

Appendix 5 – Year-end Carry Forward Requests

Directorate	Unit	Details	Proposed Carry Forward Amount £'000
Non-Grant Funded Areas			
FCW	Commissioning & Communities	BHCC host the Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Children Partnership (BHSCP) budget. The local authority, NHS Sussex and Sussex Police provide the majority of the budget funding. The budget pays for the business support team functions, training, independent scrutiny costs and independent practice review work. The Lead partners agreed a supplemental MOU (in addition to the BHSCP’s published arrangements) which enable a budget carry forward per annum. Carry forward is recommended as it consists of pooled funds from partners.	130
FCW	Family Help & Protection	The BHCC Transforming Care Autism and Learning Disabilities Keyworker Team are funded by the ICB as part of the NHS long-term plan to reduce unnecessary Tier 4 hospital admissions within this demographic. The carry forward, of NHS ICB funding, has been agreed by the NHS and these funds have been earmarked to support early intervention in social care for this demographic to promote positive engagement with the community and reduce the risk of declining mental health and unnecessary pressure and strains within family units. Carry forward is recommended as it consists of funds contributed by the NHS who have agreed its use in 2026/27.	217
HASC	Commissioning and Partnerships	The Brighton and Hove Safeguarding Adults Board (BHSAB) budget has continued to be funded via multi agency contributions from the three statutory partners; BHCC, Sussex Police & Brighton & Hove ICB. Carry forward is required to meet ongoing commitments and in accordance with the partnership. Carry forward is recommended as it consists of pooled funds from partners.	167
Central Hub	Finance & Property	Fairness Fund: A proportion of the unused fairness fund will be required as the result of ongoing cost of living pressures for vulnerable residents which is unlikely to reduce due to the Iran war and the impact on fuel, utilities prices and wider inflation.	115
Central Hub	Cabinet Office	Greater Brighton Economic Board (GBEB) funds are made up of funding contributions from the constituent Board members, i.e. the 7 local authorities, and the business partners (the FE & HE education providers, NHS Sussex ICB and the South Downs National Park Authority). The pooled contributions, (which are held on behalf of GBEB by BHCC) represent funds that support the GBEB work-plan and budget for 2026/27 as approved by the Board on the 25 March 2026. This carry forward request is to ensure that this pooled funding is safeguarded, as	157

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		it will be used to deliver the work programme in 2026/27. Carry forward is recommended as it consists of pooled funds from partners.	
Total Non Grant Funded areas			786
Grant Funded Areas			
FCW	Education & Learning	ICB Mental Health Transformation Funding. The underspend of the NHS grant funding is primarily due to difficulties in recruitment arising from the vacancy freeze. At present, only two Emotional Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs) within the service are fully qualified to provide the mandatory regular supervision required by EMHPs. To relieve this pressure, a business plan has been developed to utilise the underspend to fund the training of an additional supervisor. The underspend will also be used to address higher-than-budgeted national pay awards and to ensure that salary increments for existing staff are fully and appropriately costed. In addition, family support hours will be increased, and existing mentoring commissions will be maintained. Although the NHS has confirmed that the grant funding will continue, funding for EMHP training costs will not be extended. As a result, should the need arise, the underspend will be allocated to cover the costs associated with trainee EMHPs. Carry forward is recommended as this grant funding is ringfenced exclusively for Mental Health Support Teams and is received directly from the NHS. The NHS has also confirmed that this funding can be carried forward into future financial years.	503
FCW	Family Help & Protection	Young Futures Grant. As per the conditions in the Grant Determination document for the £0.100m funding allocated for Stage 1, any unused funding can roll over to support Stage 2 implementation costs with DCMS approval. Carry forward is recommended as the DCMS have approved BHCC's Implementation Plan which contained the £0.025m underspend assigned to Workforce Development.	25
FCW	Family Help & Protection	Family Hub Transformation funding. As outlined in the grant conditions, local authorities are expected to spend each year's allocation within the financial year it is received. Carry forward of this grant is recommended as the DfE have agreed that as BHCC have provided a clear rationale and confirmed the activity remains in scope and deliverable, we may continue with the planned activity into next year. This plan consists of additional building and refurbishment work at the Hollingdean Family Hub and installation of air conditioning units at the Tarner Family hub.	22

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FCW	Public Health	<p>The current underspend in 2025/26 is largely attributable to in-year savings from staff turnover, vacancies, and the restructuring of the Public Health team, alongside efforts to support the councils in year spending controls. The full-year savings will be realised in 2026/27 and has been re-allocated as permanent funding to other council services.</p> <p>The Public Health team currently retain 2% (£0.440m) as reserves, for contingency and emergencies and to mitigate risk of overspend which is included in final underspend figure, this falls short with DHSC recommendation at approximately 5% of the grant value.</p> <p>For 2026/27, £0.200m has been allocated to other areas of the council reducing pressure on the General Fund and £0.200m within Public Health services, both will support Mental Health, supporting suicide prevention, and sexual health priorities.</p> <p>The remaining 2% will be held as reserves, as outlined above.</p>	991
City Ops	City Infrastructure	Balance of 2025/26 Consolidated Active Travel Fund allocation of £0.228m. Under the terms of the grant this balance must be spent by 30 September 2026 and therefore carry forward is recommended in order to provide funding certainty and enable planning work to commence in order to deliver the capital works.	87
Central Hub	Cabinet Office	Coast to Capital Growth Hub - Department for Business & Trade (DBT) grant received from WSCC (the accountable body). Carry forward of the funds received from WSCC is recommended to support delivery of DBT funded activity in 2026/27, where programme commitments and spend profiles extended beyond the financial year and expenditure could not be fully incurred within 2025/26.	69
Central Hub	Finance and Property	SGN Warmth for Wellbeing Grant - the SGN grant to supplement Crisis & Resilience Fund (CRF) monies. This will help support residents facing hardship in relation to their utilities, such as direct financial support, energy advice and efficiency, and other support. Carry Forward is recommended as CRF monies are limited so this will enable the council to help more residents.	126
Central Hub	People & Innovation	DfE Step Up to Social Work funding - funding received from DfE for Cohort 9 of “Step Up” programme. This funding is for Step Up PGDip qualifying programme fees through the university of Sussex; partnership includes BHCC (lead partner), ESCC and University of Sussex. The carry forward is recommended to ensure the council is not in breach of DfE grant agreement and unable to fund completion of programme for 15 Step Up trainees.	42

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Central Hub	People & Innovation	Assessed and Supported Year in Employment (ASYE) programmes in Children's and Adults Social Work services and Daily Placement Fee from the Department for Health and Social Care - funding received from Skills for Care to support Assessed & Supported Year in Employment for newly qualified social workers (NQSW) in Children's and Adult's services. ASYE runs September to August. Daily Placement fee funding from the DHSC paid via the universities of Brighton and Sussex for supporting students on placement. Carry forward is recommended to ensure the council is able to fund Professional Education Consultant (PEC) posts coordinating placements and the ASYE programme. Not doing so could result in Newly Qualified Social Workers (NQSW's) failing to complete and unable to be confirmed in post and students being unable to complete placements and therefore unable to qualify as Social Workers.	76
Central Hub	People & Innovation	This is DfE grant funding towards Apprenticeships in Children's Services. This can be used for funding PEC posts within Children's services for next financial year. Carry forward is recommended to ensure the council is able to fund Professional Education Consultant (PEC) posts coordinating placements and the Apprenticeship programme. Not doing so could result in NQSW's failing to complete and unable to be confirmed in post and students being unable to complete placements and therefore unable to qualify as Social Workers.	17
Total Grant Funded Areas			1,958
Total Carry Forward Requests			2,744