

REPORT TO: Cabinet Member (Planning and Transport)

DATE: 20 December 2006

DEPARTMENT: Development Services

REPORTING OFFICER: Head of Planning Services
(*T P Richards*)

SUBJECT: **DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET 2007/08 PLANNING
AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO – PLANNING
BUSINESS UNIT**

WARD/S AFFECTED: All

FORWARD PLAN REF: N/A

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This reports sets out the details of the financial information for the Planning Business Unit as follows:-

- Revised estimate for 2006/07
- Original estimate for 2007/08
- Projections for 2008/09 and 2009/10

1.2 This report has been prepared in consultation with the Director of Resources.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

2.1 The Cabinet Member is requested to:

- i. Note the revised estimates for 2006/07.
- ii. Recommend the draft original estimate for 2007/08 for the Planning Business Unit as set out on page 1 of Appendix A to Cabinet.
- iii. Note the projections for 2008/09 and 2009/10 as indicated on page 1 of Appendix A.
- iv) Note the efficiency gains put forward by the Planning Business Unit.

3.0 RECOMMENDED REASON/S FOR DECISION/S

3.1 The proposed revised estimates for 2006/07 and the original estimates for 2007/08 will, if approved, underpin a continued improvement in the delivery of the service of the Planning and Transport Portfolio including Building Control, Development Control and Forward Planning.

4.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTION/S CONSIDERED AND RECOMMENDED FOR REJECTION

4.1 Not to recommend the budget. This has been rejected on the grounds the Council is entrusted by government to deliver a statutory planning service fit for purpose. If the service is under-funded the Council risks being re-designated as a "Standards Authority" and government intervention.

5.0 THE REPORT

*"Good planning is a positive and proactive process, operating in the public interest through a system of plan preparation and control over the development and use of land. Sustainable development is the core principle underpinning planning"*¹

5.1 Budget Approach

5.1.1 The overall budget approach is to provide funding for a service that is fit for purpose. The Planning Improvement Plan (PIP) is the main vehicle for delivering this and has a number of important purposes:

- To drive improvement in the direction of Government and Council priorities in a co-ordinated way
- To prioritise and forward plan the allocation of resources particularly Planning Delivery Grant (PDG)/HPDG² and business unit reserves
- To act as a high level project plan for managers responsible for delivering planning improvement
- To demonstrate to the DCLG³ that the Council takes its responsibilities as a local planning authority and the need to improve seriously.

5.1.2 To align the PIP with the 3 year forward budgeting process it has been rolled forward to cover the period 2006-2010⁴.

5.1.3 The PIP has three Key Service Objectives to fulfil the goal of a planning service "fit for purpose". Their links to the 7 corporate priorities are illustrated

¹ Planning Policy Statement 1 DCLG/ODPM 2005

² Housing and Planning Delivery Grant – DCLG consultation 25 July to 17 October 2006 on proposals to introduce a new grant system post 2007/08 when PDG ends

³ The DCLG requires standards authorities to submit their Improvement Plans to the Government Office.

⁴ The PIP was endorsed by Corporate Management Team on 30 November 2006.

below:

Corporate Priority	Link	Key Service Objective
Affordable Housing	1, 2	1. To perform at or above Best Value targets for Development Control (BV109) and be removed from Planning Standards by March 2007 and thereafter to sustain this level of performance. To improve customer satisfaction levels with the Development Control service towards a target of 75% by March 2007 and annually thereafter sustain at least this level of performance.
Traffic and Transport	1, 2	
Keeping the District Safe	1, 2	
Caring for the Environment	1, 2, 3	
Supporting our Local Economy	1, 2	2. To complete a Local Development Framework by meeting the milestones the current Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out
First Class Public Services	1, 2, 3	
Organisational Improvement	1, 3	3. To deliver first class public services through investment and organisational improvement

5.1.4 The funding of the service in 2007/08 will again be heavily dependent on PDG. A key aspect of the budget approach and the PIP is to maximise performance achievement to maximise grant award. A full position statement with regard to PDG is given in paragraph 5.8 below

5.2 Budget Changes resulting from new Statement of Recommended Practice 2006

5.2.1 There are budget changes resulting from the new Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2006. The CIPFA Accounting Code of Practice issued in 2006 has brought in a number of changes to the way that Local Authorities present their accounts from 2006/07. In order to prepare for the 2006/07 Final Accounts, DR has introduced these changes from 2006/07 Revised Estimates.

5.2.2 The main change affecting the planning service budget is the removal of the notional interest element of the capital charge. The notional interest charge was 3.5% of the net book value of assets and its removal has resulted in a reduction in the capital charges shown in the estimates. The remaining element is a charge for depreciation. The notional interest charges were charged to services, but reversed centrally. Their removal, therefore, has no impact on the General Fund bottom line, because the central reversal is also removed.

5.3 Deferred Charge Write Downs and Appropriations from CFA

- 5.3.1 The budget contains deferred charge write downs. These represent capital charges on payments under the Conservation Grant Schemes slipped from 2005/06. The difference between deferred charge write downs and the usual capital charges is that deferred charges are all written off (charged to revenue) in the year they occur. Normal capital charges on our own fixed assets are spread over the life of the asset. This treatment is in accordance with capital accounting rules.
- 5.3.2 Where the capital expenditure has been financed from grants or from contributions eg English Heritage and NYCC, a contra entry is allowed from the capital financing account for the amount of the grants/contributions used. This is the 'Appropriation from CFA'. The net charge to the Business Unit reflects Harrogate Borough Council money used on this spending. It should be noted that a contra entry for all these items appears centrally in the financial management section of the Resources Portfolio.

5.4 Capital Programme - Planning Schemes

- 5.4.1 The Planning Capital Programme for 2006/7 included an amount of £63,000 for the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty Enhancement Grants and District Conservation Grant Schemes. This was funded from the Revenue Budget.
- 5.4.2 In 2006/7 North Yorkshire County Council and English Heritage withdrew their partnership funding and although the Countryside Agency funding continued, it became apparent that expenditure on this Council's grants is now more revenue in nature than capital. The Capital Programme could therefore not continue to include such schemes. Since there is already a revenue budget of £63,000 for Planning schemes, this sum has been removed from the Capital Programme and retained solely within the revenue budget for Revised Estimates 2006/7 and future years, with no growth implications.
- 5.4.3 This transfer, which includes the balance on the district Environment Schemes brought forward from previous years, was approved by cabinet on 18 October 2006.

5.5 Key Features of the Revised Estimate for 2006/07

- 5.5.1 The major variances between 2006/07 Original Estimate (OE) and Revised Estimate (RE) are set out in the table on page 2 of Appendix A.
- 5.5.2 There has been a short fall in the level of PDG grant expected in 2006/07 of £25,000. In addition £31,000 of expenditure on PDG IT projects slipped from 2005/06. With other variations of £7,000 this has resulted in an increased appropriation from reserves to fund PDG of £63,000.
- 5.5.3 The employment of temporary staffing (£17,000) to archive closed planning

application files and award of costs (£21,000) in connection with two separate planning decisions, have been funded from appropriations from Business Unit reserves and minor savings elsewhere within the budget.

- 5.5.4 Additional income of £30,000 and salary savings of £17,000 within Building Control have resulted in an appropriation to reserves in the revised estimates of £27,000 compared to a draw down from reserves of £20,000 in the 2006/07 original estimates.
- 5.5.5 A reduction of £87,000 in grant funding towards projects in the Nidderdale AONB has resulted in a corresponding reduction in expenditure.
- 5.5.6 The transfer of schemes from the capital programme as described in paragraph 5.4 has resulted in a reduction of £63,000 of additional expenditure and an increase in controllable expenditure of the same amount.
- 5.5.7 The slippage of Planning Capital schemes from 2005/06 (see paragraph 5.3) has resulted in increases in Deferred charges of £125,000 and appropriations from the CFA of £78,000. A net increase of £47,000.
- 5.5.8 Salary savings in Forward Planning of £34,000 due to delays in filling vacancies is partially offset by an increase of £24,000 in the consultants budget to undertake the appraisal of conservation areas project. A net decrease of £10,000.
- 5.5.9 The remaining significant variations are a reduced recharge to democracy (internal income) of £54,000 resulting from a reduction in the number of Planning meetings; a decrease in other support charges of £68,000 (mainly access to services a £38,000 decrease and Customer services recharge a £35,000 decrease) and an increase in the computer SLA of £16,000.
- 5.5.10 The overall position is a net increase in expenditure between 2006/07 OE and RE of £36,660.

5.6 **Key Features of the Draft 2007/08 Budget**

- 5.6.1 The major variances between 2006/07 OE and 2007/08 OE are set out in the table on page 3 of Appendix A.
- 5.6.2 An increase in estimated PDG of £150,000 between OE 2006/7 and 2007/8 has been included in the estimates. In addition there is an anticipated increase in planning application fees of £39,000. The decrease in schemes (£50,000) and computer costs (£75,000) is as a result of the removal of the one off budgets in these areas, together with associated support costs of £20,000, which are no longer required. PDG employee costs have increased by £9,000 (including pay awards and superannuation increase) and other costs have increased by £4,000. The total of the above has resulted in a net increase in appropriation to reserves of £321,000.

- 5.6.3 Additional income of £48,000 offset by increases in salary costs of £8,000 (including pay award and superannuation rate increase) and other increases of £15,000 within Building Control have resulted in an appropriation to reserves in the original estimates 2007/08 of £5,000 compared to a draw down from reserves of £20,000 in the 2006/07 original estimates.
- 5.6.4 A reduction of £42,000 in grant funding towards projects in the Nidderdale AONB has resulted in a corresponding reduction in expenditure.
- 5.6.5 The transfer of schemes from the capital programme as described in paragraph 5.4 has resulted in a reduction of £63,000 of additional expenditure and an increase in controllable expenditure of the same amount.
- 5.6.7 The total increase resulting from the pay award and superannuation rate increase (excluding the PDG and Building Control (see above)) is £76,000.
- 5.6.8 The remaining significant variations are a reduced recharge to democracy (internal income) of £44,000 resulting from a reduction in the number of Planning meetings;
An increase in internal income from a higher recharge to land charges (£64,000); a decrease in other support charges of £16,000 and an increase in the computer SLA of £10,000.
- 5.6.9 The overall variation between OE 2006/07 and OE 2007/08 is an increase in expenditure of £25,810.

5.7 Key Features of the Planning Overhead and Searches Holding Accounts Budgets

- 5.7.1 The variances between 2006/07 OE and RE and OE 2007/08 are set out in the table on page 4 of Appendix A. There are no items of significance. The overall variation between OE 2006/07 and OE 2007/08 is an increase in expenditure of £3,660.

5.8 Planning Delivery Grant

- 5.8.1 Due to very good performance to year ending 30 June 2006 the first award of PDG announced on 5 December 2006 has met expectations and is in the top 5% out of 396 local planning authorities. The sum awarded is £70,452. The second part of the award of PDG will be announced in July 2007. For development control performance this will be based on the period 1 July 2006 to 31 March 2007. The second award will also include an allocation for plan making, sustainable development and e-planning. The 2007/08 OE for PDG is £300,000. On the basis of the first award this is expected to be achieved subject to the risks outlined in Section 6 of this report.
- 5.8.2 Should the Council fail to achieve a total award of £300,000 then further adjustments in the Planning budget will need to be considered. For example if insufficient funds are available then it might become necessary to freeze vacancies. Such action would need to be balanced against the corporate risks

of failing to achieve the required levels of performance, and related grant funding, together with the impact upon the Council's CPA assessment and its stated objective of being disengaged as a Standards Authorities in 2006/07.

- 5.8.3 Earlier this year the DCLG consulted on a new Housing and Planning Delivery Grant (HPDG) for 2008/09/10/11 and there is currently ongoing a research project into increasing planning fees and statements made about the possibility of this being in 2008/09. The DCLG cannot give any guarantees about new/increased sources of funding at this stage but it is known they are lobbying hard for continued resources for planning to ensure that services are fit for purpose. They have commented that it is widely accepted across government that PDG has been a massive benefit and that planning has a major role to play in delivering many local government agendas.
- 5.8.4 On the basis of this information forward estimates for OE 08/09 and OE 09/10 include an estimate of £100,000 HPDG in both years and a predicted increase in planning fees of 20% in 08/09.

5.9 Growth Items

- 5.9.1 There are no growth items contained within the planning service budget for 2007/08.

5.10 Details Of Efficiency Savings

- 5.10.1 The Planning Business Unit has put forward the reduction in public notice advertising in the Ackrill press as an efficiency saving. A cash saving of £5,000 has resulted from changes in the way the Council procures its public notice advertising.

5.11 Fees and Charges

- 5.11.1 Non-statutory fees and charges were the subject of a separate report to Cabinet Member (Planning and Transport) on 22 November 2006.
- 5.11.2 A policy of not charging for information services which encourage community involvement in planning has been continued.⁵ Following a decision⁶ of the Information Tribunal charges for photocopies from 2007/08 will be based on 10p per A4 sheet, which is a significant reduction on current charges.
- 5.11.3 The introduction of new charges for supply of information in writing principally in connection with property transactions will produce a valuable source of income to offset the reductions in charges for copying. Increases in charges for producing Unilateral Undertaking under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 are also to be made. Following the adoption in

⁵ "Making the planning system acceptable to everyone: Good practice Guide on Access to and Charging for Planning Information" ODPM September 2004

⁶ First decision of the Information Tribunal under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (Markington v Information Commissioners Office)

June 2006 of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)⁷ these are now more complex to prepare, administer and monitor.

- 5.11.4 Building Control fees have been increased by 5% to ensure the provision of a staff structure with the capacity to meet performance targets related to quality of service, provide surpluses for reinvestment in electronic service delivery/mobile/home working and to ensure a competitive service which will break even over any 3 year period. It is not expected that the proposed 5% increase in fees will lower the service's market share which in 2005/06 was 93% and for the last quarter July-September 2006 stood at 92% against a local performance target of 85%.
- 5.11.5 Approval in principle has been given to the introduction of charges for pre-application advice subject to approval of a related growth item. These charges are in connection with financial viability assessments of housing proposals where the applicant is resisting on cost grounds the provision of affordable housing in accordance with the Council's policy. These charges are intended to fund the appointment of a full time Valuation Surveyor which is a growth item the Head of Property Management will report to the Cabinet Member (Resources) and for final approval by Cabinet.

5.12 Projections for 2008/09 And 2009/10

- 5.12.1 We are now required under the government's new prudential code and also for the Comprehensive Performance Assessment to produce projections for the next 2 years. These projections are only a broad indication of likely net expenditure levels and have been compiled in accordance with the guidance and parameters set.

6.0 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 The budgets within the Planning Business Unit are managed through the financial processes and monitoring systems in place in the Department of Development Services. Regular monitoring statements are prepared and considered in detail by the Planning Business Unit Manager and Cost Centre Managers supported by Financial staff. Actions are formally recorded and reported to the Departmental Resources Meeting on an exception basis.
- 6.2 Application numbers and fee income are monitored on a monthly basis. The data is compared with performance against BV109(a), (b) and (c) (speed of determining planning applications) and the caseload target of 150. This practice is in place to ensure that accurate information on income, workload and performance against targets is available when making decisions whether to fill Case Officer vacancies.
- 6.3 Planning Delivery Grant ends in 2007/08. This puts at risk the delivery of two

⁷ Provision for Village Halls in connection with New Housing Development and Provision of Open Space in connection with New Housing Development – Adopted as Supplementary Planning Documents to the LDF in June 2006.

key service objectives and national priorities. Namely maintaining above BV 109 performance on Development Control and producing the LDF (BV200). Assumptions have been made about the likelihood of new sources of income in the light of the DCLG consultation earlier this year on a new Housing and Planning Delivery Grant for 2008/09/10/11 and emerging government research and statements about an increase in planning fees possibly in 2008/09. Forward budget estimates for 2008/09 and 2009/10 have been based on these assumptions. These estimates underpin the financing of the PIP. If the estimated level of income is not received, improvement will not be possible and a lower standard of service than now will be delivered. In these circumstances the key service objectives of the PIP will be reviewed.

7.0 SCRUTINY

7.1 This report will be considered by the Organisation Improvement and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Commission on 18 January 2007.

8.0 CONCLUSIONS

8.1 The draft original estimates for 2007/08 for the Planning Business Unit have been prepared having regard to the guidelines issued by the Director of Resources and expected PDG. Building Control fees will increase by 5% to ensure the service breaks even and runs at no cost to the Council.

8.2 The 2004 Planning and Compensation Act places planning at the heart of corporate policy, delivery and community engagement and to deliver sustain communities to meet both national and local objectives.

8.3 There is currently considerable pressure on the planning service to improve the quality and efficiency of the service whilst, like all local government, having regard to the Gershon report. The pressure on scarce resources is considerable.

8.4 The future for the funding of the planning service depends heavily on the government's Comprehensive Spending Review and the level of local priority given to this statutory service. Planning Delivery Grant has and continues to underpin improvements in the planning service.

Background Papers – None.

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SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENT / POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

		Implications are		
		Positive	Neutral	Negative
A	Economy	✓		
B	Environment	✓		
C	Social Equity			
i)	General	✓		
ii)	Customer Care / People with Disabilities	✓		
iii)	Health Implications	✓		
D	Crime and Disorder Implications	✓		

If all comments lie within the shaded areas, the proposal is sustainable.

**PLANNING & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO
PLANNING BUSINESS UNIT
REVENUE BUDGET 2007/08**

SUMMARY

2005/06 Actual	2006/07 Original Estimate	2006/07 Revised Estimate	Cost Centre	2007/08 Original Estimate	2008/09 Projection	2009/10 Projection
£	£	£		£	£	£
-30,029	20,000	-26,380	Building Control	-5,210	-16,080	-27,460
469,164	1,175,550	1,280,240	Development Services	858,180	915,140	990,610
966,563	1,093,740	1,138,540	Forward Planning	1,116,990	1,133,570	1,157,480
170,138	-330,960	-397,410	Appropriation to/from(-) Reserves	14,180	-18,460	27,050
1,575,836	1,958,330	1,994,990	GF Net Expenditure	1,984,140	2,014,170	2,147,680
			Subjective Analysis			
2,188,362	2,538,870	2,491,500	Employees	2,633,250	2,664,970	2,760,840
12,617	200	5,250	Premises	200	200	200
545,727	548,030	593,280	Supplies & Services	512,730	512,990	513,250
92,860	103,080	102,380	Transport	105,450	108,070	110,760
170,138	-330,960	-397,410	Appropriation to/from(-) Reserves	14,180	-18,460	27,050
3,009,704	2,859,220	2,795,000	Total Controllable Expenditure	3,265,810	3,267,770	3,412,100
146,016	151,290	158,230	Employees	158,160	162,230	166,280
191,882	253,860	299,580	Supplies & Services	186,670	191,330	196,130
890,288	1,030,590	962,670	Support Services	995,000	1,020,360	1,046,050
22,640	22,990	22,930	Service Management	23,750	24,350	24,950
143,447	63,000	124,600	Deferred Charges write downs	0	0	0
30,194	29,020	23,790	Capital Charges	23,560	23,560	23,560
1,424,467	1,550,750	1,591,800	Total Additional Expenditure	1,387,140	1,421,830	1,456,970
4,434,171	4,409,970	4,386,800	Total Expenditure	4,652,950	4,689,600	4,869,070
			Less Income			
437,657	452,480	404,020	Internal Recharges	478,830	490,800	503,070
703,663	344,660	300,980	Government Grants	500,510	305,940	309,300
1,418,067	1,443,850	1,471,100	Sales, Fees & Charges	1,530,020	1,718,390	1,747,860
224,912	210,650	137,960	Other Income	159,450	160,300	161,160
74,036	0	77,750	Internal Capital Recharges	0	0	0
2,858,335	2,451,640	2,391,810	Total Income	2,668,810	2,675,430	2,721,390
1,575,836	1,958,330	1,994,990	Net Expenditure	1,984,140	2,014,170	2,147,680

Full Time Equivalents : The employee costs relate to the following number of full time equivalent employees:81.98 06/7OE; 83.22 06/7RE; 83.22 07/8OE.

**PLANNING & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO
PLANNING BUSINESS UNIT**

Major Variations between 2006/07 Original and Revised Estimates

	£	
Original Estimate 2006/07	1,958,330	
Revised Estimate 2006/07	<u>1,994,990</u>	
Increase/Decrease(-) in Net Expenditure		<u>36,660</u>
<u>Explained By :-</u>	£'000	£'000
<u>CONTROLLABLE EXPENDITURE</u>		
Decrease in Employee Costs		
(1) PDG Employee variation	-6	
Forward Planning restructure	-34	
(2) Temporary staff archiving	17	
other increases/decreases	-24	
Increase in Premises Costs		
(1) Fixtures & Fittings (restructure costs) - Forward Planning funded from PDG	5	
Increase in Supplies & Services		
(1) PDG Furniture/Equipment/Telecoms	6	
Consultants Fees - Forward Planning	24	
(3) Nidderdale AONB Schemes expenditure. Funded by grants	-89	
(4) Award of costs	21	
(5) Transfer of Grant scheme budgets from capital to revenue	63	
(6) Transfer of slipped Grant scheme budgets from capital	15	
other increases/decreases	5	
Decrease in Transport costs		
other variations	-1	
Appropriation to/from(-) Reserves		
Variation in Building Control surplus	47	
(1) PDG grant (net) appropriated to reserves	-63	
(2) Archive Scanning	-15	
(6) Appropriation re Slipped Grant scheme budgets	-15	
(4) Award of costs	-20	-64
<u>INCOME</u>		
(7) Grant funding of planning Capital grants slipped from previous years	-78	
Increased Building Control Income	-30	
(3) Nidderdale AONB Schemes reduction in grants	87	
(1) PDG grant below estimate	25	
Recharge to Democracy	54	
other increases/decreases	2	60
<u>ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE</u>		
(1) PDG Computer Costs slippage from 2005/06	31	
(1) Forward Planning recharged salaries - PDG	2	
Computer SLA	16	
Decrease in Support Charges (excl PDG variations)	-68	
(7) Slippage of Planning Capital schemes Expenditure from 2005/06	125	
(5) Transfer of Grant scheme budget to revenue	-63	
Capital Charges - removal of interest	-5	
other increases/decreases	3	41
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Major Variations between 2006/07 and 2007/08 Original Estimates

	£	
Original Estimate 2006/07	1,958,330	
Original Estimate 2007/08	<u>1,984,140</u>	
Increase/Decrease(-) in Net Expenditure	<u>25,810</u>	
Explained By :	£'000	£'000
<u>CONTROLLABLE EXPENDITURE</u>		
Increase in Employee Costs		
	Increase in Superannuation rate from 19.9% to 21.0%	21
	Pay award - 2.5%	63
(1)	PDG Employees variation	9
	other increases/decreases	1
Decrease in Supplies & Services		
(1)	PDG schemes finished	-50
	Advertising - Development Control	-5
(2)	Nidderdale AONB Schemes expenditure. Funded by grant	-52
(3)	Transfer of Grant scheme budgets from capital to revenue	63
	other increases/decreases	9
Increase in Transport Costs		
	other increases/decreases	2
Appropriation to/from(-) Reserves		
	Variation in Building control surplus	25
(1)	PDG grant (net) appropriated to reserves	<u>321</u>
		407
<u>INCOME</u>		
	Increased Building Control Income	-48
	Decreased recharge to Democracy	44
	Increase recharge to Land Charges	-64
(2)	Nidderdale AONB Schemes decrease in grants	42
(1)	Increase in estimated PDG grant	-150
(1)	Increase in Planning Application Fees - PDG	-39
	other increases/decreases	<u>-2</u>
		-217
<u>ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE</u>		
(1)	PDG Computer Costs	-75
(1)	Decrease in PDG support costs	-20
(1)	Forward Planning recharged salaries - PDG	4
	Decrease in Support Charges	-16
(3)	Transfer of Grant scheme budgets from capital to revenue	-63
	Computer SLA	10
	other increases/decreases	<u>-4</u>
		-164
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**PLANNING PORTFOLIO
RECHARGEABLE ACCOUNTS**

Business Unit: Planning

2006/07 Original Estimate	2006/07 Revised Estimate	Cost Centre	2007/08 Original Estimate		
			Gross Expenditure	Gross Income	Net Expenditure
£	£		£	£	£
		Cultural, Environmental & Planning Services:			
		Planning & Development Services:			
		Support Services			
326,670	320,030	Planning Overheads	330,240	0	330,240 (1)
75,150	70,190	Land Charges - Searches	75,240	0	75,240 (2)
-401,820	-390,220	Recharges to Services	0	405,480	-405,480
0	0	Net Expenditure	405,480	405,480	0
		Subjective Analysis			
125,430	125,110	Employees	130,400 (3)		
0	160	Supplies & Services	160		
1,760	1,500	Transport	1,500		
127,190	126,770	Total Controllable Expenditure	132,060		
14,530	13,590	Employees	15,420		
17,540	17,390	Supplies & Services	17,290		
238,810	230,880	Support Services	239,120		
3,750	1,590	Capital Charges	1,590		
274,630	263,450	Total Additional Expenditure	273,420		
401,820	390,220	Total Expenditure	405,480		
		Less Income			
		Internal Recharges -			
45,660	43,940	Building Control	45,860		
146,420	144,040	Development Services	148,050		
114,800	120,120	Forward Planning	123,780		
19,790	11,900	Corporate Work	12,360		
75,150	70,190	Department of Administration	75,240		
0	30	Other	190		
0	0	Net Expenditure	0		

(1) Planning Overheads

This covers the costs of the Head of Planning Services together with various charges including secretarial support, Legal and Estates Charges.

(2) Land Charges - Searches

This section deals with the Planning and Building Control elements of the search and is fully rechargeable to the Department of Resources

(3) Full Time Equivalent

The Employees cost relates to the following number of full time equivalent employees:

Planning Overheads: 1 06/7 OE; 1 06/7 RE; 1 07/8 OE

Searches: 2.49 06/7 OE; 2.49 06/7 RE; 2.49 07/8 OE

**PLANNING & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO
PLANNING BUSINESS UNIT**

Major Variations between 2006/07 Original and Revised Estimates

	£	
Original Estimate 2006/07	401,820	
Revised Estimate 2006/07	<u>390,220</u>	
Increase/Decrease(-) in Net Expenditure	<u>-11,600</u>	
Explained By :		
	£'000	£'000
<u>ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE</u>		
Decrease in Support Charges	-8	
Capital charges - removal of interest	-2	
other increases/decreases	<u>-2</u>	-12
		<u>-12</u>

Major Variations between 2006/07 and 2007/08 Original Estimates

	£	
Original Estimate 2006/07	401,820	
Original Estimate 2007/08	<u>405,480</u>	
Increase/Decrease(-) in Net Expenditure	<u>3,660</u>	
Explained By :		
	£'000	£'000
<u>CONTROLLABLE EXPENDITURE</u>		
Increase in Employee Costs		
Increase in Superannuation rate from 19.9 to 21.0%	1	
Pay award - 2.5%	3	
other increases/decreases	<u>1</u>	5
<u>ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE</u>		
Capital charges - removal of interest	-2	
other increases/decreases	<u>1</u>	-1
		<u>4</u>

