

1st QUARTER BUDGET UPDATE ACTIONS

APPENDIX C

Issues shown in **bold** are the actions required from previous Budget Clinics

REGENERATION				
Issue	Action Required	Timeframe	Progress	Person Responsible
MIMA Cooling System Problems	<p>Progress on the possible recovery of the costs (estimated at £51,000) from the supplier.</p> <p>Update on the Legal position</p> <p>Gather email evidence re the failure of chillers</p>	<p>March 2010</p> <p>January 2011</p> <p>September 2011</p>	<p>An independent report has been commissioned to establish liability for the faults in the original equipment to support a legal claim by the Council.</p> <p>Update provided at the 3rd Quarters Budget Clinic.</p> <p>On going. Evidence will be forwarded to Legal Services to support the development of a potential case against the suppliers.</p>	Kate Brindley
Architects Service	Service review to be completed and actions drawn up to mitigate the pressure from the loss of income	October 2011		Kevin Parks
Captain Cook Museum café	Details of work required to be forwarded to Strategic Resources in order for a financial appraisal to be carried out.	August 2011		Kate Brindley

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & LEARNING				
Issue	Action Required	Timeframe	Progress	Person Responsible
Level of Looked After Children placements	Service to provide a report highlighting why the increase in number of placements is higher in Middlesbrough than in other local authorities with similar demographics. Report should contain details of assumptions used in calculating demand projections and comparisons with national trends.	September 2011		Gill Rollings
Commissioning and Resources – Cross Departmental Admin Team	The service to prepare a statement, which explains the pressure	September 2011		Julie Cordiner

ENVIRONMENT				
Issue	Action Required	Timeframe	Progress	Person Responsible
Operation of the units in the Bus Station	Merge the units in the Bus Station with the commercial property portfolio managed by Strategic Resources.	March 2010 revised to January 2011	The transfer the responsibilities and budgets has been put on hold until some of the underlying budget issues are resolved.	Brian Glover / John Shiel
Waste Disposal Incinerator Closure for repairs.	Provide an estimate of expected costs and savings available to offset the impact of the closure of the EFW plant in 2011/12.	March 2011	Estimate included in the Quarter One 2011/12 budget update report.	Tom Punton
Waste Disposal budget pressure	Director of Resources to address the one-off in year pressure of £484K corporately.	August 2011	Proposed allocation from General Fund	Paul Slocombe

Waste Disposal Incinerator costs	Tees Valley Waste Management Group led by Middlesbrough to discuss the annual inflationary increases with SITA and apply pressure to eliminate or reduce this pressure	Ongoing		Tom Punton
Places And Spaces (Area Care and Waste Collection)	The Head of service to draw up an action plan to reduce the reported pressure on this service	October 2011		Tom Punton
Bus Station	Option appraisal to be carried out on the Bus Station units	September 2011		Mike Robinson
Car Parking income budget pressure	The service continue to look for savings. Future Years -The service to establish more realistic car parking income budget target and the MTFP be amended accordingly.	August 2011		Mike Robinson / Paul Slocombe

SOCIAL CARE				
Issue	Action Required	Timeframe	Progress	Person Responsible
PCT Winter Pressures Funding	Establish a Social Care – Winter Pressures Reserve on the Balance Sheet	March 2011	£520k reserve included in the 2010/11 Statement of Accounts.	Bryan Baldam
Demand Led Pressures across all services	Service to identify actions being taken to reduce the cost of demand. Future Years -The service need to establish realistic forecasts for the cost increases due to increases in demand and the MTFP be amended according.	September 2011		Mike Robinson
Supporting People	Service to review all the contracts that are currently in place.	September 2011		Tony Parkinson

Ayresome Industries – scanning contract	Strategic Resources to examine the scanning contract awarded to an external provider to see if there an option for the council to rescind the contract and have the work carried out by Ayresome Industries instead	August 2011		Ron Brown
Ayresome Industries Business Plan	Service to draw up a revised business plan to reduce the predicted operating deficit for the workshop	October 2011		Tony Parkinson

CORPORATE SERVICES				
Issue	Action Required	Timeframe	Progress	Person Responsible
Elections & Referendum Costs	Estimate the costs of the Elections and Referendum in 2011 and ensure they are fully funded	March 2011	Estimate included in the Quarter One 2011/12 budget update report.	Richard Long/Bryan Baldam
Enterprise Centers rental income	Service to produce a statement analysing all rent concession agreements and the financial impact once these agreements expire			John Shiel/Martin Shepherd