

COMMUNITY SERVICES CAPITAL MONITORING 2006-2007 – NOVEMBER

ADULT SOCIAL CARE			
SERVICE AREA	SCHEME	ANTICIPATED OUTPUT	PROGRESS
Adult Social Care (£264,293)	Occupational Therapy Adaptions/OT Related Home Repair Assistance Grants (J.Challis/A.Dean)	To assist clients financially to adapt their homes to enable them to continue to live independently within the community.	The total budget for this scheme is £264,293. There are commitments of £210,000 for HRA grants and O.T capital projects (70 cases). It is anticipated that this scheme will be fully expended in 2006/2007.
Adult Social Care (£905,996)	Disabled Facilities Grant (J.Challis/A.Dean)	The provision of grants that will enable people to adapt and alter their property to allow them to live independently.	The total budget for this scheme is £905,996 and is part-funded by way of a government contribution through housing subsidy. There are already commitments of £885,996 for grants that have been approved and committed (177 cases). In addition to this there are 29 grants awaiting approval, which have a total £178,847.35. This budget will be spent.
Adult Social Care (£16,661)	Linked Service Centres (L.Nicholas)	The provision of low surface temperature radiators within Robert Bean Lodge, Platters Farm and Nelson Court together with the installation of radiator covers at Shawswood.	The works have now been completed. The funding that was not needed (£6,023) has been vired to the scheme relating to the Older Persons Plan.
Adult Social Care (£13,084)	Crematorium and Cemetery Improvements (P.Edwards)	To enable essential repairs to be carried out within the crematorium and cemeteries.	The current years budget totals £13,084. The budget has been expended on the provision of enhanced lighting surrounding the chapels at the crematorium and some memorials. The lighting has improved visibility at night and contributes towards staff and public safety and security as well as enhancing the facilities for mourners in winter. The memorials will be available for future income generation. It is expected that any outstanding works will be completed by year-end.

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Adult Social Care (£112,995)	Mental Health (J.Hughes – PCT)	The provision of 2 Vocational Rehabilitation Advisors, 2 Community Bridge Builders, and the Provision of Basic IT Skills to people with serious mental illness.	The total projected cost of this scheme is in the region of £142,000 and therefore a bid for an additional £30,000 has been made to the Department of Health and the outcome of this is still awaited. The scheme for the provision of basic IT skills will be undertaken in partnership with the Winfield Trust.
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Libraries and Adult Education (£38,000)	Service Points at Gillingham, Rochester and Chatham Libraries (M.Thwaites)	The provision of service points at each of the main libraries in Medway.	Service points up and running at both Gillingham and Chatham. Rochester points were ordered at the end of October and will be installed as part of the fit out of the new Rochester library. The final point will be ordered before the end of the financial year.
Economic Development (£452,197)	Medway Enterprise Gateway (D.Candlin)	This project has the aim of nurturing local talent in the cultural & creative industries.	The partnership between business support services and University College for the Creative Arts – UCCA is steering the Enterprise Gateway project. The two full-time equivalent creative intermediaries were appointed in November and are contracted for 2006 and 2007. The Council funding of these posts draws down significant European funding. Workshop space at the Enterprise Gateway has been created and equipped.
Economic Development (£3,513)	Economic development - threats of job losses (D.Candlin)	The aim of the scheme is to help companies maintain a viable presence in Medway.	Balance to be used to support additional activities as a result of work carried out last year.

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Economic Development (£1,713,247)	Rochester Improvement Programme (K.Wadsworth) Supported by S. Gilberthorpe	This scheme will provide for a new library on the ground floor of Rochester Eastgate, which is targeted to open in February 2007. The first and second floors will be refurbished for the use by Adult Education. Following this, the old Rochester Library, within the Corn Exchange, will be converted for use by Registration Services.	This scheme has a remaining budget of £1,713,247. The works to the new Rochester Library at Eastgate are progressing and the new building will be open in February 2007. The upper floors for the use of Adult Education will be available for use from Spring 2007. The new facilities for the Registration Services will be completed during the next financial year and therefore some expenditure will slip into the next financial year.
Greenspaces (£257,775)	Gillingham Park (I.Fleming)	The aim of the scheme is to regenerate Gillingham Park, the only listed historic urban park in Medway.	Consultants (LDA) have been engaged to help with the HLF re-application process. Pre-application has been accepted and the project is considered to be eligible for funding under "parks for people". A full application with supporting information has been submitted. Council capital funds will count as matched funding. The evaluation will take 6 months. Stage 2 application to commence 1 March 2007. Allow 12 months for this process. If successful, Phase 2 will be implemented from 1 April 2008. No further expenditure is anticipated this financial year, other than to complete phase 1 boundary works, and pay LDA. However, council capital is required to count as matched funding and is therefore ring-fenced until the outcome of the HLF bidding process is known.

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Greenspaces (£76,573)	Hillyfields - creation of a neighbourhood park. (A.Piper)	<p>The aim of this scheme is to create a quality neighbourhood park in North Gillingham.</p> <p>The outcomes have been determined from knowledge as to what constitutes quality park land, community consultation and strategic requirements. There are 3 phases:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Install hard infrastructure 2. Install children and young people's facilities 3. Soft landscape and habitat enhancements. 	<p>Phase 1 is completed – funded from Liveability and ODPM.</p> <p>Phase 2 was carried out in 2006, and phase 3 will commence in 2007.</p> <p>Funding is £120,000 from Liveability, £145,000 from ODPM, and £400,000 S106 funding (available from October 2006).</p>
Greenspaces (£8,068)	Rede Common - establishment of a local nature reserve. (C.Valdus)	This is a three-year programme, the aim of which is to create a local nature reserve on Rede Common.	<p>The project is funded via Countryside Agency "Doorstep Greens" programme. The legal documentation was completed and work on site commenced. However, owing to community group loss of interest in the scheme, the Countryside Agency has now withdrawn funding from any further works to the site</p> <p>With the above in mind, the budget for this scheme has been reduced accordingly for the current financial year.</p> <p>All grant income now received, all works finished. Scheme needs closing down and progress made towards Local Nature Reserve designation with Natural England.</p>

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Greenspaces (£50,000)	Compass Close Amenity Works (I.Fleming)	The main recommendation of the consultation exercise is to create a local nature reserve on the site with appropriate habitat and planting.	Phase 1 - path network, 5-a-side area, and seating is now complete. Phase 2 - complete path network and soft landscaping will be completed when S106 monies become available. Additional external funding from landfill tax credit scheme is being sought.
Greenspaces (£25,149)	Greenspace initiatives (M.Hall)	The aim of these projects is to increase public use and awareness of Medway's greenspaces.	The schemes are numerous local / area wide projects including support for development of Great Lines City Park bid and the successful Medway Walking Festival. Updated Info: Funding used to plug Communication SLA gap saving to produce What's Happening Guide. Produced Master Plan report for Great Lines City Park.
Greenspaces (£42,869)	Strategic Landscaping - Cliffe Conservation and Community Partnership (M.Hall)	This scheme provides for the creation of 2km access for all paths, clearance of contaminated land, provision of barriers to reduce fly tipping and scrambling and provision of 3 view platforms.	Project entering its last phase and as such is no longer monitored by KCC/ ODPM. Steering group received a programme of project until end August 2006 to complete project spend - projects include launch of Poetry in the Orchard, installation of artist designed gates and seats plus the completion of the Chattenden Woods walking guide. UPDATED INFO: 1) Project completed and has received successful internal audit. 2) Awaiting final invoice submission / claim from RSPB. This will claim the majority of remaining monies leaving an estimated £1500 for spend on a Hoo Peninsula Green Tourism Guide – completion February 2007.

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Greenspaces (£232,340)	Ranscombe Country Park (M.Hall)	This scheme provides for the sale of land to Plantlife and the purchase of a vehicle for the site, warden salary costs and habitat improvements.	Adjustment at start of 2006/2007 financial year to leave the ring fenced capital receipt plus the balance of the rental income. Fee of £122,000 paid to Plantlife to deliver service agreement. It is anticipated that the remainder of the expenditure will slip into 2007/2008. LAST UPDATED INFO: 1) Project has received successful internal audit and is awaiting closure from KCC. 2) Management Plan signed off and implementation commenced. 3) Celebration of first year of activity well attended 4) Talks to commence with Union Rail re. agreed land purchase. Site set to receive additional £70,000 from Valley of Visions HLF bid.
Greenspaces (£3,000)	Berengrave Nature Reserve (C.Valdus)	The provision of flights of steps and boardwalks for viewing purposes.	All works now completed.
Greenspaces (£70,000)	Wildlife Habitat at Motney Fields (C.Valdus)	To create a suitable and appropriate habitat for the Great Crested Newt.	This S106 money will be used to undertake a feasibility study and management plan to create a suitable and appropriate habitat for the Great Crested Newts. Planning determination due in February 2007. Spend profile may change once implementation timetable is fully developed.

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Castles (£850,000)	English Heritage - Local Management Arrangement (S.Curtis)	This scheme provides for conservation at the Councils three scheduled ancient monuments, namely Rochester Castle, Upnor Castle and Temple Manor.	The cost of this three-year scheme is being shared between Medway Council and English Heritage. The overall spend has been profiled over three years and will provide anticipated spend of £50,000 at Temple Manor, £200,000 at Upnor Castle and the remainder at Rochester Castle. Further details as to the works to be carried out, will be incorporated into the next monitoring report.

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Change Team (£88,085)	Older Persons Plan (K.McKay)	The purpose of this project is to oversee the commissioning of specialist work essential to the delivery of the older persons plan.	Full Council at its meeting of 16 September 2004 approved a virement of £400,000 to this project in order to oversee the commissioning of specialist work essential to the delivery of the agreed older persons plan. Just over £318,000 was spent in 2004/2005 and 2005/2006, with the remaining circa £82,000 being re-profiled into 2006/2007 to support the completion of the project. In addition to this, there has been a budget transfer from the completed Linked Service Centres scheme of £6,023, which has increased the current years budget to £88,085. Invoices in respect of specialist legal and financial inputs to the project totalling £150,193 have recently been authorised and added to this the salaries relating to the Change Team officers of £97,678. This leaves the budget in an anticipated overspend as at 31 March 2007 of £159,786. In addition to this, it is anticipated that there will be further charges for specialist work to be invoiced prior to completion of the Outline Business Case, the salary costs of change team staff for 2007/2008 and £30,000 for a half share of a Project Manager, leaving an anticipated spend of £240,409 in that financial year. Further funding will be sought in order to complete this scheme.

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Housing (£801,551)	Renovation Grant/Home Repair Assistance (N.Coles)	This is an ongoing programme providing assistance to help residents repair and maintain their homes. Assistance includes renovation grants for major works.	This year works have been completed in 43 homes to enable the occupiers to remain in occupation. Grants have been approved for works to a further 26 homes, representing a commitment of £73,847. It is predicted that £250,000 of this year's budget will roll forward to 2007/8 to offset the anticipated reduction in capital funding from the Regional Housing Board.
Housing (£300,000)	Empty Homes (N.Coles)	This is an ongoing programme providing empty property grants to bring empty properties back into use. The budget of £300,000 will assist in the return to use of at least 20 empty properties	Work to return empty properties back into use continues to be a priority area, with the completion of 14 long-term empty properties ready to be returned to use following the approval of empty property grants this year. It is anticipated that several other schemes will be completed this year and the project is expected to exceed the performance required by BVPI 64.
Housing Revenue Account (£131,024)	Adaptations to Council Stock for people with Disabilities (J.Challis/A.Dean)	This relates to adaptations undertaken within the Council's Housing Stock in order to enable tenants to remain living independently within their own home.	The budget of £131,024 is fully committed for the current financial year. There are already 47 grants that have been either approved and paid or approved but not yet paid. No further cases can be process this financial year.

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Housing Revenue Account (£2,929,885)	Planned Maintenance (S.Sitch)	This is an ongoing programme of repairs and maintenance to ensure that the Council meets and consequently maintains its properties to at least the Governments Decent Homes Standard (DHS). The programme of works is developed through the stock condition survey. Specific Works Targets: Roofs 160 Boiler Replacement 79 Windows 36 Doors 200 Kitchens 100 Miscellaneous Structural Works 114 Electrical Rewiring 35 Marlborough House Bathrooms 22 Esmonde House Bathrooms 28 Marlborough House Lift 1	Members approved a budget of £2,929,885 at its meeting on 21 February 2006, but as this forms part of the overall Housing Revenue Account budget, it needs to be linked to the Housing Revenue Account business plan, the stock condition survey and the stock options appraisal. It is recognised that the authority has had to adjust its Housing Revenue Account programme in order to enable it to meet the decent Homes Standard target for all housing dwellings by 2010. It is anticipated that £230,431 (Major Repairs Allowance funded) will slip to 2007/2008. The projected slippage relates to general decent homes standard works that will be completed within that year as part of the 30-year timetable of works agreed as part of the Housing Revenue Account 30-year business plan. No funding will be lost with this slippage. Works completed to date: <table style="width: 100%; margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;">%</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Complete</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Roofs</td><td style="text-align: right;">61</td><td style="text-align: right;">38%</td></tr> <tr><td>Boiler Replacement</td><td style="text-align: right;">48</td><td style="text-align: right;">61%</td></tr> <tr><td>Windows</td><td style="text-align: right;">36</td><td style="text-align: right;">100%</td></tr> <tr><td>Doors</td><td style="text-align: right;">67</td><td style="text-align: right;">34%</td></tr> <tr><td>Kitchens</td><td style="text-align: right;">76</td><td style="text-align: right;">76%</td></tr> <tr><td>Miscellaneous Structural Works</td><td style="text-align: right;">114</td><td style="text-align: right;">100%</td></tr> <tr><td>Electrical Rewiring</td><td style="text-align: right;">28</td><td style="text-align: right;">80%</td></tr> <tr><td>Marlborough House Bathrooms</td><td style="text-align: right;">15</td><td style="text-align: right;">68%</td></tr> <tr><td>Esmonde House Bathrooms</td><td style="text-align: right;">3</td><td style="text-align: right;">11%</td></tr> <tr><td>Marlborough House Lift</td><td style="text-align: right;">1</td><td style="text-align: right;">100%</td></tr> </tbody> </table>		%	Complete	Roofs	61	38%	Boiler Replacement	48	61%	Windows	36	100%	Doors	67	34%	Kitchens	76	76%	Miscellaneous Structural Works	114	100%	Electrical Rewiring	28	80%	Marlborough House Bathrooms	15	68%	Esmonde House Bathrooms	3	11%	Marlborough House Lift	1	100%
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