
Managers are not progressing NRF schemes within deadlines / spend not showing in the accounts.	Monitor all NRF and report to the next budget clinic on projects spending below target	January 2007		Diane Ward

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & LEARNING				
Issue	Action Required	Timeframe	Progress	Person Responsible
Ongoing pressures in respect of Childrens Looked After are expected.	<p>An assessment of the medium term position is to be provided for the next quarter's budget clinic .A report is to be taken to CMT.</p> <p>A schedule of work to be drafted detailing when the work is be done by and who is carrying out the work to eliminate overspending in Children Looked After Updates and evidence of work in progress is also required.</p>	ASAP	Work is continuing on an assessment of the medium term position.	Terry Redmayne / Jenni Cooke /Julie Cordiner

<p>Overspend on Home to School Transport as a result of additional transport needs for pupils with special needs, including increasing numbers of post 16 special needs pupils accessing education in Middlesbrough.</p>	<p>As a result of the predicted overspend on Home to School Transport, a Value for Money study is to be carried out. This study should be a joint service review and not just at individual service level.</p> <p>A review of the policy of allocating home to school transport provision. A report is to be taken to CMT.</p>	<p>Currently on hold due to resources shortages</p> <p>October 2006 Revised to January 2007</p>	<p>Strategic Procurement have been tasked with leading the corporate review of transport.</p> <p>Review currently being undertaken. Initial report has been drafted and discussed by CFL management team. A final report on costed options will be presented to CMT /Members</p>	<p>Terry Redmayne</p>
<p>Increasing budget pressure in CFL.</p>	<p>The CFL complete budget review is to be completed with the aim of redesigning services to achieve financial savings.</p>	<p>ASAP</p>	<p>Complete budget review being undertaken for CFL ,the starting point for which will be the departmental strategic plan for 2006-2008.The review is to be given priority in order for it to be completed in time to inform the corporate Medium Term Financial Plan.</p>	<p>Terry Redmayne/Heads of Service</p>
<p>Use of additional budget allocations 2006/2007</p>	<p>Section to be included in future budget clinic reports.</p>	<p>October 2006</p>	<p>Included in Q2 clinic report.</p>	<p>Terry Redmayne/Heads of Service</p>
<p>Funding for the JNC Youth Workers pay award.</p>	<p>Funding of £25k to be provided from the Pay and Prices inflation contingency</p>	<p>November 2006</p>		<p>Doug Barlow</p>

Overspends appearing in budget reports as a result of different sections within the Council charging each other for accommodation	Review of Accommodation and the policy of recharges for Middlesbrough Council as a single organization	January 2007		Paul Slocombe/Julie Cordiner
Information on the pressures on the CFL fostering budget	Additional appendix to the Budget Clinic report showing details of Agency Fostering placements and clear explanations of the assumptions made around outturn projections.	January 2007		Jenni Cooke

ENVIRONMENT SERVICE				
Issue	Action Required	Timeframe	Progress	Person Responsible
Pressure on highways inspection budget and Street Maintenance health and safety equipment requirements.	A full VFM study (including delivery option appraisal).	To be completed by 31 March 2007.	On target to be completed by 31 March 2007.	Brain Glover
Review of contracting arrangements including the impact on the Council PPP (HBS) and other contractual arrangements. Particular attention to be given to Councils Health & Safety responsibilities.	A full VFM appraisal to be prepared.	To be completed by 30 November 2006.	Discussions are currently taking place with HBS to remove the bureaucratic processes currently in place between Property Services and HBS. It is anticipated that this will be resolved by the target date of November 2006.	Mike Wood

Increase in electricity charges for Street Lighting way above inflation.	Funding of £214k to be provided from the central budget for Pay and Inflation to fund the identified inflationary costs for energy – street lighting. The Council's medium term financial plan to be updated to reflect inflationary pressures from increase in energy costs.	August 2006	Complete	Paul Slocombe
Success of the skate park has resulted in pressures on operational costs.	Report to CMT on the future arrangements in relation to the Prissick Base Skate Park.	August 2006	Completed – report taken to Individual Exec Member for Community Safety on 30 September 2006.	Ed Chicken
Use of additional budget allocations 2006/2007.	Section to be included in future budget clinic reports.	October 2006	Included in Q2 clinic report.	Ian Parker/Heads of Service
Concessionary Fares take up to be finalised	Review the take up on concessionary fares and provide an estimate on costs/savings fro the Council's medium term financial plan	December 2007		Brian Glover
Detailed clarification required of the Bus Station budget pressure.	Investigate the reason for the pressure on Bus Station budget and report back at the next budget Clinic	February 2007		Ian Parker
Future of the 10,000k road race and the estimated costs	To complete a reappraisal of the likely future gross cost of the Road Race	January 2007		Ian Parker