

New Capital Project Approval Request				
Unit:		Delivery Unit – Children’s & Families		
Project title:		New Vehicle for 55 Drove Road		
Total Project Cost (All Years)		£17,000		
Purpose, benefits and risks:				
<p>The Short Term Care Unit operates for young people with a severe learning disability and challenging behaviour aged between 10 and 18 years. Residential short stays provide a support to families enabling young people to remain in their own homes. The aim of the Care Unit is to promote independence, provide support to families and work with the young people to help them manage their behaviours safely and appropriately. This new vehicle is needed to enable the Unit to operate successfully and is a replacement of a previous one.</p>				
Capital expenditure profile (£'000):				
Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	TOTAL
Unsupported Borrowing	17	0	0	17
Total estimated costs and fees	17	0	0	17
Financial implications:				
<p>Unsupported borrowing is available to provide finance for schemes such as this. The repayment of the loan will be funded from the revenue budget of the unit.</p>				

New Capital Project Approval Request				
Unit:	Commissioner – City Regulation & Infrastructure			
Project title:	Brighton Marina to River Adur Study			
Total Project Cost (All Years):	£233,000			
Purpose, benefits and risks:				
<p>The Council have been successful in applying to the Environment Agency for a grant towards works for the Brighton Marina to River Adur and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Study. A new strategic study of this section of coast has just begun and is due to be completed in 2014. A strategy study looks in detail at the length of coast under consideration and how it will evolve over the next 100 years, the significant human and natural factors that are influencing it now and in the future, how these can be accommodated and what kind of defensive measures are suitable and affordable.</p> <p>The study area covers sections of coast administered by Adur District Council and Brighton & Hove City Council. The cost is met by the Environment Agency.</p>				
Capital expenditure profile (£'000):				
Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	TOTAL
Grant Funding	111	101	21	233
Total estimated costs and fees	111	101	21	233
Financial implications:				
<p>The Environment Agency provides capital grants to other Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) Operating Authorities in England under section 16 of the Floods and Water Act 2010. Grants are available to authorities towards approved capital expenditure incurred on the improvement of existing, or the construction of new, flood or erosion risk management and water level management works</p>				

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Unit:	Commissioner – City Regulation & infrastructure
Project title:	The Better Bus Area Fund
Total Project Cost (All Years):	£2,100,000

Purpose, benefits and risks:

The city is renowned for having one of the most successful bus networks outside of London and bus patronage has increased from 30.2 million journeys in 2001 to 41.1 million in 2009/10. Over the last five years patronage has grown by 16.5% (an additional 5.8 million passengers).

Brighton & Hove applied to the government for a grant through the 'Better Bus Areas' fund. The money will be spent over the next two years on improvements to both services and infrastructure.

Investment will be focussed on improving the area for bus passengers around Valley Gardens; enhancing the route along Edward Street/Eastern Road to serve the new Royal Sussex County Hospital development; and to provide better bus stop facilities as part of the Lewes Road scheme, to accommodate the 'bendy' buses due to come on stream from April. The scheme will help link bus services in with ongoing transport and public realm schemes and make it easier and quicker to get to key destinations such as the city centre, Brighton station and the Royal Sussex County hospital.

Improvements around Valley Gardens, from The Level to the Old Steine in Brighton, are part of a wider public realm project to provide and attractive, flexible and safe space for people to enjoy year-round and at all times of the day.

Capital expenditure profile (£'000):

Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	TOTAL
Grant Funding	350	1,750	0	2,100
Total estimated costs and fees	350	1,750	0	2,100

Financial implications:

Department for Transport are providing a grant of £2.1m to finance this scheme.

New Capital Project Approval Request				
Unit:	Delivery Unit – City Infrastructure			
Project title:	Controlled Parking Schemes			
Total Project Cost (All Years):	£153,000			
Purpose, benefits and risks:				
This capital scheme is providing new controlled parking schemes for Canning Street, Richmond Heights and London Road station. It includes the cost of surveys, consultants, lining and signing, and the pay and display machines.				
Capital expenditure profile (£'000):				
Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	TOTAL
Unsupported Borrowing	153	0	0	153
Total estimated costs and fees	153	0	0	153
Financial implications:				
The £0.153m capital sum consists of £0.133m in respect of Canning Street and Richmond Heights and £0.020m for London Road Extension. Within this £0.078m relates to lining and signing costs, £0.055m is the cost of the pay and display machines and £0.020m is for consultation and survey costs.				
The impact of any revenue from the new schemes has been included within the Parking On-Street budget, and any revenue surplus after ongoing costs will then be used to repay the capital borrowings costs over 7 years.				

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Unit:	Delivery Unit – Planning, Public Protection
Project title:	Emergency Access Vehicle
Total Project Cost (All Years):	£18,150

Purpose, benefits and risks:

The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 places a statutory duty on local authorities to respond to civil emergencies in their areas. In practical terms this means attending incidents in support of emergency response services, providing humanitarian support to residents and specialist advice to partner responding agencies. This application for funding is to provide a vehicle to be available 24/7 carrying suitable equipment that is most likely to be needed at or near the scene on an incident.

At present, this equipment is stored in buildings around the city that needs to be collected and transported to the scene, often causing considerable delay. The provision of this vehicle will greatly enhance the council’s ability to respond to incidents.

The vehicle requested will be a Ford Ranger 4 wheel drive vehicle to ensure access to remote locations or those difficult to access because of severe weather. It will routinely be used by the Civil Contingencies Team for day to day work, thus saving some internal officer costs, and be available to the 'on-call' Civil Contingencies Duty Officer if required.

Capital expenditure profile (£'000):

Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	TOTAL
Unsupported Borrowing	18	0	0	18
Total estimated costs and fees	18	0	0	18

Financial implications:

The cost of the loan for the vehicle has been included in the unit’s revenue forecasts.

New Capital Project Approval Request				
Unit:	Delivery Unit – Housing & Social Inclusion (HRA Capital)			
Project title:	Feasibility & Design for Investment on Housing Land			
Total Project Cost (All Years):	£1,000,000			
Purpose, benefits and risks:				
<p>A report titled ‘ Housing Investment 2012-2020: Strategy & implementation plan’ was approved by Housing Committee on 26th September which included the recommendation for the procurement of initial feasibility and design, on a number of case studies for housing opportunities on HRA land where appropriate at an estimated cost, including stakeholder engagement and consultation of £1 million.</p> <p>This request is to include a budget of £1 million in the HRA Capital Investment Programme, profiled to be spent over two financial years 2012/13 (£0.350 million) and 2013/14 (£0.650 million), so that this project can commence as per timetable in 2012/13 and be included in future TBM reports.</p>				
Capital expenditure profile (£'000):				
Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	TOTAL
HRA Usable Reserves	350	650	0	1,000
Total estimated costs and fees	350	650	0	1,000
Financial implications:				
<p>The estimated costs of £1 million to take forward detailed feasibility, design and consultation work for housing opportunities on HRA land will be funded from HRA usable reserves over the two years.</p>				

New Capital Project Approval Request				
Unit:		Commissioner – Sports & Leisure		
Project title:		Saltdean Lido Emergency Works		
Total Project Cost (All Years):		£30,000		
Purpose, benefits and risks:				
<p>A report titled ‘Saltdean Lido Update’ was approved by the Economic Development & Culture Committee on 20 September which included the recommendation for emergency works to be undertaken under urgency powers to be funded from the General Fund risk provision. The capital works amount to approximately £0.030m</p>				
Capital expenditure profile (£'000):				
Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	TOTAL
Direct Revenue Funding	30	0	0	30
Total estimated costs and fees	30	0	0	30
Financial implications:				
<p>The cost of the works is £0.130m of which 0.030m is capital and £0.100m is revenue. The capital part of the spend will be funded by a revenue contribution from the General Fund risk provision.</p>				

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Unit:	Delivery – Tourism & Leisure
Project title:	i360
Total Project Cost (All Years):	£17,793,000

Purpose, benefits and risks:

A report titled ‘i360 Loan Agreement’ was approved by this Committee on 12 July which included under the financial implications that at the time of writing the profile of the loan drawdowns had yet to be agreed with Brighton i360 and therefore the amount to be included in the 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 programme would be reported to this committee as part of the TBM reporting process. The profile is hereby reported and shows that, based on the latest projections, it will be included in the 2013/14 & 2014/15 capital programmes.

Capital expenditure profile (£'000):				
Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	TOTAL
Unsupported Borrowing	0	3,605	11,188	14,793
Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP) Contribution	0	731	2,269	3,000
Total estimated costs and fees	0	4,336	13,457	17,793

Financial implications:

The i360 report on 12 July agreed the funding of the scheme; the information above clarifies the profile of payments for inclusion in the capital programme.