

## 2015/16 BUDGET CARRY FORWARD REQUEST FORM

<b>Description</b>	<p>The request is to carry over the unspent budget in the Professional Services part of the Strategic Planning Budget (CC0011)</p> <p>The code on CC0011 had £1,410 of expenditure against a budget of £30,900 for 2015/16. (The original budget was £17,000 and a further £13,900 was added at revised budgets as part of the approved carry forward from 2014/15).</p> <p>This budget was intended to allow the completion of evidence base work to support the preparation of a revised Local Plan. However delays in commissioning this work, resulting from procurement issues (lack of interest leading to a revised commissioning brief) and the receipt of revised household projections on which to base the evidence meant that these were not commissioned in 15/16.</p> <p>This would mean the carryover of the unspent portion of the 15/16 budget (£15,590) resulting in a revised budget of £32,590 for 16/17.</p> <p>Over the 16/17 period it is intended to commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retail Capacity Study (£10,000)</li> <li>• Strategic Gaps and Green Wedges Study (£15,000)</li> <li>• Chesterfield Flood Risk Assessment (£6,000)</li> </ul> <p>The remainder of the budget would be held in reserve in case of the need to undertake further reactive work to support the examination of the Local Plan or respond to specific development proposals.</p>
<b>Reported to Members</b>	
<b>Corporate, cross-cutting (community safety, equality, etc) and service priorities</b>	<p>Corporate Priorities: Thriving Borough</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To make sure that local people benefit from growth in Chesterfield Borough</li> <li>2. To continue delivering regeneration projects that will make Chesterfield Borough a better place</li> <li>3. To develop our great town centre</li> </ol> <p>Improve the quality of life for local people.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. To increase the supply and quality of housing in Chesterfield Borough to meet current and future needs</li> <li>6. To increase the quality of public space for which the council has responsibility through targeted improvement programmes</li> <li>7. To improve the health and well-being of people in Chesterfield Borough</li> <li>8. To reduce inequality and support the more vulnerable members of our communities</li> </ol>
<b>Mandatory / discretionary</b>	Discretionary
<b>Revenue Implications One-off or on-going</b>	One-off
<b>Savings identified elsewhere</b>	An annual contribution of £34,000 towards the Local Plan Examination Reserve as the decision to progress a single Local Plan, rather than continue with a two part plan, has reduced the number of potential Examinations to be expected

	over the next five years)
<b>Partnership opportunities</b>	The Retail Capacity Study is being undertaken jointly with North East Derbyshire and Bolsover District Councils. Part of the carry-over would be used to support a joint study with the Environment Agency on updating flood risk modelling for Chesterfield, and for joint work with the Environment Agency, Derbyshire County Council, Yorkshire Water and Severn Trent Water on developing an integrated flood model for testing development proposals.
<b>Grants and joint financing opportunities</b>	See above
<b>Charging policy</b>	There is currently no charging policy in place. The carry over would support work integral to charged work in the Development Management team (see below).
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	Consultation with Neil Johnson – Economic Growth Manager
<b>Affect on other services</b>	The carry-over would support the work of the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development Management – by allowing provision of up to date evidence to support planning application decisions and provide a robust Local Plan context</li> <li>• Economic development - by providing evidence to support proposals for a revised Northern Gateway Scheme (Retail Capacity Study)</li> </ul>
<b>Implications if not approved</b>	The council would not be able to complete pieces of evidence critical to the publication of a revised Local Plan (in autumn 2016) in this financial year. Although evidence could be completed in subsequent years, extended delay could lead to the need to update other pieces of evidence and miss the government's deadline of publishing Local Plans by 2017, with the threat of Government Intervention and loss of control of plan-making.
<b>Suggested performance targets/indicators</b>	Commissioning and completion by March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2017 of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retail Capacity Study</li> <li>• Strategic Gaps and Green Wedges Study</li> <li>• Chesterfield Flood Risk Assessment</li> <li>• Viability appraisal of Local Plan</li> </ul>
<b>Other Comments:</b>	