

Contingency Items

Chief Executive

Ref	Brief Description	Net Cost	Full Year	Full Year
		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
		£(000)	£(000)	£(000)
CX new	Members SRA Allowances	44	44	44
	Possible increase in SRAs in line with inflation.			
CX new	Members Allowances - potential superannuation costs	50	50	50
	Possible costs of access to pension fund.			
CXIG3	Equality Officer	37	18	0
	Additional equality officer resources (mid PO) for a period of 18 months to support work on community outreach work and undertake a range of projects in relation to (a) priority equality impact assessments (b) improving equality performance information c) the gender duty (d) employment information/indicators. Work on the latter is vital in ensuring that our workforce is much more representative of the communities of York.			

Total	131	112	94
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Reserve Funding	0	0	0
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General Fund Impact	131	112	94
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City Strategy

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		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
		£(000)	£(000)	£(000)
CSPG1	Highways PFI	750	710	450
	An Expression of Interest was submitted in 2006/7 for pathfinder status for highway maintenance PFI Project. It is currently expected that an announcement will be made by the DfT early in the new year on the success of the submission. If the submission is successful and the Council decides to proceed to outline and final business case stages a project team will need to be assembled of in-house team and external advisors. The funding would be for the in house staff and external legal, financial and technical advisors. It would also be for the review of the highway asset to identify its extent and condition. There would be some incidental costs of printing and publishing.			

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CSIG1	Parking - downturn in PCN income	180	180	180
	Due to a combination of a national increase in the level of compliance for parking contraventions, a reduction in the number of Parking Attendants, the reduction in the council's off-street parking stock and greater emphasis being given to the enforcement of on-street offences, there is a predicted shortfall of £180k in the amount of generated revenue from the payment of penalty charge notices. Over recent years the level of penalty charge notices has fallen from over 28,000 in 2005/06 to a level of 23,000 in 2006/07 and a predicted level of 22,000 in this financial year. The expected income levels have not been altered to reflect this trend of a reduction in penalty charge notices.			
CSPG6	Development of Access York	164	0	0
One-off	Major scheme bid Within LTP2 a projected was described for the a major scheme bid that would support public transport in the city for the future. Since the adoption of the LTP2 the Future York report has been published and major new developments planned for the city. The scheme will seek to provide major transport solutions towards 2029 based upon bus, rail, cycling and walking in tandem with the LTP programmes. The proposal is to prepare an outline business case suitable for submission to the regional transport board and to DfT, alternatively it may be possible to make a bid for productivity transport innovation funding.			
CSIG9	Dealing with flooding emergencies	60	60	60
	The Council responds to flood emergencies which occur from rivers and more recently surface flooding from heavy rainfall. The current budgets £20k. Last year the actual expenditure was c £50k. The summer surface flooding event cost in the order of £27k which would have been in addition to last years river flooding costs. The proposal is to increase the revenue budget to meet the expected increase in river and rainfall flooding active in future years. The proposed budget provides a realistic assessment of the actual cost of dealing with the effects of flooding from both river and heavy rain. Evidence from studies on climate change is showing that we can expect more flash floods in the summer periods and greater volumes of rainfall in the winters. These proposals align the budgets to be better prepared to deal with the events when they happen. The funding provides for deployment of Neighbourhood Services workforce and the provision of sandbagging and pumping equipment.			

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CSIG11	Continuance of current Dial & Ride service	46	46	46
	The Dial a Ride bus travel service is provided by York Wheels under agreement with the Council. The service provides a call up arrangement for those who have difficulty in using public transport to access services such as hospital and shops. The service is operated by York Wheels and funded by the Council. In recent years the cost of running the service has risen significantly with garaging, servicing of vehicles, fuel, insurance and management. The service was recently reviewed by Kendric Ash as part of the Collaborative Transport Project and it is intended that it will be integrated into that service in autumn 2008. The investment would be to meet the day to day costs of running the service by York Wheels. The major costs are for garaging, fuel and staff.			
CSIG10	Warping - increased pressure on budget	15	15	15
	An effect of climate change is wetter winters that result in more river flooding events. Following these events the river side footways and esplanade are covered in silt that needs to be removed. On average in the past we have had to clear the footways 4 times a year, in the last two years this has increased to 7 times a year. It is necessary to clean of the mud and silt from the riverside footways after each flood and the current revenue budget is inadequate to fund the level of work required. Warping has to be carried out irrespective of the budget available. The current budget is £35k but based on the recent experience of the number of flooding events, this needs to be increased to £50k. The funding pays for NS to wash down and clean the silt and mud from the riverside footways, mainly in the city centre area. These areas are well used by visitors.			
CSIG6	Reduction in Markets income	20	20	20
	Newgate market in common with outdoor markets nationally is in structural decline and is unable to meet its target income. The decline has been apparent over a number of years. Last financial year the deficit was some £34k and it is estimated that there will be a slightly higher deficit in the current year.			
CS new	Concessionary Travel - above expected use of passes	200	200	200

Total	1,435	1,231	971
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Reserve Funding	164	0	0
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General Fund Impact	1,271	1,231	971
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<u>Housing and Adult Social Services</u>		Net Cost	Full Year	Full Year
		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
		£(000)	£(000)	£(000)
Ref	Brief Description			
HSIG7	A & I loss of income from health	43	43	43
	Hospital Trust fund the provision of an Advice and Information at the hospital. Having established a PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) and given their budget reductions they are considering withdrawing the funding of £43k. The funding allows us to have an access point for housing and social services advice and information at the hospital. However the funding does not cover the full cost of the service we provide at the hospital. However, the funding does allow us to be flexible in covering 10/12 George Hudson ST and the telephone line. We are reviewing jointly with them the nature of an ongoing presence at the hospital but the loss of this funding would mean we could not continue to provide an access point at the hospital.			
HS new	Inter-authority charging	50	50	50
	Ref to HSMS2. In case full amount cannot be delivered.			

Total	93	93	93
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Reserve Funding	0	0	0
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General Fund Impact	93	93	93
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<u>Learning, Culture & Children's Services</u>		Net Cost	Full Year	Full Year
		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
		£(000)	£(000)	£(000)
Ref	Brief Description			
LCDG1	Children's Social Care (Fostering & Legal Fees)	70	70	70
	Demographic pressure on fostering and legal costs within Children's Social Services. The number of children in foster care has risen over the last couple of years (total numbers of looked after children have risen from 140 at the start of 2006/07 to around 160 in 2007/08. This has led to more children being placed through expensive Independent Fostering Agencies as there are not enough places available with York foster carers. In addition there is pressure on legal fees due to an increase in the number of complex (and expensive) court cases involving York children, together with a general increase in the cost of cases due to a national trend for courts to call in more expert witnesses.			
LCDG11	Children's Social Care (Legal Fees)	80	80	80
	Contingency element of LCDG10.			

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LCDG8	Music Service Income Shortfall - The mix of pupils taking up music lessons has shifted with an increasing number qualifying for concessionary rates. The result of this is an ongoing reduction in the amount of income generated and despite some reduction in expenditure there is predicted to be a recurring net pressure within the service.	40	40	40
LCDG4	Library Service Income Shortfalls - The library service currently has a significant ongoing income shortfall against budget. At present the library budget has been balanced partly by reducing expenditure on the book fund, however this is not a long term solution.	44	44	44
New	Increased Charges from Justices Department	72	72	72
	The government are currently undertaking consultation on increased court fees for child protection cases. The final cost of the increase will depend on the outcome of the consultation, but is expected to be around the value of the increase in indirect government grant to cover these increased costs.			

Total	306	306	306
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General Fund Impact	306	306	306
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Neighbourhood Services

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		2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
		£(000)	£(000)	£(000)
NSNG1b	Landfill Tax	100	100	100
	Landfill Tax will increase by £8 per tonne from 1 April 2008 to 2011.			
New	Ward Committees	50	50	50
	Anticipated cost of double taxation appeals			

Total	150	150	150
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General Fund Impact	150	150	150
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