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2011/12 FINANCIAL MONITORING & BUSINESS STRATEGY DELIVERY REPORT

Report by Assistant Chief Executive & Chief Finance Officer

Introduction

- This report focuses on significant issues around the delivery of the Directorate Business Strategies which were agreed as part of the Service and Resource Planning Process for 2011/12 – 2015/16. These form part of the forecast position for each Directorate. Parts 1 and 2 include projections for revenue, reserves and balances as at the end of July 2011. The Capital monitoring is included at Part 3.

Summary Position

- The current in – year Directorate forecast including the Council elements of the Pooled Budgets is a variation of +£1.309m or +0.31% against a budget of £416.789m as shown in the table below. This forecast excludes an overspend of +£0.337m on services funded from Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

Original Budget 2011/12 £m		Latest Budget 2011/12 £m	Forecast Outturn 2011/12 £m	Variance Forecast July 2011 £m	Variance Forecast July 2011 %
112.817	Children, Education & Families (CE&F)	110.627	109.514	-1.113	-1.01
219.442	Social & Community Services (S&CS)	219.196	220.187	+0.991	+0.45
75.561	Environment & Economy	78.396	77.953	-0.443	-0.57
7.751	Chief Executive's Office	8.570	8.517	-0.053	-0.61
415.571	In year Directorate total	416.789	416.171	-0.618	-0.15

Add: Overspend on Council Elements of Pooled Budgets		+1.927	
Total Variation including Council Elements of Pooled Budgets		+1.309	+0.31
Plus: Overspend on DSG		+0.337	
Total Variation		+1.646	+0.39

3. The following annexes are attached:

Annex 1	Original and Latest Estimates for 2011/12
Annex 2	Virements & Supplementary Estimates
Annex 3	Redundancy Costs
Annex 4	Forecast Earmarked Reserves
Annex 5	Forecast General Balances
Annex 6	Older People & Physical Disabilities and Learning Disabilities Pooled Budgets
Annex 7	Government Grants 2011/12
Annex 8	Treasury Management Lending List
Annex 9	Capital Programme Monitoring and changes

Part 1 - Revenue Budget & Business Strategy Savings

4. The forecast revenue outturn by Directorate based on the position to the end of July 2011 is set out below. Carry forwards from 2010/11 were considered by Cabinet on 21 June 2011 and those agreed so far are included in this report. Carry forwards in CEF, S&CS and Environment & Economy dependent on virements larger than £0.5m are being considered by Council on 13 September 2011.

Children, Education & Families: -£1.113m in year directorate variation

5. Children, Education & Families are forecasting an in-year variation of -£1.113m (-£0.776m total variation including a +£0.337m overspend on services funded from DSG). The Directorate is committed to achieving -£10.2m of savings in 2011/12. These rise to -£19.8m by 2014/15 and the Directorate's Transformation Board is meeting regularly to review progress.
6. As previously reported services are being redesigned as part of the Business Strategy and, subject to the wider restructure of the Directorate, implementation is underway as detailed in the Service Redesign Report agreed by Cabinet on 19 April 2011. Due to the timing of the implementation there is a risk that some of the savings dependent on service redesign will not be achieved in full in 2011/12.

Admissions & Transport

7. Home to School Transport are forecasting a variation of -£0.481m, an increase of -£0.096m since the last report. As in previous years the forecast may change during the year as the full effect of the last tendering process are known along with changes for the new academic year.

Placements

8. A breakeven position is forecast for Placements, a change of -£0.200m since the last report. There continues to be an upward trend in agency residential placements and the position reported allows for £1.035m to be spent on around fourteen full time equivalent new placements during 2011/12 should they be absolutely necessary. The service continues to work toward minimising the use of out of area placements, although some children have significant complex needs that require specialist or secure placements. This service area

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is subject to significant fluctuations depending on demand so updates will be included in future reports.

Asylum

9. An underspend of -£0.663m is forecast on Asylum. This area is extremely volatile so the position is likely to change by the end of year as it is difficult to forecast the number of new clients entering the service.
10. If appropriate a request will be made later in the year to allocate the effect of additional grant reimbursement received compared to the £1m income budget assumed.

Quality and Compliance

11. A small overspend of +£0.083m is forecast due to pressures on staffing budgets for the Performance and Parenting Early Intervention Programme Teams but the directorate expects to reduce this by the end of the year. The consultation process for the joint Quality and Compliance structure with Social and Community Services has begun. This pressure should reduce as the restructure of the Quality and Compliance service is implemented. As part of the Business Strategy the service is expected to achieve savings of £0.400m by 2012/13. £0.145m has already been achieved through retirements and services ceasing and it is anticipated that the remaining savings will be achieved.

DSG Funded Services

12. As previously reported confirmation was received from the Department for Education on 28 June 2011 that the Council's 2010/11 DSG allocation would be increased by £2.629m. This income was received as part of the 4 July 2011 instalment. The final confirmations of the 2011/12 DSG and Pupil Premium allocations have also been received. The DSG allocation has reduced by £0.570m to £386.233m because of adjustments for the pupil count within individual schools. The 2011/12 Pupil Premium allocation is £3.916m and has increased by £0.516m since Council approved the budget in February 2011. Schools hold the Pupil Premium relating to their pupils.

Social & Community Services: +£0.991m in year directorate variation

13. Social & Community Services are forecasting an overspend of +£0.991m. There is also a forecast overspend of +£1.927m on the Council elements of the Pooled Budgets. The directorate is aiming to make savings totalling -£19.6m in 2011/12. These rise to -£42.0m by 2014/15 and their delivery is being overseen by the Directorate's Change Management Board.

Adult Social Care

14. Social Work (Locality Teams) are forecasting an overspend of +£0.587m. As noted in the last report following a restructure of the service the saving relating to the reduction in staff will not be fully achieved. This will be considered as part of the Service and Resource Planning process for 2012/13 and also as part of other reorganisation proposals.
15. Internal Learning Disabilities continues to forecast an overspend of +£0.298m. This is due to delays in restructuring Day Services and Supported Living. It is expected that full year effect of the savings will be realised in 2012/13.

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16. Older People and Physical Disabilities income is forecasting to be underachieved by +£0.280m. There has been a steady reduction in the number of clients assessed under Fairer Charging as being liable to partially or fully fund the cost of care over the last few months. The position takes account of additional income likely to be achieved as a result of increased expenditure on residential care and home support funded from the additional funding for Adult Social Care provided through the NHS. This is a volatile area so the position will continue to change throughout the year.

Community Safety (including Fire & Rescue)

17. Community Safety continue to forecast an underspend of -£0.100m. This is due to increased rental income and savings on pay and repair and maintenance in the Gypsy and Traveller Service. There are a number of pressures within the Fire & Rescue Service but it is expected that they can be managed within the service. The Business Strategy savings are on target to be delivered.

Quality & Compliance (Strategy & Transformation)

18. The consultation process for the joint Quality and Compliance structure with Children, Education and Families has begun and the intention is to implement the new structure later in the year. As part of the Business Strategy the service is expected to achieve savings of £0.450m by 2012/13.

Pooled Budgets

Older People, Physical Disabilities and Equipment Pool

19. As shown in Annex 1 the Older People's and Physical Disabilities Pooled Budget is forecast to overspend by +£3.728m, +£1.850m on the Council's element and +£1.878m on the Primary Care Trust's (PCT). This includes the net overspend of +£0.205m on the Council's budget carried forward from 2010/11 as set out in the Provisional Outturn Report for 2010/11. An underspend of -£1.106m will be carried forward on the Older People's section of the pooled budget and overspends of +£1.144m and +£0.167m will be carried forward on Physical Disabilities and Equipment. The balance of the Winter Pressures funding which was transferred to Reserves at the end of 2010/11 is also included in the forecast and has been committed to fund additional care home placements and purchase of additional hours of home care.
20. The use of the additional 2011/12 funding of £6.196m for Adult Social Care being provided via the NHS is now being finalised and most will be allocated to the Older People's pooled budget. The Council will work within the overall resources available for Older People including this additional funding so no year end variance is being forecast at this time.
21. The Older People's Care Homes budget is forecast to overspend by +£0.102m due new beds being included in the forecast. The forecast also includes the transfer of income for funded nursing care from the PCT.
22. The Physical Disabilities Budget is forecast to overspend by +£1.614m on residential and nursing beds and external and internal home support. This is an increase of +£0.286m since the last report and is due to the ongoing full year effect of placements and packages put in place in 2010/11. The Joint Management Group has agreed to transfer of £1m funding for demography from Older People to Physical Disabilities lines in the pool. This will be used to

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offset the overspend of +£1.144m carried forward from 2010/11. An action plan to reduce the overspend is being updated. It is unlikely that the full amount of the overspend will be recovered this financial year. In that case, it would need to be recovered in 2012/13.

23. The Council's element of the Equipment budget is overspending by +£0.278m. This takes into account the agreement in principle by the Joint Management Group to allocate £0.584m of the additional funding of £6.196m for Adult Social Care to the Equipment budget in the pool. This has been apportioned in accordance with the relative overspending in the budget before the additional funding is allocated.
24. The PCT element of the pool is forecast to overspend by +£1.878m, +£1.599m on Older People, +£0.164m on Physical Disabilities, and +£0.115m on equipment.

Learning Disabilities Pool

25. As set out in Annex 1 the Learning Disabilities Pooled Budget is forecasting an overspend of +£0.091m. The Council element is overspending by +£0.077m which relates to an overspend on Personal Budgets. As part of the Directorate Business Strategy an Efficiency Savings Plan for 2011/12 has been agreed by the Joint Management Group and is expected to deliver savings in excess of -£4m during the year. This will cover the overspend of +£1.082m brought forward from 2010/11, the savings included in the Directorate's Business Strategy and a number of other pressures. A significant proportion of the savings target has already been achieved as a result of work carried out in 2010/11.

Environment & Economy: -£0.443m in year directorate variation

26. Environment & Economy are forecasting an underspend of -£0.443m. The directorate's Business Strategy includes savings of -£13.2m rising to -£31.8m by 2014/15. The delivery of the savings is being monitored by the Directorate's Business Strategy Delivery Board but it is anticipated that the agreed levels of service will be delivered within the budget set.

Highways & Transport

27. The service is forecasting a break-even position which includes the underspends on the Public Transport contracts and the Integrated Transport Unit's Vehicle Purchasing budget as reported previously.
28. The service is still awaiting invoicing information from bus companies to allow a forecast to be established for concessionary fares. It is now anticipated that this will be available for the next report.

Growth & Infrastructure

29. The service is forecasting an underspend of -£0.144m an increase of -£0.020m since the last report. This is mainly due to the slippage in the delivery of the Minerals and Waste Framework (-£0.180m). One-off funding was agreed for 2011/12 to fund the work on the Framework. This will be requested to be carried forward to 2012/13 or set aside in a reserve for this purpose during the year.

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30. Waste Management is forecasting a break-even position. Activity levels overall are currently showing a mixed position compared to the same period last year. As more actual tonnage data becomes available during the year the forecast will become more robust. It is anticipated that the pressure of +£0.070m arising from the revision of the Waste Recycling Strategy will be met within the service.

Property and Facilities

31. The service is forecasting a variation of -£0.195m a decrease of +£0.123m since the last report. This relates to savings being realised earlier than expected due to the closure of the Cricket Road Centre (-£0.204m). This excludes the potential cost of dilapidation which depends on whether the cost will be revenue or capital. It also includes underspends of -£0.110m on the rental budget and -£0.190m on Facilities Management. The majority of the underspend will be used to fund the consultancy cost associated with the contract re-tendering.
32. Food with Thought are forecasting a trading surplus of £0.400m. This reflects a 5.7% increase in the uptake of meals at the end of June 2011 compared to the same period last year. The intention is that this surplus, plus any remaining School Lunch Grant will be reinvested in the service in agreement with Schools. QCS Cleaning is forecasting a break-even position.

Oxfordshire Customer Services

33. Oxfordshire Customer Services (OCS) is forecasting an underspend of -£0.133m an increase of -£0.012m since the last report. This relates to Adult Learning and as part of the agreed four-year recovery plan will be used to pay back part of the £0.181m supplementary estimate with the balance repaid in 2012/13. Elsewhere within the service a break even position is being reported and business strategy savings are being delivered or are on target to be delivered.

Chief Executive's Office: -£0.053 in year directorate variation

34. The Chief Executive's Office (CEO) is forecasting a variation of -£0.053m. The Business Strategy savings for CEO (£1.3m) are generally low risk and on target to be delivered in 2011/12.
35. Legal Services continue to forecast an overspend of +£0.100m. As in previous years an increase in the number and complexity of childcare and planning cases is putting a pressure on the service. In addition, external income from Section 106 work has reduced. The service is controlling costs where possible by limiting the use of external counsel.
36. Cabinet approved the first wave of bids for the Big Society totalling £0.282m on 19 July 2011. Further bids for the remaining £0.318m of funding will be considered by Cabinet later this year.

Redundancy Costs

37. As noted in the Provisional Outturn Report £6.958m estimated redundancy costs expected in 2011/12 or later years were accounted for in 2010/11. Actual 2011/12 payments made to the end of July 2011 are £1.079m and will continue to be monitored and reported throughout the year.

Virements and Supplementary Estimates

38. The virements requested this month are set out in Annex 2a and temporary virements to note in Annex 2d. Previously approved virements in Annex 2b and 2c are available on the internet and in the Member's Resource Centre. Virements requested this month include the revision of the allocation of the DSG income budgets within CEF. This does not constitute a policy change.
39. Annex 2e includes the Local Area Agreement Performance Reward Grant supplementary estimate requests as set out below. Previously agreed supplementary estimate requests are available on the internet and in the Members' Resource Centre.

Local Area Agreement Performance Reward Grant

40. As set out in the Provisional Outturn Report to Cabinet in June 2011, £0.968m Performance Reward Grant (PRG) relating to the Adult Skills Target was received in March 2011. The £0.678m revenue element (70% of the total) was accounted for in balances and the remaining 30% (£0.290m) held as capital financing at the end of 2010/11.
41. One of the principles agreed for allocating reward grant payment is that 50% should be passed to the organisation/partnerships responsible for delivering the target. The use of the funding is set out in the table below.

	Revenue £m	Capital £m	Total £m
Skills Element	0.339	0.145	0.484
Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action (OCVA)	0.062		0.062
Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC)	0.045		0.045
Broadband Project	0.116	0.050	0.166
District Councils	0.116	0.050	0.166
Unallocated		0.045	0.045
TOTAL	0.678	0.290	0.968

42. Since the original partnership responsible for the Oxfordshire Skills element (the Oxfordshire Area Programme Board) no longer exists Oxfordshire Chief Executives have agreed that the funding should be targeted at those learning communities who were part of the original Oxfordshire Area Programme. These are Blackbird Leys, Greater Leys, Barton, Rose Hill, Littlemore, Ruscote, Grimsbury and Neithrop. The reward grant will be used to build on the work already done to increase the number of people involved in learning and to help them to develop skills that that will enable them to progress into sustainable employment.
43. Cabinet are recommended to agree the supplementary estimate requests to release the revenue element from balances as set out in Annex 2e subject to use by the Council or to be passed to partners.

Grants Monitoring

44. Annex 7 sets out government grants that are being received in 2011/12. Ringfenced grants totalling £428.100m (including £388.925m of Dedicated

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Schools Grant) are included in Directorate budgets. The table has been updated to show the latest position on amendments to grant allocations included in the budget agreed by Council on 15 February 2011 and new grants that have been notified since then. Changes this month include confirmation of the DSG and Pupil Premium allocations that are set out in paragraph 12. The DSG allocation for 2011/12 has been confirmed to be £386.233m and the Pupil Premium allocation is £3.916m.

Bad Debt Write Offs

45. There were 24 general write offs to the end of July 2011 totalling £7,407. In addition Client Finance has written off 36 debts totalling £26,744.

Treasury Management

Lending List Changes

46. The Treasury Management Lending List is included at Annex 8. The following changes have been agreed since the last report to Cabinet on 19 July 2011 in response to uncertainty in the European and international economy.
47. In late July period limits for all counterparties (excluding Barclays, HSBC and Local Authorities) were reduced to a maximum of one year in response to advice received from the Council's treasury advisers. It was also decided to suspend Clydesdale Bank and Crown Agents Bank and add Svenska Handelsbanken to the lending list.
48. Subsequently the lending limits with all UK, Australian, American and Canadian counterparts were reduced to six months (excluding Santander which was reduced to 3 months) and European counterparties to one month.
49. The average cash balance during July 2011 was £261.679m and the average rate of return was 1.12%. The budgeted return for interest receivable on balances invested internally is £2.234m for 2011/12, it is expected that this will be achieved.

Part 2 – Balance Sheet

Reserves

50. Annex 4 sets out earmarked reserves brought forward from 2010/11 and the forecast position as at 31 March 2012. Forecast reserves are £82.210m.

Balances

51. Annex 5 sets out the current position for general balances taking into account known changes. The balance brought forward from 2010/11 was £14.737m. This includes £0.678m Local Area Agreement (LAA) Performance Reward Grant (PRG) which is held within balances pending the agreement of supplementary estimate requests to release it for use in 2011/12. Forecast balances are currently £15.666m excluding the Performance Reward Grant.
52. After taking account of the overspend reported by Directorates and the overspends on the Council elements of the Pooled budgets, consolidated revenue balances are forecast to be £15.034m (or £14.356m excluding the PRG).

53. As set out in paragraphs 40 to 43 supplementary estimates have been requested to release the revenue element of PRG from balances to use by the Council or to be passed to partners.

Part 3 – Capital Monitoring

54. The capital monitoring position set out in Annex 9a, shows forecast expenditure of £73.0m in 2011/12 (excluding schools local capital), a decrease of £0.6m compared to the latest approved capital programme. The table below summarises the variations by directorate.

	Last Approved Programme * £m	Latest Forecast Expenditure £m	Variation £m
Children, Education & Families	32.5	32.2	- 0.3
Social & Community Services	11.5	11.5	0.0
Environment & Economy - Transport	23.2	23.3	+ 0.1
Environment & Economy – Other	6.3	5.9	- 0.4
Chief Executive's Office	0.1	0.1	0.0
Total Directorate Programmes	73.6	73.0	-0.6
Schools Local Capital	7.8	7.8	0.0
Total Capital Programme	81.4	80.8	-0.6

* Approved by Cabinet on 19 July 2011

55. The major in-year forecast expenditure variations to note for each directorate programme are explained in the following paragraphs and other significant variations are listed in Annex 9b.
56. It is expected that expenditure profiles for a number of major programmes and projects will be revised during September 2011 based on the recently reported risks affecting their delivery timetable. The timing and deliverability of projects across the whole capital programme will also be re-assessed ahead of the capital budget setting process. These revisions are likely to lead to a slippage in the current year capital programme. Work is underway to identify opportunities to bring forward capital works to minimise the level of slippage. These will also be reported as part of the next financial monitoring report.

Children, Education & Families

57. In the Children, Education & Families programme minor changes have been made to several projects and minor programmes. While no major adjustments are reported to the in-year spend profiles this month, a number of changes to schemes are expected once key deliverable dates have been reached. A significant variation could be on the Wood Farm project, where reprogramming of works will be required based on the revised project cost and the commencement date for Phase 2/3. It is expected that the revised expenditure profile will be confirmed for the October 2011 Capital Programme update.
58. A revised School Structural Maintenance Programme for 2011/12 has been approved under Capital Financial Procedure Rule 36 by the Leader of the Council. This reflects changes to repair and maintenance priorities and works deemed undeliverable within the current financial year following feasibility studies. The changes mean that available resources are utilised as soon as possible to improve the condition of the school estate.

59. The small value projects to address school places pressures, approximately £1m, are expected to be complete before the start of term in September 2011. There are two projects, totalling approximately £1m, which are expected to be completed later in the year and the schools have contingency plans to accommodate the pupil numbers in September 2011. A number of further schemes are under development and once approved will draw down the remaining £1.3m available in 2011/12.

Environment & Economy - Transport

60. The variations for the Transport programme include a £0.1m reduction in the Speed Limit Review. Majority of the works now complete and there have been substantial cost savings under new framework contract. The funding will be returned to corporate contingencies.
61. New Headington Transport Improvements have increased by £0.1m as a result of the confirmation of £0.135m grant from Sustrans. Work is planned to start in September 2011.
62. The scope of the A422 Ruscote Avenue, Banbury scheme has been extended by £0.1m to include works from the forward programme. The budget increase, which will achieve cost savings overall will be funded from structural maintenance programme contingencies.

Environment & Economy - Other

63. The main variations for the Environment & Economy programme include the Prudential Energy Programme where £0.3m has been brought forward. A revised project appraisal has now been approved to include the installation of solar photovoltaic systems at school sites and the programme is expected to accelerate.
64. £0.2m relating to the Street Lighting Part-Lighting Project has been re-profiled to 2012/13. Changes to electrical network charges, and in particular a reduction in some overnight charges, may impact on the viability of the business case for the project. Further work is required to assess the impact of these changes on both the project and the entire highway network. This will enable the re-assessment of the revenue savings arising from the planned investment and where appropriate the development of a revised business case. This will be reported through the Service & Resource Planning process.
65. There has been a delay in submission of the planning application for Kidlington Waste Recycling Centre. Slippage on the planned construction dates is reflected in the re-profiling of £0.250m to 2012/13.

Actual & Committed Expenditure

66. As at the end of July actual capital expenditure for the year to date (excluding schools local spend) was £6.6m. This is 9% of the total forecast expenditure of £73.0m, which is around 7% below the expected position compared to the profile of expenditure in previous years. Actual and committed spend is 41% of the forecast.

Five Year Capital Programme Update

67. The total forecast 5-year capital programme (2011/12 to 2016/17) is now £394.7m, an increase of £3.8m from the latest capital programme agreed by Cabinet in July. The new schemes and project/programme budget changes requiring Cabinet approval are set out in Annex 9c. The table below summarises the variations by directorate and the main reasons for the increase in the size of the programme are explained in the following paragraphs.

Directorate	Last Approved Total Programme (2011/12 to 2015/16) *	Latest Forecast Total Programme (2011/12 to 2015/16)	Variation
	£m	£m	£m
Children, Education & Families	176.3	176.1	-0.2
Social & Community Services	23.7	23.7	0.0
Environment & Economy - Transport	100.4	104.0	+3.6
Environment & Economy - Other	16.5	16.3	-0.2
Chief Executive's Office	0.1	0.1	0.0
Total Directorate Programmes	317.1	320.3	+3.2
Schools Local Capital	19.1	19.1	0.0
Earmarked Reserves	54.7	55.3	+0.6
Total Capital Programme	390.9	394.7	+3.8

* Approved by Cabinet on 19 July 2011

68. In the Children, Education & Families programme £0.230m of project contingencies have been released back to the capital programme from projects that have reached completion in accordance with the Council's policy. A further £0.380m from the Banbury New Futures project, which is 100% grant funded, has been removed as the project is expected to be significantly under spent with the specific grant being repaid back to the grant provider.
69. It has been confirmed that although additional permanent capacity at Faringdon Community College is anticipated, this does not require immediate investment as, in the short term, increased 'in-catchment' demand could be met through reducing the number of admissions from outside the school's catchment area. Therefore, the £1.5m project at Faringdon Community College has been removed from the programme following consultation with the Capital Investment Board. This has released £1m back to the capital programme.
70. A programme of £0.92m for Aiming High has been included within the 2011/12 programme with the remaining grant funds allocated to Special Educational Need (SEN), Out of County and various Intervention Hub projects reducing corporate resources requirement for these projects.
71. Additional resources of £0.910m have been allocated to the Wood Farm project to enable Phase 2/3 of the project to commence. This decision was taken under Financial Procedure Rule 36 because of the level of additional resources

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required and given the project is already behind the original schedule by 3 months due to the value engineering works carried out to reduce the projected overspend from £1.3m (May 2011) to its current level (£0.910m). The revised budget provision is £12.660m. The use of contingencies for this project will be monitored and approved centrally to ensure that the scope and budget for Phase 2/3 is strictly managed and that the maximum amount of contingencies are returned back to the capital programme.

72. A proposal to increase the Special Educational Needs (SEN)/Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) provision within the county to meet the Basic Need requirements for SEN/ASD provision was considered by the Capital Investment Board. As a result, Basic Needs resources earmarked for SEN schools (£2.150m) have been combined with the SEN Out of County Provision Programme allocation (£1m), the recently confirmed Aiming High grant (£0.150m) and S106 resources for SEN Provision (£0.450m) to create a budget provision of £3.750m for the proposed Residential School for children on the ASD continuum at the Ormerod Site.
73. The Transport programme has been updated to reflect the confirmation of £2.3m Local Sustainable Transport Capital Grant Funding for Thornhill Park & Ride London Road Bus Lane. £1.2m of developer funding towards Thornhill Park & Ride is also now included and £1.5m has been transferred to these projects from the Transport 'future programme' allocation (approved by Council in February 2011). The total budget for Thornhill Park & Ride is now £4.5m, with an additional £1.0m for the London Road Bus Lane.
74. In the Environment & Economy programme the Bampton Community Facility co-location project is now complete and the main contract has come in under the estimated budget. Project contingencies are also not required. £0.188m total project savings have been returned to corporate contingencies (earmarked reserves).

RECOMMENDATIONS

75. **The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:**
 - (a) **note the report;**
 - (b) **approve the virement requests set out in Annex 2a and Supplementary Estimate requests to allocate the Performance Reward Grant set out in Annex 2e and paragraphs 40 to 43;**
 - (c) **approve the changes to the Capital Programme set out in Annex 9c.**

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