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6th January 2009

Dear Councillor,

I hereby give you Notice that a Meeting of the **CENTRAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, CROOK** on **WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2009** at **6.00 P.M.**

AGENDA

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1. Apologies for absence.
2. To consider the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Committee held on 12th November 2008 as a true record.
3. Declarations Of Interest.

Copies
attached

Members are invited to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in matters appearing on the agenda and the nature of their interest.

Members should use either of the following declarations:

Personal Interest – to be used where a Member will be remaining and participating in the debate and any vote:

I have a personal interest in agenda item (...) regarding the report on (...) because I am (...)

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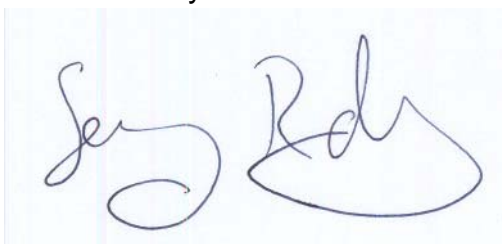
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Officers are also invited to declare any interest in any matters appearing on the agenda.

NOTE: Members are requested to complete the enclosed declarations form and, after declaring interests verbally, to hand the form in to the Committee Administrator.

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| 9. | To consider the progress of the 2008/09 capital programme. | 16 - 22 |
| 10. | To consider such other items of business which, by reason of special circumstances so specified, the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency. | |

Yours faithfully



Acting Chief Executive

Members of this Committee: Councillors Mrs Burn, Ferguson*, Grogan, Harrison, Hayton, Kay, Kingston, Mairs, Mowbray, Perkins, Mrs Pinkney, J Shuttleworth, Stonehouse, Taylor, Mrs Todd*, Des Wilson and Zair.

*Ex-officio, non-voting capacity

Chair: Councillor Mairs

Deputy Chair: Councillor Taylor

TO: All other Members of the Council for information
Management Team

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FORM

NAME AND DATE OF COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	NATURE OF INTEREST AND REASONS	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE



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CENTRAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

14 JANUARY 2009

Report of the Acting Strategic Director for Resource Management

APPLICATION FOR A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE COMMUNITY FUND FROM CRROK CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

purpose of the report

1. To allow Members to consider a request from Crook Carnival Committee for a donation from the Community Fund.

background

2. Crook Carnival Committee is solely dedicated to funding and organising the annual Crook Carnival. The Committee endeavours to provide a diverse programme of events which will appeal to people of all ages.
3. The 2008 Carnival cost in the region of £6000.00 to put on. However, due to bad weather conditions the Committee barely managed to cover their costs and break even. Furthermore, it is envisaged that the costs for the 2009 Carnival will be higher.
4. Crook Carnival Committee has received donations from the Community Fund both in 2002/03 and 2005/06.

benefits to the community

5. People travel from all over the northeast to attend the Carnival, which the Committee believe helps in promoting Crook Town as a nice area in which to both visit and live.

proposal

6. Crook Carnival Committee has requested a donation of £2000.00 from the Community Fund, to contribute to ensuring that the 2009 Carnival is achieved.
7. At the time of writing this report, no further funding had been secured, however the Committee intended seeking a donation from Durham County Council and any other sources they were able to identify.

financial implications

8. There are sufficient monies in the Community Fund to meet this request.

conclusion

9. Members instructions are requested.

Officer responsible for the report

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Report of the Acting Strategic Director for Resource Management

APPLICATION FOR A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE COMMUNITY FUND FROM STANHOPE COMMUNITY GYM

purpose of the report

1. To allow Members to consider a request from Stanhope Community Gym for a donation from the Community Fund.

background

2. Stanhope Community Gym was formed recently subsequent to the Wellness on Wheels (WoW) mobile gym being located in the Stanhope area. During the 10 week period when the WoW gym was located in the Stanhope area, it attracted 285 individual customers.
3. The Gym which operates from Stanhope Town Hall is run by volunteers and offers use of a fully functional fitness suite. This will improve and enhance physical activity provision in the local community, remove barriers to participation and is locally managed by the community. The Gym also has the support of Stanhope Parish Council.

proposal

4. In common with other legacy gyms established after use of the WoW gym, it is committed to finding £15,000 within the next 12 months to pay for a variety of equipment which is on loan from the Council. The ongoing costs of insurance and equipment maintenance will be met by membership fees.
5. The Gym is now seeking a contribution of £3,000 from the Community Fund towards purchasing further equipment including “free” weights in order to attract younger members.

financial implications

6. There are sufficient monies in the Community Fund to meet this request.

conclusion

7. Members instructions are requested.

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APPLICATION FOR A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE COMMUNITY FUND FROM STANHOPE CRICKET AND SPORTS CLUB

purpose of the report

1. To allow Members to consider a request from Stanhope Cricket and Sports Club for a donation from the Community Fund.

background

2. Stanhope Cricket and Sports Club is a self funded organisation. At present they have 2 cricket teams, the first of which are currently 2nd division champions in the North East District Cricket League. Both teams are made up of people of all ages, however 4 school boys play on the teams.
3. As a self funded Club various fundraising events are organised throughout the year, the proceeds from which pay for everything from equipment to advertising, basically everything necessary for a club of this nature to operate.
4. The club brings many benefits to the local community and they also actively encourage children to become involved in the club.

proposal

5. The Club is seeking to purchase a new grass cutter. Enquiries have been made and the club has established that the cost of purchasing a second hand refurbished grass cutter would be approximately £8,225, including VAT.
6. Due to their limited, self generated funds, the Club would be able to contribute £1,000 to the total cost. They are therefore requesting a donation of £7,225 from the Community Fund.
7. Stanhope Cricket and Sports Club have never received any monies previously from the Community Fund.

financial implications

8. There are sufficient monies in the Community Fund to meet this request.

conclusion

9. Members instructions are requested.

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APPLICATION FOR A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE COMMUNITY FUND FROM OAKLEY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

purpose of the report

1. To allow Members to consider a request from Oakley Cross Primary School for a donation from the Community Fund.

background

2. Situated in West Auckland, Oakley Cross Primary School has a sports hall which is used 7 days a week by both the school and community groups. The multi use games area is used three times a week by both Wear Valley and local football groups and the school are looking at developing a project which will help extend the use of the school grounds by both community and after school clubs.
3. One staff member is a trained orienteering coach and has already begun working with an agency to map the school grounds prior to starting an orienteering/ outward bound group. The school wish to develop the clubs potential and widen the audience by building a Traverse Wall on the rear of the sports hall and an adventure balance trail on the school field.
4. The school have highlighted that such low risk activities are a means of encouraging children and young people to work together in teams as well as developing strength, flexibility, balance and co-ordination. The school grounds are essential to children's learning and development, providing opportunities for healthy exercise whilst keeping in touch with the natural world.
5. Since the grounds were opened up to the wider community with support from the local parish council and the community police, the amount of vandalism recorded both in the school and the surrounding areas have reduced considerably.

proposal

6. The total cost of purchasing the Traverse Wall, balancing course and apparatus plus all associated costs, is £12,000. Oakley Cross Primary School is seeking a donation from the Community Fund of £6,000 and it is their intention to match this funding.

financial implications

7. There are sufficient monies in the Community Fund to meet this request.

conclusion

8. Members instructions are requested.

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14 JANUARY 2009

Report of the Acting Strategic Director for Resource Management **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING**

purpose of the report

1. To compare the revenue expenditure of the Authority for the period 1 April 2008 to 31 December 2008, against budget.

background

2. This report covers the revenue expenditure of the Authority financed by the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).
3. The summary revenue forecast for financial year 2008/09 as at the end of 31 December 2008 for the General Fund is shown in Annex A. A detailed breakdown of the major differences within each General Fund Service as summarised in Annex A, is shown in Annex B. The figures for the HRA are shown in Annex C. The annexes compare the approved budget as amended by authorised budget transfers for each service, against the expected out turn for 2008/09.

general fund

4. The forecasted outturn for the General Fund indicates an under spend of £232,000 for 2008/09 against budget at this stage. This represents an under-spend of 2% on the overall budget.
5. Due to wider factors, notably the current economic environment, the Council has suffered a downturn in a number of its income streams such as building control and land charges. It has also suffered from unanticipated calls on resources e.g. costs associated with planning appeals. However, investment returns from surplus cash balances have remained buoyant which has offset reduced income elsewhere. The forecasts for investment returns take account of the acceleration of the capital programme in the final quarter of the financial year.
6. Local government reorganisation has resulted in increased staff turnover and significant recruitment difficulties. However, agency and temporary staff are being used to plug gaps so that ongoing service demands are met. Nevertheless, these conditions have contributed towards forecasted savings within the revenue budget.
7. Despite these underspends within the staffing budget, performance in key areas such as processing planning applications and claims for housing benefit are

comparable to prior year performance. This is an effective demonstration of value for money.

8. Budget holders continue to manage income and expenditure budgets effectively. Accountability to members is enhanced through forums such as performance clinics where management of major budgets is reviewed.
9. The projected spend on the General Fund for the year will not impact upon the Council's policy of maintaining a minimum reserve balance of £850,000.

housing revenue account

10. The forecasted outturn for the HRA is £283,000 better than budget. This is largely due to increased rental income caused by a dramatic decline in Right to Buy sales. Whilst this reduces the capital resources available, it does not affect the overall affordability of the capital programme. The projected spend on the HRA for the year will not impact upon achieving a desired minimum balance of £1.25m.

conclusion

11. The nine-monthly financial position indicates the Council is unlikely to exceed its overall budget for the General Fund and HRA in 2008/09 but will still maintain satisfactory service performance. Subject to delegated authority, as set out in the Council's constitution, budgets will be used by officers across services to target resources where most required to improve service delivery.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the report.

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CENTRAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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Report of the Acting Strategic Director for Resource Management
2008/09 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

purpose of the report

1. To advise members on the progress of the 2008/09 capital programme.

background

2. The Council set its 2008/09 capital programme in February 2008. With the addition of decent homes funding and the slippage in schemes originally approved in October 2007 which will now be delivered in 2008/09, this year's capital programme is the largest ever undertaken by the Council.
3. The completion of many of these schemes is integral to ongoing service delivery but also to the creation of a legacy for the Wear Valley area prior to its demise on 31 March 2009. Consequently, it is critical to monitor progress in delivery of these schemes on a regular basis.

progress to date

4. The current and forecasted position of the capital programme is shown in Annex D. This is detailed scheme by scheme showing revised budget after agreed changes, net expenditure to 31 December, any changes to the original budget, work carried out to 31 December and future plans.
5. In summary as at 31 December, the Council had spent £9.1m out of a total £17.4m budget representing approximately 52% of the total. Spend will accelerate in the final quarter as works are completed. There remain significant risks to the successful completion of a number of schemes by 31 March 2009. These are shown in the table below with proposed actions to mitigate that risk:

Scheme	Mitigation of Risk
Disabled Facility Grants	Current and future demand being assessed
BA Town Centre Renaissance	Business as usual request submitted to DCC to permit carry over of spend in 2009/10
Elite Hall Improvement Programme	Business as usual request submitted to DCC to permit carry over of spend in 2009/10

Scheme	Mitigation of Risk
Bracks Farm	Liaison continuing with site owners and prospective developers

6. Corporate Management Team receives monthly reports on the progress of all capital schemes to assess the risk of non-delivery of the programme. This assists in the management of risk. Budget holders have not at this present time highlighted any projected under-spends. Therefore it is anticipated that the programme as it currently stands will be spent or fully committed.

financial implications

7. It is anticipated that the entire capital budget of £17.4m will either be spent or committed for future years.

it implications

8. Delivery of the PC replacement programme ensures that employees are using reliable and up to date technology to carry out their work and downtime is minimised.

equality and diversity implications

9. Delivery of schemes such as disabled adaptations to tenants' properties demonstrates the Authority's commitment to equality and diversity.

RECOMMENDED that the Capital Budget monitoring report for the period 1 April 2008 - 31 December 2008 as per Annex D be approved.

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GENERAL FUND BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT FOR PERIOD
APRIL 2008 – DECEMBER 2008

Service	Budget £000	Projected Outturn £000	Over/ (Under) spend £000	%age Over/ (Under) spend
Highways	837	763	(74)	(9)
Recreation and Tourism	3339	3,385	46	1
Environmental Health	628	632	4	1
Refuse Collection and Disposal	1,799	1,781	(18)	(1)
Housing Services (General Fund)	691	671	(20)	(3)
Corporate and Other Services	4,230	3,852	(378)	(9)
Planning and Economic Development	1,924	2,132	208	11
TOTAL	13,448	13,216	(232)	(2)

Funding:			
Government Grant	7,554	7,554	-
Council Tax	4,354	4,354	-
Earmarked Reserves	329	329	-
Reserves	1,211	979	(232)
TOTAL	13,448	13,216	(232)

Total under spend

£232,000

SERVICE	ORIGINAL BUDGET £000	FORECAST £000	VARIANCE £000	COMMENT
HIGHWAYS				
Concessionary Travel – Government Grant	0	(55)	(55)	Increase in Government Grant received compared to budget.
Car Parking - Charges	(330)	(360)	(30)	Postponement of North Bondgate development has increased income
Street Lighting – Electricity	4	15	11	£15,000 of invoices received but uncertainty as to where the street lights are located and why they are district council responsibility
RECREATION AND TOURISM				
Parks & Open Spaces (Grounds Maintenance Contract)	622	632	10	Additional works undertaken
Community Department – Payroll	5,087	5,018	(69)	Savings due to delays in filling posts in Arts Development, Council Garage, Home Improvement Agency and Leisure Centres
Glenholme LC – Income	(265)	(235)	30	Income down due to pool closure and refurbishment works earlier in year
Woodhouse Close LC – Gas	79	109	30	Large increase in energy costs. Claim submitted for Climate Change Levy which may reduce overspend
Sports Action Zone – Sport England Grant	(122)	(77)	45	Sport England indicating that grant will be reduced due to income expenditure levels not matching original agreement
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH				
Recycling – Payroll	240	240	0	On target
Street Cleansing – Payroll	533	522	(11)	Vacant Neighbourhood Manager post.
Environmental Education Officer	35	0	(35)	Vacant post
Fuel - Refuse Collection/Recycling &	198	240	42	Increased fuel costs

SERVICE	ORIGINAL BUDGET £000	FORECAST £000	VARIANCE £000	COMMENT
Street Cleaning				
Public Conveniences – Water	5	13	8	Budget set too low
REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL				
Refuse Collection Contract – Payroll	669	669	0	On target
Refuse Collection – Fees & Charges	(23)	(41)	(18)	£9,000 reclaimed from HMRC re VAT, also high volume of bulky waste collections
HOUSING SERVICES (GENERAL FUND)				
Private Sector Housing – Income	(23)	(33)	(10)	Increase in grant admin charges due to increased Capital budget for Renovation Grants
Street Wardens – Payroll	397	387	(10)	Honorarium granted to wardens until 31-03-09 but offset by vacancies and staff turnover
CORPORATE AND OTHER SERVICES				
Investment Income	(1,220)	(1,560)	(340)	Increase due to delay in Capital Programme spending
External Interest (General Fund)	429	515	86	Increase due to additional borrowing
Housing Benefit – Rent Rebates (Nett)	(50)	(50)	0	On target
Housing Benefit – Rent Allowances (Nett)	(80)	(80)	0	On target
Council Tax Benefits (Nett)	(50)	(50)	0	On target
Land Charges	(190)	(90)	100	Fall in demand linked to decline in activity in the housing market.
Corporate Development – Payroll	533	413	(120)	Savings due to delays in filling posts and vacant posts within Policy Development, Best Value, Overview and Scrutiny, Chief Executive and Procurement functions.
Corporate Development – Consultancy/ Professional/	162	96	(66)	Savings based upon historic annual under spends

SERVICE	ORIGINAL BUDGET £000	FORECAST £000	VARIANCE £000	COMMENT
Contributions				
Financial Services - Insurances	226	171	(55)	Savings due to shorter premium period because of LGR and the withdrawal of the contribution to Insurance Fund in 2008/09
Financial Services – Payroll Oncost Charges	0	(50)	(50)	Savings arising due to excess contributions in the year.
Legal Services – Professional Fees	0	30	30	Extra costs arising due to staff illness
Minor Capital Receipts	(50)	(20)	30	Fall in receipts due to decline in economic activity
Personnel – Redundancy Costs	0	10	10	Unbudgeted costs of redundancy
Queen Street depot – Overtime	0	10	10	Unbudgeted overtime for yardman to open early and close late for street cleaning service
Queen Street depot – Recharges	(20)	(33)	(13)	Additional recharges made in year to depot users i.e. Gentoo and gas servicing
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
Planning Fees	(430)	(356)	74	Fall in demand linked to downturn in the economy
Building Control Fees	(180)	(145)	35	Fall in demand linked to downturn in the economy
Environment And Regeneration Department – Payroll	676	626	(50)	Savings due to delays in filling posts in Building Control, Planning Applications, Development Plans and Administration cost centres
Planning Applications – Asda/Barratt Homes Appeal Costs	0	124	124	Costs of reimbursing Asda appeal costs not included in budget
Economic Development Fund	0	14	14	Unbudgeted contribution to County Durham Housing Partnership post
Economic Development – NNDR	0	11	11	Unbudgeted cost relating to vacant property in Newgate Street
TOTAL			(232)	

**HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT FOR
PERIOD APRIL 2008 – DECEMBER 2008**

	Budget 2008/09	Projected Outturn 2008/09	Overspend/ (Underspend)
	£000	£000	£000
Supervision & Management	3,466	3,478	12
Repairs & Maintenance	3,436	3,436	0
Debt Charges	2,155	2,155	0
Housing Subsidy	3,000	3,000	0
Total Expenditure	12,057	12,069	12
Rental Income	(11,350)	(11,645)	(295)
Other Income	(205)	(205)	0
Interest on Balances	(70)	(70)	0
Total Income	(11,625)	(11,920)	(295)
Deficit / (Surplus)	432	149	(283)

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Annex D

Ref.	Description	Budget Holder	Revised Budget	Actual to 31st December 2008	Any Change to Original Budget	Activities to date	Plans for next month
			£	£			
C001	Renovation Grants	Richard Roddam	367,000	328,165	None anticipated at this stage	work commenced	Demand for improvements is greater than the amount allocated in the 2008/09 budget. Hoping to identify other underspends elsewhere within the improvements budgeted programme.
C003	Disabled Facility Grants	Richard Roddam	117,496	(116,243)	None anticipated at this stage	Work underway through HIA. HIA advised at present £262,218 work underway and £62,000 Active cases	Continue monitoring of DFG requests.
C014	Eldon Lane Renewal Area	Richard Roddam	300,000	223,326	Increased by £100,000 following P&SD Committee 17.12.08	Currently working on 08/09 Scheme	Budget monitoring to continue.
C041	Purchase of Refuse Vehicles	Dave Milburn	520,000	507,658	None anticipated at this stage	Report on procurement agreed by CMT and JIT	Vehicles have been purchased and vehicles have been delivered.
C042	Civic Centre Alterations	Terry Carlton	41,000	32,724	Decreased by £65,000 following P&SD committee 17.12.08	Works to form new CRM room and relocate board room completed	Additional minor works as required
C048	Disabled Discrimination Act	Terry Carlton	50,000	49,859	None anticipated at this stage	Civic centre lifts renewed	None
C055	Purchase of Grounds Maintenance Plant	Dave Milburn	120,000	112,692	None anticipated at this stage	Budget nearly fully spent. New machines ordered and, generally, already in operation.	Machines in operation
C059	Contaminated Land	Sandra Robertson	43,542	19,722	Decreased by £150,000 following P&SD committee 17.12.08	Ongoing base lining of data / knowledge about sites; development of priorities	Carry out works as and when required
C066	Bracks Farm	Sue Dawson	145,000	0	None anticipated at this stage	Worked with developer to support the scheme, grant offer issued	Continuing liaison with site owners and prospective developers
C077	Car Park Improvements Programme	Sandra Robertson	66,164	49,740	None anticipated at this stage	Design work completed; implementation work nearing completion.	Continue to liaise with DCC over project implementation
C089	South West Crook Industrial Extension	Sue Dawson	225,000	(62,112)	None anticipated at this stage although additional external funding resources are being sought	Worked with developer to support the proposed scheme; outline planning application approved. Land transfers as part of Section 106 confirmed. Contracts let for managing the tender process of access road & strategic landscaping. Developer submitted proposals for detailed designs to take to planning stage	Continuing liaison with site owners and prospective developers. Detailed costings & preparatory work proposed. On-going legal negotiations re completion of Sec 106. Land transfers confirmed
C093	West Auckland Improvement Scheme	Sandra Robertson	39,082	6,522	None anticipated at this stage	Design work completed; implementation work commenced and on-going	Continue to liaise with DCC over project implementation
C109	Eastgate - Stage 3	Sue Dawson	171,407	100,852	None anticipated at this stage additional external funding resources may be required	Significant development work over 6 year period (including detailed feasibility and investigative work) Planning application for the scheme submitted	Awaiting outcome of planning application; some survey work continuing
C118	Twin Bin Refuse and Recycling Service	Peter O'Neil	198,446	74,895	Decreased by £70,000 following P&SD committee 17.12.08	Agreement from Council to implement garden waste scheme and increase dry recycling including collection of plastics. Report to P&SD 17th December agreed	Dry recyclables tender awaiting approval from DCC

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Ref.	Description	Budget Holder	Revised Budget	Actual to 31st December 2008	Any Change to Original Budget	Activities to date	Plans for next month
C122	Asset Management	Stuart Reid	130,000	68,394	None anticipated at this stage	Improvements being carried out to a number of common rooms including essential health and safety works. Contribution also made to renewal of civic centre lifts	Further works to common rooms to be completed
C126	Positional Accuracy Tool	Dave Townsend	11,551	9,463	None	Work completed	No Applicable
C128	BA Town Centre Renaissance	Alan Weston	689,885	286,732	Spend profile as per external funding bid. To be re-visited following feedback from funders	Development work on all phases; Fore Bondgate Phase commenced completion early Oct. HLF bid submitted PIP submitted to One North East	Fore Bondgate works complete. On going liaison with DCC over subsequent phases; progressing designs & lighting strategy; begin statutory processes; continue liaison with developer ; await outcome of HLF bid. On going discussions with One North East to finalise business case.
C130	PC Replacement Programme	Anita Maxwell	73,000	56,008	None anticipated at this stage	Schedule of PC and Server replacements drawn up. First batch of PC's installed and servers maintained or replaced in line with schedule.	Second batch of PC's to be installed
C149	Alternative Energy Systems in Public Buildings	Sue Dawson	156,510	122,577	None anticipated at this stage	Assessments complete and activities agreed. Civic Centre lighting renewed	Ongoing project implementation
C150	Renewable Energy at Innovation House	Sue Dawson	20,700	29,898	None anticipated at this stage although additional external funding resources are being sought	Feasibility work completed and preferred "renewable" option established; planning application approved. Project complete	Project complete claim grant from Low Carbon Building programme submitted
C151	Alternative Energy Grants	Sue Dawson	70,776	6,824	None anticipated at this stage	On-going grant scheme	Continue to work with grant applicants and prospective applicants to develop schemes; issue grant offers carry out inspections & payments on completed schemes.
C152	Elite Hall Improvement Programme	Mark Farren	500,000	(27,161)	None to date; however, see 'activities to date'. Final decision to undertake work will need to be based on combination of work to identify additional funding, tender costs, and willingness of DCC to support project.	Finalised plans and estimated costs produced by architect (total project costs £560k-£830k); committee approved lease terms; business as usual request submitted to DCC to -request carry forward of capital allocation and to agree lease terms; process to formally establish charitable trust ongoing; further meetings held with arts organisations to plan for the future; tender documents currently being finalised by architect (will be approved by Council prior to distribution); next meeting of project steering group scheduled for 19 Dec 08. Rosemary Laxton, head of Libraries Learning and Culture at DCC is meeting with Stuart Crowe the Director of Resources on 19th December to discuss the business as usual case. DCC are supportive of the project in principle.	Hoped that work to formally establish charitable trust will be completed; expected that bids for work will be received and assessed to identify preferred contractor; exact funding shortfall will be established based on bid from preferred contractor; if necessary additional funding will be secured; chase-up of business as usual case from DCC. The cultural Development Manager is currently researching sources of capital funding to address the shortfall.

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C165	Hope Street Improvements	Alan Weston	493,117	377,447	None anticipated at this stage	Design work completed; implementation work nearing completion, remedials agreed.	Continue to liaise with DCC over implementation of North Terrace phase
C166	Retail Premises/Living Above Shops	Sandra Robertson	200,000	80,494	200,000 2007-2008 None anticipated at this stage	Majority of grant now offered. Sufficient additional schemes in development to ensure budget spend.	Continue to work with grant applicants and prospective applicants to develop schemes; issue grant offers; carry out inspections & payments on completed schemes.
C167	Youth Sport & Recreation Provision	Stuart Reid	28,000	19,000	None anticipated at this stage	Grant paid to Tow law FC	Additional grants to be paid to various organisations
C168	Community Transport	Stuart Reid	130,000	0	Decreased by £70k following P&SD committee 17.12.08	Coundon & Leeholme Community Partnership wish to acquire two vehicles at the total cost of £150k with £50k funded via DCC. DCC approval for their share of funding considered 18th of December	Monies paid over to respective organisations
C169	Enhancement of Small Villages	Stuart Reid	313,500	117,708	None anticipated at this stage	DDA work at Frosterley Town Hall complete. Works carried out at Stanhope and Escomb on fencing, footpaths etc. Home Dene common room refurbishment complete. Hargill Haven common rooms works complete. Construction of Rookhope toilets out to tender	Construction of toilets at Rookhope and development of Sunnyside play facility to start
C170	Community Capital Fund	Stuart Reid	845,500	259,938	Increased by £260,000 following P&SD Committee 17.12.08	Extension to Tow Law Pavilion complete. Progress on Escomb limited due to planning issues. Work to Wolsingham Town Hall complete	Variety of schemes to start as approved by P&SD - 17/12/08
C171	Theatre Corner Improvements Bishop Auckland	Sue Dawson	34,951	32,759	None anticipated at this stage	Public realm implementation completed; statue installed. Project complete	Project complete; finalise payments
C173	Extension & adaptations to 34 Gent Road	Dave Milburn	29,175	12,273	None anticipated at this stage	Report to Community Committee requesting carry forward of budget allocation. Works complete - invoice expected soon.	Awaiting invoice
C174	Improvements to Parks	Dave Milburn	50,000	36,754	None anticipated at this stage	Green Flag documentation being prepared and physical works progressing	Activities ongoing
C177	Woodhouse Close Estate Improvements	Dave Milburn	200,000	54,223	None anticipated at this stage	Further schemes identified at Ford Way and Proudfoot Drive West for completion within the current financial year	Proudfoot Drive West to commence on site early January
C183	Shared leisure facilities Bishop Auckland	Dave Milburn	49,903	94,841	None anticipated at this stage	Design works progressing and draft programme provided. Design works ongoing	Meeting with legal team to discuss memo of understanding etc
C184	Improvements to Glenholme Leisure Complex	Colin Rooney	145,000	127,842	None anticipated at this stage	Emergency lighting completed. Minor works ongoing to reception area and office. Electrical upgrade to multi function room still in debate. Estimate completion time of all works March 2009. Work to commence January replacement sauna and pool chlorine controls electric installation of light in multi function room.	Awaiting new prices for Sauna Cabin and Spa pool refurbishments
C189	Youth Provision (SLAM)	Stuart Reid	186,003	103,998	None anticipated at this stage	Discussions with SLAM co-coordinator and clarification on type of expenditure which the Council would support	Expenditure dependent upon progress of works carried out by SLAM
C193	Coundon / Dene Valley Renewal	Bob Hope	230,000	0	Delay in funding approval Spend not anticipated until 2009/10	Business Case submitted. Financial appraisal being undertaken by English Partnership's /Treasury. Special Purpose Vehicle formation being developed jointly with Sedgefield & Easington. Timescale for EP/Treasury approval has slipped . A decision is not now anticipated until early 2009	See previous comment

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C194	Stanhope Regeneration	Sue Dawson	50,000	9,120	Application of funds for Stanhope Town Hall was unsuccessful, alternative resources now being sought	"Retail Distinctiveness" feasibility work completed to draft stage and detailed design to commence. PIP submitted to One NorthEast. Contract awarded for T & A Study working with CDTP on Destination Marketing Plan	Continue to work to develop schemes with funders
C195	Employment Land and Premises	Sue Dawson	325,000	25,196	Non anticipated at this stage	Various initial feasibility work building upon the recommendations of the Employment Land Review; preparation of action plan priorities. Feasibility contract let including contract to consider access issues at West Auckland	Desk top studies complete moving to physical site investigations. Following completion of studies continue to progress development of the various schemes included within the programme
C196	Sports Facility / DDA Improvements	Dave Milburn	100,000	50,692	None anticipated at this stage	Works to tennis courts, bowling facilities and play equipment have been identified	Works will be scheduled and subject to competition in the near future.
C197	Building Investment Scheme	Sue Dawson	200,000	36,595	None anticipated at this stage. Sufficient grants approved & in pipeline to achieve budget spend	New scheme building upon the Living Over The Shops and Workspace Improvement Schemes operated previously.	Continue to work with grant applicants and prospective applicants to develop schemes; issue grant offers; carry out inspections & payments on completed schemes.
C198	Planned Tree Management	Dave Milburn	50,000	50,151	None anticipated at this stage	Scheme complete	none
C199	EGGP Upgrade	Dave Townsend	23,000	11,812	None anticipated at this stage	The LLPG Custodian/GIS Officer has placed an order for the install of an ESRI based mapping system	See previous comment
C200	Royal Corner - Replacement Fire Alarm System	Terry Carlton	10,000	8,507	contract completed within budget	contract complete	Contract
C201	Willington CCTV	Elaine Baker	30,000	24,664	Committed expenditure of £29,665	All cameras installed except for the new one at the Indian restaurant	Get electricity supply connected at the Indian Restaurant
C202	Wolsingham School Pool Equipment	Stuart Reid	19,000	19,000	None anticipated at this stage	Full payment made	None
C203	Environmental Improvements - St Johns Chapel	Bob Hope	40,000	40,000	None	DCC scheme now completed. Awaiting invoice for WVDC contribution.	See previous comment
C204	Periodic Electrical Inspections	Terry Carlton	80,000	27,709	Increased by £40,000 following P&SD Committee 17.12.08	Periodic Electrical inspection to civic centre nearing completion, tenders returned and work about to commence at Glenholme & Woodhouse Close Leisure complexes.	select contractor to procure work
C205	Submit a Plan	Dave Townsend	10,000	7,561	None anticipated at this stage	IT Manager has agreed that an order can be made.	See previous comment
C206	Replacement Chairs - Members Lounge & Canteen	Terry Carlton	10,000	0	None	None	To be ordered
C207	Digital Maps & Additional Server	Anita Maxwell	12,000	0	None anticipated at this stage	After discussion with management team agreed that this project would change. IDOX gazetteer and SIS installed and Mastermap data loaded in IDOX	Second batch of PC's to be installed
C5*	Decent Homes Programme	Amanda Senior	8,960,000	5,335,885	None anticipated at this stage	Internal works programme April to December completed to revised budget profile. Windows & Doors programme April to December completed to revised budget profile, new large contract now finalised to cover final tranche of 08/09 programme and beyond.	Internal works- continue programme as new profile to complete annual total of 796 properties by end of March. Windows & Doors - complete balance of 270 properties in small contract plus first 112 properties of large by end of March.

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C523	Estate Demolitions	Dave Milburn	25,000	27,448	Decreased by £45,000 following P&SD committee 17.12.08	Agreed budget reduction at P & SD 17th December	None
C527	Disabled Facilities Grants - Public	Richard Roddam	448,800	246,074		Work Underway with Home Imp't Agency with over £100k expended in last quarter	Work underway through HIA in delivering grants. Weekly budget monitoring to identify potential underspends and working closely with D&VH to identify potential projects.
C529	Asbestos Survey	Dave Milburn	30,000	8,418	None	Not started	Report to CMT for discussion
	Total		17,414,508	9,126,644			