

2014/15 BUDGET CARRY FORWARD REQUEST FORM

Description	Retention of unspent Forward planning 'Other Professional Services' budget (0011 4305) Retained budget will enable better planning of evidence and supporting studies to support preparation of the Chesterfield Borough Local Plan and to support decisions on planning applications
Reported to Members	21 April 2015
Corporate, cross-cutting (community safety, equality, etc) and service priorities	The carry over will help to support the following Corporate Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to make Chesterfield a thriving borough • to improve the quality of life for local people • to provide value for money services
Mandatory / discretionary	Preparation of a local plan is a mandatory duty of the Council. The National Planning Policy Framework requires that this is support by an up to date and proportionate evidence base
Revenue Implications One-off or on-going	On-going, within existing budgets
Savings identified elsewhere	The contribution currently made to the Local Development Framework Reserve to cover examination costs will be temporarily suspended pending further review.
Partnership opportunities	Where possible, evidence base work is procured jointly with other planning authorities, eg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gypsy and Traveller Assessment (all Derbyshire Authorities) • Retail Study (CBC, NEDDC and BDC) • CDP Smart monitoring system (all Derbyshire Authorities) • POPGROUP Household projections data (shared across Sheffield City Region)
Grants and joint financing opportunities	Where possible, evidence base work is procured jointly with other planning authorities, eg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gypsy and Traveller Assessment (all Derbyshire Authorities) • Retail Study (CBC, NEDDC and BDC) • CDP Smart monitoring system (all Derbyshire Authorities) • POPGROUP Household projections data (shared across Sheffield City Region)
Charging policy	NA
Consultation undertaken	Consultation undertaken with FPG 19 th March 2015 Executive Member for Planning 14 th April
Affect on other services	Retention of underspend will allow the service to plan more effectively for the production of evidence to support the local plan, including evidence relied upon and shared with other services including Housing, Asset Management, Economic Development and Leisure Services

<p>Implications if not approved</p>	<p>The service's ability to provide the necessary evidence base to support the Local Plan will be compromised. Increasing the risk of delay to adoption of a Local Plan and/or increased risk of the plan being found 'unsound' by a Planning Inspector</p> <p>Delay in adopting a new Local Plan will result in increased risk of appeal against planning application decisions and increased loss of greenfield land to development.</p>
<p>Suggested performance targets/indicators</p>	<p>Publication of a draft Local Plan in November 2015.</p>
<p>Other Comments:</p>	<p>The carry forward is requested as the budget is used to support the production of evidence to support the preparation and update of the Council's Local Plan. Whilst there is always some baseline spend that is undertaken annually (for example supporting the CDP Smart monitoring system), the preparation of evidence usually peaks during the preparation of a new local plan, and in line with the publication of updated national data (such as census data and population/household projections). The spend therefore will follow peaks and troughs from year to year, with some years demonstrating significant underspend and others where the demand will outstrip the annual budget.</p>