

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- City Council

Date of Meeting:-
12/09/06

Agenda Item No:-

Public

Operational

Delegated Yes

Accompanying Comments and Statements

Required Yes

Environmental Impact Statement: Yes

Corporate Management Team Comments: Yes

Financial Comments: Yes

Legal Comments: No

Personnel Comments: Yes

Impact on Customers: Yes

Title:- Energy Efficiency – Improving Council Buildings

Report of:- Director of Community Services

Report reference:- CS 44/06

Summary:- This Report was considered by the Executive on 29th August 2006 and the Executive recommended that the City Council approve a supplementary capital budget bid of £62,000 in order to progress energy efficient improvements to City Council buildings.

Recommendation:- The City Council to approve a supplementary capital budget bid of £62,000 in order to progress energy efficient improvements to City Council buildings

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31 August 2006

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None



REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

PORTFOLIO AREA: ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

Date of Meeting: 29th August 2006

Public

Key Decision: No

Recorded in Forward Plan:

No

Inside Policy Framework

Title: ENERGY EFFICIENCY - IMPROVING COUNCIL BUILDINGS

Report of: Director of Community Services

Report reference: CS 44/06

Summary:

Report CS 35/06 was considered by the Executive at its meeting on 3rd July 2006 which set out options for capital investment in energy saving and renewable energy projects in the City Council's buildings. The Executive were supportive of the principle but requested a further report on funding options.

Recommendations:

That Members of the Executive Committee approve a Supplementary Capital Budget bid of £62,000 in order to progress Energy Efficient improvements to City Council buildings and refer this to Council for approval.

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1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

- 1.1 A report was sent to the Executive Committee on 3rd July 2006 (CS 35/06) recommending the further introduction of Energy saving measures to a number of City Council Buildings over a two-year period. The Director of Community Services has carried out further detailed estimates and the estimated cost of the package of measures is £62,000.

The benefit of beginning the programme of work this financial year is that the Council can begin to reduce carbon emissions and reduce energy costs earlier.

- 1.2 At this early stage of the financial year it has not been possible to identify savings in the overall capital programme. Members may consider deferring consideration until the budget process but savings/reduced cost increases could not be achieved until later.
- 1.3 Dependant upon the approval of funding by Council the entire budget would be committed in the current financial year, with approximately 60-70% spent in 2006/07.

2. CONSULTATION

- 2.1 Consultation to Date - N/A.
- 2.2 Consultation proposed - N/A.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members of the Executive Committee approve a Supplementary Capital Budget bid of £62,000 in order to progress Energy Efficient improvements to City Council buildings and refer this to Council for approval.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 This initiative is part of a range of energy efficiency measures being considered which contribute to the Council's Environment Policy and the corporate priority of 'Cleaner, Greener, Safer'.

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5. IMPLICATIONS

- Staffing/Resources – Internal, met from existing resources
- Financial – This will be a new scheme for £62,000 within the 2006/07 Capital Programme which can be funded from capital resources via a supplementary estimate. Any revenue savings generated through this scheme will be built into future budget projections and reported as part of the Gershon efficiency agenda.
- Legal – N/A
- Corporate – Contributes to the Council's environment policy
- Risk Management – Failure to implement efficiency measures will not reduce existing revenue cost and potential further increases. The greatest risk of not achieving the benefits is if the Council moves out of the Civic Centre, as part of Carlisle Renaissance, within the payback period.
- Equality Issues – None
- Environmental – Carbon reduction and energy saving (Cleaner, Greener, Safer policy)
- Crime and Disorder – N/A
- Impact on Customers – Reduction in CO2 omissions and the Council is seen to be leading by example.

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