

Taunton Deane Borough Council

Executive - 12 November 2008

Housing and Planning Delivery Grant

Report of Strategic Director - Joy Wishlade

(This is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Simon Coles)

Introduction

Housing and Planning Delivery Grant (HPDG) has replaced the Planning Delivery Grant. We have received notification that our allocation for 2008/2009 will be:

Revenue: £88,905
Capital: £43,789

We have also brought forward from 2007/2008:

Revenue: £193,303
Capital: £15,772

The amount to be allocated is therefore:

Revenue: £282,208
Capital: £59,561

Proposals for 2008/2009

Revenue items	Cost
Continue to fund staff in Forward Plan and Development Control for 2008/2009	£87,000
Consultants' studies including <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document• Core Strategy Appropriate Assessment• Hestercombe Appropriate Assessment• Green Infrastructure Strategy• Wellington Urban Fringe Landscape Character Assessment	£10,000 £ 3,000 £ 7,500 £10,000 £ 4,000

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment • Affordable Housing Protocol 	£12,000 £16,000
Total	£149,500

The contribution from HPDG is only a proportion of the cost – the remainder will be found from New Growth Point (NGP) funding.

Capital items	Cost
Firepool Weir Study (in partnership with Environment Agency)*	£10,000
Total	£10,000

* The Taunton Weirs Investigation Report (April 2008) by Black and Veatch was jointly funded by EA and TDBC (NGP funding). It recommended “that a detailed economic, technical and environmental appraisal of the Firepool Weir options now be undertaken during 2008/2009. This work will ensure that the weir improvements will be integrated with the wider development proposals and maximise the opportunity for financial contributions from the development under the planning process.”

Conclusion

If the above proposals are approved this would leave unallocated:

Revenue: £132,708

Capital: £ 49,561

These monies could be allocated to funding requirements identified for 2009/2010. These will be finalised during the budget setting process.

Revenue

Staffing £100,000

Studies £ 32,500

Total £132,500

Capital

Studies £30,000

Total £30,000

This would leave a final remainder of **£208 revenue** and **£19,561 capital**

Recommendation

The Executive is recommended to approve the 2008/2009 allocation of the Housing and Planning Delivery Grant.

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