



London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

Cabinet

2 SEPTEMBER 2010

LEADER

Councillor Stephen Greenhalgh

**2010/11 REVENUE BUDGETS – MONTH 2 Wards
AMENDMENTS.**

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval for changes to the Revenue Budget.

CONTRIBUTORS

All Departments

Recommendation:

That a revenue virement totalling £3,865,000, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved.

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COMPLETED?
YES**

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets out proposed amendments to the Revenue Estimates as at Month 2.

2. REVENUE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

2.1 Cabinet is required to approve all budget virements that exceed £100,000. At month 2, approval is requested for eight virements totalling £3,865,000. The virement requests are set out in Appendix 1 and summarised below:

Transfer of Budgets between Departments

- Strategic regeneration: Net Cost of Borrowing – transfer from Housing Options And Regeneration to Centrally Managed Budgets due to funding no longer required because alternative sources of funding for the Strategic Regeneration Team have been identified.
- Transfer of budget to fund London Skill Council permanent staff in Hammersmith due to the abolition of the London Skill Council.
- Transfer of budget from Community Services to fund 3rd Sector projects and initiatives within Regeneration and Housing Options.
- Budgetary adjustment to fund clinical waste transferred from Community Services to Residents Services.
- Funding for Occupational Therapy and Adaptations transferred from Regeneration And Housing Options.

Changes in Government Rules

- Due to the relaxation of Government funding rules; specific grants within Children Services and Community Services Grant conditions re-allocated to take advantage of the greater flexibility permitted.

Realignment Within Department

- Transfer of funding from the HRA Working Balances to correct parking income already provided for within H& F Management fees.

Budget Strategy

- As part of the 2010/11 budget strategy a provision of £1.2m was made within Centrally Managed Budgets for the loss of grant associated with the concessionary fares scheme. A sum of £0.6m is no longer required in the current year and it is proposed that this underspend be used to fund Corporate IT infrastructure projects. This will allow savings to be made in the capital programme and help meet debt reduction targets.

Apart from the use of the concessionary fares savings to fund a capital project; the above transfers are moving resources from one budgetary head to another without changing the purpose for which the budgetary allocations were made.

2.2 Virements below £50,000 are subject to approval by the Director of Finance whilst virements from £50,000 to £100,000 require a Cabinet Member decision.

3. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

3.1 These are contained in the body of this report.

4. COMMENTS OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)

4.1 There are no direct legal implications in relation to this report.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

No.	Brief Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext. of holder of file/copy	Department
1.	Revenue Monitoring Documents	James Arthur Ext. 2562	Corporate Finance Room 5 , Town Hall