

Explanation by departments on the net project variations and the funding of projected overspends in excess of £25,000.

Communications and Democratic Services

Project Name: E-Government
Cost Centre: B051

Budget £ 107,000 Expenditure £ 270,817

The original budget allocation for 2003-04 was £313,260 but at the 3rd quarter review the e-Government Programme Board decided to postpone the implementation of the Corporate Electronic Document and Record Management system. To ensure that government grant funding, which expired at 31/03/04, was not lost, resources were switched with further e-Government projects. These were subsequently approved and/or completed ahead of schedule. This E-Government spending in excess of the 2003/04 budget will therefore be met from the resources now available in 2004/05.

Project Name: Improving Information Management
Cost Centre: H045

Budget £ 145,000 Expenditure £ 224,493

The Improving Information Management grant for 2003-04 was £216,500 and has been used to develop information systems to support the Care Services and the emerging Section 31 Agenda. This required agreement between the Health and Social Care partners. At the 3rd quarter review the project manager felt that the project may slip into 2004-05 and re-profiled the budget accordingly. Following successful negotiations with the software company for the development of a new module for the Care First system the grant was fully committed before 31st March. There is an actual overspend of £7,993 which will be financed from the ICT revenue budget. The remainder of the spend in excess of the 2003/04 budget will be met from resources available in 2004/05.

Adult Social Care

Project Name: Beaconsfield Villas
Cost Centre: H052

Budget £ 0 Expenditure £ 30,000

The entire budget for the Beaconsfield Villas project was re-allocated to 2004/05 at quarter 3, due to the anticipated completion delay of the Connaught Day Centre. Technical fees of £30,000 have however been incurred in 2003/2004. This sum will therefore be met from the resources in next year's budget to cover the variance. The final outturn of the project overall is still expected to be within budget.

Environment

Project Name: Major Coast Protection Scheme – Phase 3
Cost Centre: C108

Budget £ 7,680,220 Expenditure £ 8,125,214

Excavation of the old seawall revealed that further work was needed. Funding for this scheme is received by way of grant and borrowing approval issued by DEFRA. An additional bid for £1.8 million to cover the costs of this extra work has been successful so there will be no shortfall in funding. The spend in excess of the 2003/04 budget will be met from resources previously reprofiled and available for funding in 2004/05.