EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 27 JUNE 2011

EX.061/11 PROVISIONAL CAPITAL OUTTURN 2010/11 AND REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12

(Key Decision)

(In accordance with Paragraph 15(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Mayor has agreed that call-in procedures should not be applied to this item)

Portfolio Governance and Resources

Subject Matter

The Assistant Director (Resources) submitted report RD.11/11 (Amended) on the Provisional Outturn for the Council's Capital Budget, together with details of the revised Capital Programme for 2011/12. He informed Members that the Outturn showed that the net underspend for Council services as at 31 March 2011 once committed expenditure totalling £1,093,600 was taken into account was £464. He added that a request had been made for a carry forward for a new item of expenditure which would change the underspend to an overspend of £11,636.

He set out the position with regard to carry forward requests on the Capital Programme. He also identified for Members the resources which had been used to fund the 2010/11 Capital Programme and detailed the 5 year Capital Programme for the period 2011/12 to 2015/16. He reported that the programme for 2011/12 totalled £10,616,200 based upon the programme agreed by Council in February 2011 of £9,376,100; the commitments brought forward from 2010/11 of £1,073,600; and an additional budget of £166,500 approved by Council in April 2011 for Bousteads Grassing demolition works. Approval of the carry forward for the new item of expenditure (£12,100 for Waste Minimisation) would increase the 2011/12 capital programme further to £10,628,300 and also increase the funding required from capital receipts.

The Assistant Director (Resources) commented that it had been recognised that the carry forwards from 2010/11 had increased the 2011/12 capital programme and a further review was recommended to ensure that the Council had the capacity to deliver that level of capital programme. To that end, the 2011/12 programme needed to be reviewed by Project Officers to ensure that schemes could be completed in line with both the projected budget and projected timescales. He advised that one further possibility was the setting up of specific earmarked reserves for schemes not yet started so that schemes did not sit in the Capital Programme and be reported as underspends at the year end.

In conclusion, the Assistant Director (Resources) outlined the proposed funding arrangements for the revised 2011/12 programme.

The Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel had on 16 June 2011 (Minute ROSP.39/11) considered and welcomed report RD.11/11. A copy of the Minute Excerpt had been circulated.

The Chairman of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel was in attendance at the meeting, but had nothing further to add.

The Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder was very pleased to note the very small net underspend as at 31 March 2011 which reflected the considerable amount of work undertaken in relation to the Capital Budget during the last financial year. He congratulated the Assistant Director (Resources) and his team for what was now a relevant budget and moved the recommendations set out in the report.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive:

- (1) Noted the net underspend as at 31 March 2011 of £464 which included committed expenditure to be met totalling £1,073,600 in 2011/12 and £20,000 in 2012/13, which had been approved under delegated powers by the Assistant Director (Resources).
- (2) Recommended that the City Council on 19 July 2011 approve the carry forward request of £12,100 for new items of expenditure.
- (3) Recommended that the City Council on 19 July 2011 approve the use of the Sheepmount Reserve in 2010/11 to fund expenditure on Sheepmount Drainage.
- (4) Noted the use of the Millennium Artefacts Provision to fund expenditure on the Millennium Gallery and the Energy Efficiency Advice Reserve to fund expenditure on Fuel Poverty in 2010/11.
- (5) Recommended that the City Council on 19 July 2011 approve the revised Capital Programme for 2011/12, as detailed in Appendix B to Report RD.11/11 (Amended).

Reasons for Decision

To receive the report on the Capital Outturn for 2010/11 and make recommendations to the City Council on the 2011/12 Capital Programme.