

Budget Variations and projected overspends for Directorates (over £50,000)

Adult Social Care & Housing (HRA)

Directorate: Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £0
Project Title: Fire Risk – Building Elements & Design	Revised Budget: £145,000
	Variation: £145,000

Following the Camberwell fire disaster in London earlier in this year, BHCC has set up a fire safety working group to ensure that we have as much information on our High rise and Medium rise blocks across the city as we can to ensure that our blocks of flats have the best safety that we can provide with the resources available.

Digitalised surveys and designs are being procured to provide us with the information that we require. It is of very high and immediate importance to obtain this building information to ensure that we have exact data to improve our citywide fire safety and prevention knowledge in relation to our high and medium rise blocks of flats.

No provision had been made in this financial year to fund the surveys and design outputs. Funds to enable this fire safety project will be taken from the 2009/10 rolling electrical survey works to the sum of £0.145 million.

Directorate: Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £0
Project Title: Capital Lift Repairs	Revised Budget: £150,000
	Variation: £150,000

A number of lifts have failed this year to date and have required minor capital expenditure in order to restore lifts to working operation. The total cost of carrying out these capital works is expected to be £0.150 million for the full financial year.

A contract procurement is underway for a 10 year term contract for a comprehensive lift servicing, maintenance, repair and replacement contract. This is due to commence in the 2010/11 financial year. This new contract will ensure that unplanned works of this nature are minimised. This scheme will be funded from HRA capital contingencies held in reserves.

Directorate: Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £500,000
Project Title: Minor Works to empty properties - Partnering Contract	Revised Budget: £791,000
	Variation: £ 291,000

The Empty Properties overspend of £0.291 million is as a result of an increased number of empty properties and higher unit costs than anticipated. A financial recovery plan has been developed and implemented. This includes a more stringent authorisation process focused

on cost certainty, cost control, and joint pre-inspections to reduce individual unit costs, and development of an action plan to encourage tenants to vacate properties in a reasonable condition and increase rechargeable works invoiced.

£0.141 million is being funded from a surplus from Cyclical Decorations budget, due to reduced Consultancy fees on the contract, and £0.150 million is being funded from the Water Storage budget, as this contract is now not going to commence until April 2010/11.

Directorate: Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £1,155,500
Project Title: Somerset Point and Wiltshire House Brickwork Repairs	Revised Budget: £1,305,130 Variation: £149,630

The original specification of this project was for a mast climber to be used to access the elevated areas to carry out work. However further investigation meant this option was not feasible and scaffolding has had to be used in place of the mast climber. The mast climber was included in the original project sum at a cost of £218,000, compared to the final alternative of scaffolding at a cost of £357,000. This has caused a project variation of £139,000. In addition to this alteration dummy boiler flues were installed to allow for future replacement of these flues to be Gas Act compliant, and digital TV aerial sets were fitted in preparation for the Digital Switchover.

The £149,628 will be funded from Capital reserves.

Directorate: Housing (HRA)	Approved Budget: £250,000
Project Title: Minor capital works - Planned Maintenance	Revised Budget: £310,000 Variation: £60,000

The minor capital works budget is currently forecasting an overspend of £60,000 in respect of a provision for unresolved disputes for future works. These works are currently subject to survey and a resolution will be sought in the current financial year which may result in the council incurring costs. The £60,000 will be funded by Capital Reserves