The Corporate Plan and Budget Report

2006/07

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Summary of revenue budget 2006/07

A summary of the Budget is shown in table 1 which is the total of all net revenue expenditure for the services the Council provides. Column 1 of this table summarises that part of revenue expenditure which is financed by general grant and income from council tax.

Table 1

Budget 2006 / 07 Summary

Notes		Budget 2006/07 £'000	Forecast Outturn 2005/06 £'000
1	Service Net Expenditure	13,647	12,372
	Procurement Savings	(100)	0
	LABGI	(90)	0
	Additional Planning Delivery Grant	(50)	0
	Better Mid Sussex Benefit	(300)	(200)
	Use of Special Reserve	0	(169)
	Revenue Savings to be Identified	0	(26)
2	Revenue Spending	13,107	11,977
	Pay back to reserve (Dolphin)	200	526
	Contribution to Repairs & Renewals Reserve	280	280
3	Budget Requirement before use of interest	13,587	12,783
	Use of interest to meet contribution to Repairs & Renewals Reserve	(280)	(280)
4	Budget Requirement after use of interest	13,307	12,503
5	Capital Charges	4554	4522
6	Specific Items	699	725

Notes:

- 1. The total of net expenditure which is the responsibility of the individual Heads of Service.
- 2. Revenue Spending is the amount which totals to the Budget Requirement at 1d.
- 3. Total of net expenditure to be financed mainly from external support, interest and income from council tax.
- 4. The Budget Requirement consequent on a 4.8% increase in council tax.
- 5. Capital charges represent the use of capital assets and, by including in the cost of running services, aim to show their true cost. However, because they are a notional cost and are not cash expenditure, they are not included within the Budget Requirement.
- 6. Specific Items are one-off items of revenue expenditure financed from reserves and hence not included within the Budget Requirement.

Service Budgets

1. Budgets for 2006/07 for each Division are shown on the next pages. There is a section for each Division containing an introduction by the Head of Service, their summary service plan for 2006/07 and a budget summary including analyses by type of spending. The summary shows data for 2004/05 outturn, forecast outturn 2005/06 and budget 2006/07. Also included are figures to show the amount and percentage change between 2005/06 and 2006/07. (Note that the signs for % increases and decreases are the same for both expenditure and income i.e. increases in expenditure and income are both shown as "+".)

2. Definitions

Employee costs

Gross pay
Employer's NI and superannuation contributions
Training expenses
Employee related insurances
Recruitment costs
Medical/ general costs

Premises related expenditure

Repairs and maintenance
Energy costs
Rental of premises
Non Domestic Rates
Water/sewerage
Fixture and fittings
Cleaning and domestic supplies
Premises insurance

Transport related expenditure

Vehicle maintenance/running expenses Vehicle leasing expenses Car allowances Vehicle insurance Other travel costs

Supplies and services

Furniture and equipment
Materials
Catering costs
Uniform and laundry expenses
Printing and stationery
Marketing/publicity
Legal and financial expenses
Consultant fees
Licences
Postage, telephones and communications

Computer costs
Expenses
Grants and subscriptions
Miscellaneous expenses

Third party payments

Private contractor payments.

Transfer Payments

Homelessness Funeral costs Discretionary non-domestic rate relief Housing benefits

Support Services

Service support recharges are directorate costs recharged to services within that directorate.

Central support recharges - Chief Executive support

- Finance support

- Legal and Admin support

- Personnel support

- Corporate Services support

Office accommodation recharges

Computer recharges

Income

Fees and charges

Rents

Specific government grants

Other grants/reimbursements and contributions

Recharges to other directorates and services.

Appendix 2b

Actual 2004/05		Budget 2006/07	Forecast Outturn 2005/06	Change 2005/	
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	%
713	Community Services	1,294	843	451	53
926	Corporate Improvement	1,282	1,149	133	12
1,155	Environment	1,469	1,262	207	16
296	Financial Services - Finance	378	410	(32)	(8)
(179)	Financial Services - Corporate Systems	(251)	(290)	39	(13)
1,500	Financial Services - Revenues & Benefits	1,219	1,486	(267)	(18)
636	Housing Services	834	741	93	13
39	Legal & Property Services	(1,035)	(1,023)	(12)	1
423	Leisure & Well Being	2,500	2,105	395	19
419	Organisational Development	54	26	28	108
3,661	Outdoor Business	4,048	3,786	262	7
567	Planning Policy	609	485	124	26
1,012	Strategic Core	1,850	1,632	218	13
(247)	Benefits	(257)	(250)	(7)	3
29	29 Schemes jointly funded with WSCC		0	0	0
10	10 Drainage Levies		10	1	10
0	Balance Unallocated	102	0	102	(100)
0	Efficiency Savings to be Allocated	(460)	0	(460)	(100)
10,960	Net Expenditure	13,647	12,372	1,275	
0	Procurement Savings	(100)	0	(100)	(100)
0	LABGI	(90)	0	(90)	(100)
0	Additional Planning Delivery Grant	(50)	0	(90)	(100)
0	Better Mid Sussex Benefit	(300)	(200)	(100)	50
0	Use of Special Reserve	0	(169)	169	(100)
0	Revenue Savings yet to be Identified	0	(26)	26	(100)
10,960	Revenue Spending	13,107	11,977	1,090	
350	Payback to reserves (Dolphin Centre)	200	526	(326)	(62)
100	Contribution to Repairs & Renewals Reserve	280	280	0	0
11,410	Budget requirement before use of interest	13,587	12,783	764	
0	Use of interest to meet contribution to Repairs & Renewals Reserve	(280)	(280)	0	0
		(280)			U
11,410	Budget Requirement after use of interest	13,307	12,503	764	

Revenue Budget 2006/07 Summary

Details of Specific Items per Service Area	Budget 2006/07 £'000	Forecast Outturn 2005/06 £'000
Community Services	0	4
Environment	0	45
Financial Services - Finance	573	573
Housing Services	0	20
Legal & Property	10	10
Leisure & Well Being	70	8
Organisational Development	4	15
Outdoor Business	0	6
Planning Policy	42	44
	699	725

Details of Capital Charges per Service Area	Budget 2006/07 £'000	Forecast Outturn 2005/06 £'000
Financial Services - Corporate Systems	251	286
Environment	3	0
Legal & Property	768	737
Leisure & Well Being	2318	2350
Outdoor Business	1214	1149
	4554	4522

	Summary Revenue Budget		Forecast		
Actual		Budget	Outturn	Change F	rom
2004/05		2006/07	2005/06	2005/0	
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	%
2000	Expenditure:	2000	2000	2000	, ,
	Employees	15,078	13,936	1,142	8
	Premises Related Expenditure	4,827	4,270	557	13
	Transport Related Expenditure	441	443	(2)	0
	Supplies and Services	4,753	4,994	(241)	-5
	Third Party Payments	3,754	3,442	312	9
	Transfer Payments	237	217	20	9
	Support Services	5,863	5,786	77	1
	Gross Expenditure	34,953	33,088	1,865	6
	Income:				
	Fees & Charges	(10,906)	(10,551)	(355)	3
	Rents	(1,367)	(1,390)	23	-2
	Grant Income	(1,862)	(2,070)	208	-10
	Recharges	(6,567)	(6,465)	(102)	2
	Gross Income	(20,702)	(20,476)	(226)	1
11,168	Revenue Budget Net Expenditure	14,251	12,612	1,639	

^{*}Excludes Benefits, Drainage Levies, and schemes jointly funded with West Sussex

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Services covered

- Community Planning:
- Community Development;
- Community Safety;
- Health and Sustainability;
- Concessionary Fares.

Head of Service

Karen Picksley

Service Planning Issues for 2006/07

Over the coming year, community services will work to improve access for the community including support for the Mid Sussex Transport project and involvement in the Mid Sussex Primary Care Trust "Best care, best place" transport group.

Changes will be introduced to the concessionary fares service to enable a smooth transition to free bus travel from April 2006. This will include establishing a database of photographic records to enable the transition to single part passes in the longer term and the re-configuration of the discretionary concessions to support those residents unable to use public transport.

The service will continue to support and develop partnership working. Central to this will be a performance review of strategic partnerships to be undertaken in the coming year. Further work will also be undertaken to improve the way the community strategy is monitored, and progress reported on to the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), Area Community Forums and the wider community. An Area Community Forums Newsletter will continue to be produced and work will be undertaken to re-vitalise membership of the Forums. The profile of the LSP will be raised in the wider community making use of lessons learnt from the ODPM Learning Sets. Officers will continue to develop the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership within the developing Local Area Agreement Framework.

The work on safe and healthy communities will be progressed through delivery, in partnership, of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act. This will involve working with the Council's Development Partner to take opportunities to design out crime as the town centres are regenerated. A communications strategy for the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership will be introduced.

Partnership working will be developed further to promote healthy lifestyles including; Total Lifestyles Clubs, a Telemedicine pilot and implementing the Fuel Poverty Strategy. The service will work with vulnerable groups such as older people and those in rural isolation and re-vitalise the Eco-Schools Programme. It is intended to develop strong communications systems with target audiences to enhance collaborative working including development of the Community Services website.

The Development Budget for 2006/07 will support the work outlined above and, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with portfolio for Community Services together with the Chief Executive, may be used in some or all of the following ways:-

- to further support the Mid Sussex Transport Group to establish a pilot flexible demand responsive transport service in the district;
- in collaboration with the LSP and its spend plans for the PSA1 Reward Grant develop complementary projects with the Area Fora to meet more detailed local need;
- develop and adapt initiatives such as the Total Lifestyles Clubs and Get Cooking Clubs to target particular vulnerable groups such as older people in rural isolation and first time mothers;
- develop initiatives to reduce the fear of crime, improve the local environment and support the Reputation agenda
- support older people and younger people through, for example, expanding the number of older person's events delivered and support for SNAP (Say No and Phone) events for younger people.

Budget for 2006/07

Budget pressures

Total budget pressures £335,000.

Free concessionary bus travel from April 2006 will produce budget pressures of £312,000 in payments to bus operators and £17,000 in bus operator management fees. An additional £6,000 budget pressure is created by the need to increase the taxi voucher allocation in line with other concessions. It is expected that the total £335,000 pressure will be funded from additional settlement/grant.

Budget savings

None.

Increase in Income from new Discretionary Charging

None.

Community Services Variation	Table				
Analysis of changes in budget between 2005/06 projected outturn, and 2006/07 budget					
Description	Variation £'000				
Budget Changes - Increasing					
Net Inflation	22				
Effect of salary increments	2				
Additional pension contribution, re-evaluation	4				
Concessionary Fares change in legislation	335				
Recharges Effect of salary changes	48 28				
Community Services various	9 *				
Community Services development fund	10 *				
Grants to Organisations printing	1 *				
Concessionary Fares - bus operators	14 *				
Total	473				
Budget Changes - Decreasing					
Concessionary Fares	(20)				
Concessionary Fares - printing	(2) *				
Total	(22)				
Total Variation for Community Services	451				

^{*} Result of 2005/06 Revenue Budget Management approved variations in current year only.

Community Services Budget 2006/07	Grants to Organisations £'000	Concessionary Fares £'000	Community Services £'000	TOTAL £'000
Employees	40	25	214	279
Premises Related Expenditure	0	0	29	29
Transport Related Expenditure	0	0	11	11
Supplies and Services	233	28	88	349
Third Party Payments	0	531	0	531
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0
Support Services	21	31	97	149
Gross Expenditure	294	615	439	1,348
Fees & Charges	0	(41)	0	(41)
Rents	0	0	0	0
Grant Income	0	0	(13)	(13)
Recharges	0	0	0	0
Gross Income	0	(41)	(13)	(54)
Net Expenditure	294	574	426	1,294
Forecast Outturn 2005/06	272	219	352	843
Change in 2006/07 Budget	22	355	74	451
% Change 2006/07 Budget	8.1	162.1	21.0	53.5
2006/07				
Capital Charges	0	0	0	0
Specific Items	0	0	0	0

	Community Services		Forecast		
Actual		Budget	Outturn	Change F	
2004/05		2006/07	2005/06	2005/0	
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	%
	Expenditure:				
	Employees	279	230	49	21
	Premises Related Expenditure	29	25	4	16
	Transport Related Expenditure	11	11	0	0
	Supplies and Services	349	315	34	11
	Third Party Payments	531	212	319	150
	Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0
	Support Services	149	102	47	46
	Gross Expenditure	1,348	895	453	51
	Income:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	Fees & Charges	(41)	(40)	(1)	3
	Rents	0	0	0	0
	Grant Income	(13)	(12)	(1)	0
	Recharges	0	0	0	0
	Gross Income	(54)	(52)	(2)	4
713	Community Services Net Expenditure	1,294	843	451	
0	Capital charges	0	0	0	
(32)	Specific items	0	4	(4)	
681	Net cost of Community Services	1,294	847	447	

DRAFT SERVICE PLAN 2006/07: Community Services

THE SERVICE

Community Planning, Community Development, Community Safety, Health and Sustainability, Concessionary Fares

Budget	Gross Exp	Gross Income	Net Exp	Staffing
(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	
1,294	1,348	(54)	1,294	8 fte

CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS (2005/6)

STANDARDS

New bus passes will be issued within 10 working days of receipt of application Bus pass renewals will be issued prior to expiry of the old pass PERFORMANCE

Home Energy Conservation Act return 2005 completed

15.60%

VOLUME

Support quarterly meetings of the LSP and the three Area Community Forums Support to quarterly CDRP meetings

Regular attendance of 12 voluntary sector Boards

£34,864 Small Grants dispersed to 25 plus organisations

£188,941 Partnership Grants dispersed with 4 Service and Funding Agreements completed

CORPORATE PRIORITIES			
Better Lives Healthy Lifestyles, Opportunities and Quality of Life for	All, Strong		
Safe Communities			
Better Services Efficient and Effective Services, Strong Community Lea			
KEY TASKS	Target		
Chart Tarra priority areas (2000/7):	Date		
Short Term priority areas (2006/7):	Mar-07		
Co-ordinate delivery of the Community Safety Strategy andreport quarterly to GOSE			
Support the implementation of the Community Project in East Grinstead	Mar-07		
Work with relevant service areas and partners to deliver the Clean Environment and Neighbourhoods agenda	Mar-07		
Work in partnership with the PCT to carry out a Healthy Lifestyles Survey	Jul-06		
Make ward profiles available on-line and provide one training session for relevant staff	July 06		
Deliver 5 Eco-Roadshows to the community of Mid Sussex	Mar-07		
Implement the Corporate Grants scheme and support the voluntary sector to deliver against priorities identified in the Corporate Plan	Mar 07		
Work in partnership to deliver three healthy lifestyles projects	Mar-07		
Implement Action Plan in response to Coping with Pressure staff survey.	Mar-07		
Develop a Joint Action Group to target environmental crime and anti-social behaviour in Mid Sussex	Mar-07		
Deliver training to relevant staff on section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act	Mar 07		
Implement the new Concessionary Fares scheme	Mar-07		
Work with the LSP to support the Mid Sussex Transport Group	Mar-07		
 Work with the Mid Sussex PCT to promote transport opportunities relating to Best care, best place, produce an information leaflet and investigate additional transport provision 	Mar-07		
Produce 6 Community Services bulletins	Mar-07		
Develop the Community Services Webpages	Mar-07		
Produce quarterly Area Community Forum newsletters	Mar 07		
Complete and publish a Green/sustainability Audit of Council activities	Mar 07		
Monitor the Community Strategy and report quarterly to the LSP and annually to the Area Community Forums	Mar-07		
Support the LSP to deliver projects supporting the Community Strategy Support the PSAA Bayes of County Support the PSAA Bayes of Co	Mar-07		

utilising the PSA1 Reward Grant

Work with the Healthy Mid Sussex Group to review achievements and formalise reporting as a delivery group of the LSP	Sep-06
Work with Action in Rural Sussex to support development of Parish Plans and continue to support the Town Healthchecks	Mar-07
Contribute to the delivery of procurement savings.	Mar-07
Lead a performance review of partnerships	Oct-06
Contribute to a service review of community health	Jan-07

PERFORM	MANCE INDICATORS			
National	Performance Indicator	05/06	Proj	06/07
		target	outturn	target
BV1a	Community Strategy	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bv1b	Review of Strategy	Yes	No	Yes
BV1c	Report on Progress	Yes	Yes	Yes
BV126	Domestic Burglaries	5.6	5.4	9
BV127a	Violent Crime per 1,000 pop	11.2	13.3	10.75
BV128	Vehicle Crime per 1,000 pop	7.58	6.6	7.28
BV174	Racial Incidents Recorded	-	None	-
BV175	Racial Incidents/further action	100%		100%
BV225	Actions Against DV	-	90%	100%
BV226a	Advice &Guidance Services	-	£100k	£103k
BV226b	Advice &Guidance Services- CLS Quality Mark	-	100%	100%
MSPI 39	Number in receipt of bus pass	8,500	8,450	10,000
MSPI 40	Number in receipt other concession	2,600	2,400	2,600
MSPI 09	% of Healthy Mid Sussex strategy targets	100%	66%	PI
	met			discon-
				tinued
MSPI 13	Number of non-accidental fires	210	99	PI
				discon-
				tinued

Medium and Long Term priority areas(2007/09):	Target Date
Work with the development partner to ensure opportunities for community safety, sustainable development and community use are identified as part of the regeneration of the town centres	March 09

CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT

Services covered

- Corporate Plan, performance management and community engagement.
- Democratic Services- support for the political structure, scrutiny, complaints, elections and electoral registration.
- Freedom of Information and management of the E-Government programme.

Head of Service

Richard Hodson

Service Planning Issues for 2006/07

The Corporate Improvement Team Service Planning Workshop took place on 11November. Major tasks for the service this year are to deliver on the efficiency agenda and further improve the Council's performance management arrangements. This will also involve the establishment of a programme of service and performance reviews, and the delivery of the review programme to produce action plans for improvement. Specific tasks are to develop project and risk management. Whatever the requirements of the new Comprehensive Performance Assessment framework, the service will be managing the interface between inspectors and the Council to get the best result. The section will also be leading on developments against the IDeA Reputations initiative and undertaking the BVPI general satisfaction survey.

Major areas for partnership working will be in implementing the Local Area Agreement to ensure maximum benefit for Mid Sussex and in health by supporting the work of the Health Panel.

The main tasks for Democratic Services are to devise and deliver a Member Development Programme, introduce an improved Member Information Service, undertake a Member Allowances review and improve support for scrutiny. The service will also be preparing for the elections in May 2007, both the election itself and the Member Induction programme.

The main tasks for Corporate Information are to launch a new website design and navigation format to improve citizen, elected member and staff interaction with greater user satisfaction. Ongoing information management will be met through the implementation of EDRMS, which will initially apply to planning, benefits and council tax. Developing the E-Government agenda will be a key activity for the section and put the council in a good position for the CPA process. Lastly the Freedom of Information/Environmental Information Regulations policy and procedures will be developed to ensure that the council meets its statutory regulations.

Budget for 2006/07

Budget pressures

Total budget pressures £24.000.

£19,000 is needed to pay for the BVPI survey, which is a statutory requirement and involves a general survey of residents and satisfaction surveys for planning and benefits applicants. The other budget pressure is £5,000 for Top Level e-forms software to support development of the website.

Budget savings

Total budget savings £20,000.

This comes from reductions in Member Allowances made up of £10,000 for basic allowances and a further £10,000 for Special Responsible Allowances.

Increase in Income from new Discretionary Charging

£5,000 from the introduction of charging in electoral registration for letters confirming that residents are on the Electoral Roll.

Corporate Improvement Variation Ta	ble
nalysis of changes in budget between 2005/06 projected ou	tturn, and 2006/07 budget
Description	Variation £'000
Sudget Changes - Increasing	
Net Inflation	29
Effect of salary increments	6
Additional pension contribution, re-evaluation	7
Salary changes	79
Recharges	39
BVPI satisfaction surveys	19
E forms software	5
Contribution to partnership cost	10
Member Services various	13 *
Total	207
Budget Changes - Decreasing	
Fees for electoral enquiries	(5)
Members - SRA allowance	(10)
Business Planning various	(21) *
Finance consultants	(8) *
Office Moves	(11) *
Equipment	(13) *
Elections Various	(6) *
Total	(74)
otal Variation for Corporate Improvement	133

^{*} Result of 2005/06 Revenue Budget Management approved variations in current year only.

Corporate Improvement Budget 2006/07	Corporate Improvement £'000	Members Services £'000	Elections £'000	TOTAL £'000
Employees	514	7	0	521
Premises Related Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Transport Related Expenditure	5	17	0	22
Supplies and Services Third Party Payments	73 0	457 0	57 0	587 0
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	
Support Services	135	129	78	342
Gross Expenditure	727	610	135	1,472
Fees & Charges	0	(2)	(5)	(7)
Rents	0	Ó	Ó	Ô
Grant Income	0	0	0	0
Recharges	(183)	0	0	(183)
Gross Income	(183)	(2)	(5)	(190)
Net Expenditure	544	608	130	1,282
Forecast Outturn 2005/06	437	572	140	1,149
Change in 2006/07 Budget	107	36	(10)	133
% Change 2006/07 Budget	24.5	6.3	(7.1)	11.6
2006/07				
Capital Charges	0	0	0	0
Specific Items	0	0	0	0

Actual 2004/05 £'000	Corporate Improvement Expenditure:	Budget 2006/07 £'000	Forecast Outturn 2005/06 £'000	Change F 2005/0 £'000	
	Employees Premises Related Expenditure Transport Related Expenditure Supplies and Services Third Party Payments Transfer Payments Support Services Gross Expenditure Income: Fees & Charges Rents Grant Income Recharges	521 0 22 587 0 0 342 1,472 (7) 0 0 (183)	415 0 19 598 0 0 310 1,342 (2) 0 0 (191)	106 0 3 (11) 0 0 32 130 (5) 0 0 8	26 0 16 -2 0 0 10 10
	Gross Income	(190)	(193)	3	-2
926	Corporate Improvement Net Expenditure	1,282	1,149	133	
0	Capital charges	0	0	0	
(19)	Specific items	0	0	0	
907	Net cost of Corporate Improvement	1,282	1,149	133	

DRAFT SERVICE PLAN 2006/07 : CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT

THE SERVICE

The purpose of the Corporate Improvement Division is to enable the Council to operate efficiently and at a high level of performance. This involves working across all divisions of the Council, as well as with Councillors, partner organisations and the public.

Budget	Gross Exp	Gross Income	Net Exp	Staffing
(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	
1,282	1,472	(190)	1,282	13.21 fte

CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS (2005/6)

Refreshed Corporate Plan issued

Facilitated workshops for the production of service plans

New Covalent performance management system implemented

Constructive liaison with the Audit Commission on inspection etc

Performance reviews completed for waste and customer service

Full programme of community engagement completed.

Support for the Health agenda

Facilitated a workshop on Strategic Risk and managed the Council's approach to risk

General and County Council elections successfully completed

2006 electoral register produced

Comprehensive Members Information Service produced

Council Cabinet and Committees effectively serviced

The Freedom of Information Act implemented across MSDC

Provided a support for the launch of the 'Daily News' page

Designed and implemented Community Contacts, FOI and Refuse Collection

databases

Completed and submitted the IEG 4.5 and IEG 5 statement

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Ref	Description	05/06	05/06 proj	06/07
	•	Target	outturn	Target

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The Division supports delivery of all aspects of the corporate plan. It has a particular impact on the following key areas:

Opportunities and Quality of Life for All, Strong Community Leadership, Efficient and Effective Services and Opportunities and Quality of Life for All

KEY TASKS	Target Date
Short Term (2006/7):	
To continue to develop performance management at the Council.	March 07
To provide quarterly monitoring of the Council's performance through the	March 07
monitoring of PIs.	
To ensure that the Council delivers a planned programme of efficiency	N4
reviews	March 07
To undertake an organisation-wide administration review	Oct 06
To monitor and respond to the agenda for change in the public sector.	July 06
To continue to respond to the healthcare issues affecting Mid Sussex	March 07
To improve and expand Member Information Service	May 06
To prepare for the 2007 local elections	April 07
To monitor the delivery of the pilot Local Area Agreement	March 07
To support the inspection of housing services	May 06
To co-ordinate the Council's approach to managing strategic risk	April 06
To undertake the BVPI survey for customer satisfaction	June 06
To implement an agreed Member development programme.	May 06
To continue to improve the effectiveness of the Better Advisory Groups and Performance and Scrutiny Committee	May 06
To create a new look website with improved navigation, better functionality and increased content	July 06
To maintain compliance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information	March 07
Act	
To lead on the implementation of the E Government Programme	March 07
To project manage the implementation of EDRMS	March 07
Contribute to the delivery of procurement savings.	March 07

BVPI 2a	Equality Standard for Local Government	2	2	2	Implement Action Plan in response to Coping with Pressure staff survey	March 07
BVPI2b	Duty to promote race checklist	44%	44%	44%	To project manage the implementation of customer service improvements	March 07
BVPI 3	Overall Satisfaction with the authority	N/A	N/A	72%		
BVPI 4	Satisfaction with complaint handling	N/A	N/A	55%	Medium and Long Term (2007/09):	Sept 07
BVPI8	Invoices paid on time	99%	90.5%	99%	To realign Corporate Plan to new political priorities	May 07
MSPI36	% of letters replied to in target time	100%	90.1%	95%	To prepare for and undergo reassessment under new CPA arrangements	May 08
MSPI 37	% of phone calls answered in target	90%	85%	92%	To implement LAA and ensure maximum benefit for Mid Sussex	May 07
	time				To undertake a Member Induction Programme	Sept 07
MSPI 50	Proportion of BVPIs in upper quartile	90%	51%	50%	To introduce telephone registration (elections)	March 09
	% of agendas on website 5 days before				To develop websites to meet the changing needs of citizens and government	
MSPI67	a meeting	95%	72%	80%	requirements	March 09
MSPI 94	Requests for information complied				To complete roll-out of EDRMS across the Council	March 09
	within legislation requirements	100%	98%	100%	To devolve skills and knowledge to all Services with regard to responding to	
					FOI/EIR requests	

ENVIRONMENT

Services covered

- Development Control and Planning Implementation;
- Building Control;
- · Land Charges;
- Environmental Protection;
- Safety and Licensing;
- · Housing Standards.

Head of Service

Tim Barkley

Service Planning Issues for 2006/07

The Environment Service Planning Workshop was held on 28 November. A major issue identified for the environment division is the introduction of EDRMS (Electronic Document Record Management Systems) into part of the Division and the computerisation of Local Land Charges records. This will enable business processes to be more efficient in the long term and result in changes to the way that Planning, Building Control and Local Land Charges services are delivered. The changes will improve the information available to the general public and improve customer service. Related to this is the proposed reorganisation of administrative services, which will assist in ensuring consistent standards in recording the time taken to deal with planning applications. The changes should enable planning officers to devote more time to professional work. The reorganisation of the Development Control section and administrative support team, and the implementation of the EDRMS will require careful and close management to ensure that there is no adverse impact on service delivery. The performance of this section is critical to maximise the level of Planning Delivery Grant awarded to the Council.

There are a number of new areas of legislation being introduced that will need Environmental Health Officers to consider how the District Council implements the new duties imposed on the Council. These include; the Clean Neighbourhood Act; Food Hygiene Regulations; and the Housing Act. Where practical, partnership working will be considered.

In order to achieve best practice the planning implementation team are moving towards having a project team approach to deliver major schemes, which will involve working closely with the Housing and Legal Divisions.

The housing market remains difficult to predict, as are the workloads in areas linked to it. Local Land Charges and Building Control both operate in a competitive market and users of the service are price sensitive. A review of mobile working technology for Building Control Officers has been conducted.

This division is also affected by the implementation of the action plan arising from the Customer Services Review and the new reception area, with changes to the reception areas in both the environment and leisure buildings.

Budget for 2006/07

Budget pressures

Total budget pressures £64,000.

£62,000 to fund additional staff in the Planning Implementation Team, currently being met from Planning Delivery Grant, £2,000 reduction in copy plan permission as more information is now available on the website.

Budget savings

Total budget savings £241,000

Budget savings of £99,000 have been identified through an expected increase in planning fees. Other increases in income are licence fees of £6,000, Land charges commercial searches £4,000, Housing Standards licence fees £3,000, Gaming permits £2,000, and immigration inspections £1,000. £20,000 savings will be achieved by the reduced use of Building Control consultants, £2,000 saving from the training budget and a further £4,000 savings from the Environmental Health consultants' budget. Potential efficiency savings of £100,000 have been identified from a review of the Environment Division.

Increase in Income from new Discretionary Charging

A potential increase in income of £27,000 has been identified from the following discretionary charges: -

Charging for pre – application service, to include trees and design advice - £27,000.

Environment Variation Table Analysis of changes in budget between 2005/06 projected outturn, and 2006/07 budget Description Variation £'000 **Budget Changes - Increasing** Net Inflation 44 Effect of salary increments 20 Additional pension contribution, re-evaluation 35 Effect of staff changes 123 Recharges 93 Mapping services - Cabinet member report 24/06/05 1 Development Control fee income 32 Development Control supplies and services 52 Environmental Protection supplies and services 11 Total 411 **Budget Changes - Decreasing** Planning advice - pre-application service (27)Licencing Act income (31)Building Control fee income (55)**Building Control consultants fees** (14)Licence fees (6) Housing Standards licence fees (3)Immigration inspection (1)Gaming permits (2)Consultants (4) **Training** (2) Land Charges income (4) Approved corporate equipment (1) Development Control - Planning appeal costs (5)Land Charges income (40)Land Charges NLIS payments (9)Total (204)

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Total Variation for Environment

^{*} Result of 2005/06 Revenue Budget Management approved variations in current year only.

Environment Budget 2006/07	Development Control £'000	Building Control £'000	Local Land Charges £'000	Housing Standards £'000	Safety & Licensing £'000	Environmental Protection £'000	TOTAL £'000
Employees	767	515	128	102	403	255	2,170
Premises Related Expenditure	2	0	0	0	0	2	4
Transport Related Expenditure	61	45	0	0	23	28	157
Supplies and Services	127	41	0	3	37	29	237
Third Party Payments	0	0	24	28	0	0	52
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Support Services	434	124	44	32	213	134	981
Gross Expenditure	1,391	725	196	165	676	451	3,604
Fees & Charges	(672)	(578)	(525)	(4)	(174)	(45)	(1,998)
Rents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grant Income	(133)	0	0	0	0	(4)	(137)
Recharges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gross Income	(805)	(578)	(525)	(4)	(174)	(49)	(2,135)
Net Expenditure	586	147	(329)	161	502	402	1,469
Forecast Outturn 2005/06	434	216	(296)	166	382	360	1,262
Change in 2006/07 Budget	152	(69)	(33)	(5)	120	42	207
% Change 2006/07 Budget	35.0	(31.9)	11.1	(3.0)	31.4	11.7	16.4
2006/07							
Capital Charges	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Specific Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Environment		Forecast		
Actual		Budget	Outturn	Change F	rom
2004/05		2006/07	2005/06	2005/0)6
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	%
	Expenditure:				
	Employees	2,170	1,961	209	11
	Premises Related Expenditure	4	6	(2)	-33
	Transport Related Expenditure	157	157	0	0
	Supplies and Services	237	292	(55)	-19
	Third Party Payments	52	60	(8)	-13
	Transfer Payments	3	2	1	50
	Support Services	981	893	88	10
	Gross Expenditure	3,604	3,371	233	7
	Income:				
	Fees & Charges	(1,998)	(1,856)	(142)	8
	Rents	0	0	0	0
	Grant Income	(137)	(253)	116	-46
	Recharges	0	0	0	0
	Gross Income	(2,135)	(2,109)	(26)	1
1,155	Environment Net Expenditure	1,469	1,262	207	
0	Capital charges	2	0	2	
0	Specific items	0	45	(45)	
1,155	Net cost of Environment	1,471	1,307	164	

DRAFT - SERVICE PLAN 2006/07: ENVIRONMENT

THE SERVICE

Development Control, Building Control, Planning Implementation, Land Charges, Environmental Protection, Safety and Licensing and Housing Standards

Budget (£,000)	Gross Exp (£,000)	Gross Income (£,000)	Net Exp (£,000)	Staffing
1,472	3,604	(2,135)	1,469	73.71 fte

CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS (2005/6)

<u>Volume</u>	Estimated
Number of planning applications received	2600
Number of planning appeals received	95
Number of Building control applications	1569
Number of Search requests	3500
Number of enforcement enquiries	1000
Initial pest control visits carried out annually	2000
Stray dogs collected within Mid Sussex	120
Accident investigations carried out	88
Licences issued under licencing legislation	693
Licenses for hackney carriage/private hire issued	1329

Achievements have included design awards, implementing new licensing and High hedges regulations, and achieving performance targets across the Division.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

National:	Performance Indicator	Target	Projected	Target
		05/06	Outturn	06/07
BV109a	Major applications in time limit	60%	60%	60%
BV109b	Minor applications in time limit	65%	65%	65%
BV109c	All Others in time limit	80%	80%	80%
BV111	Applicants satisfied with service	N/A	N/A	75%
BV204	% of Refusals Allowed	33%	30%	30%
BV205	Quality of Service checklist	85%	89%	95%
BV179	Searches in 10 days	97%	98%	98%
BV188	Decisions delegated to officers	85%	87%	85%
BV166a	Best practice score for EH services	70%	77%	77%
BV217	Pollution control improvements	New PI	N/A	N/A
Local:				
MS25	EH service requests met in 5 days	98%	98%	98%
MS53a	% of programmed food inspections	100%	90%	100%

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Better Environment: Quality and Sustainable Environment & Distinctive and Sustainable Towns and Villages Better Lives: Healthy Lifestyles, Opportunities and Quality of Life for All, Strong, Safe Communities Better Services Efficient and Effective Services

KEY TASKS	
Short Term (2006/7):	Target Date
Implement the requirements of the Clean Neighbourhoods and	
Environment Act 2005 – wider definitions of statutory nuisances	
to include some insects and light pollution in certain circumstances	
and the change to the dog fouling enforcement.	April 06
Establish Project Team approach to major planning applications	August 06
Reorganise Development Control and its administrative support	
Service.	June 06
Implement licensing of HMOs and housing health and safety rating	
system	June 06
Implement the provisions of the Housing Act 2004	June 06
Implement MSDC pilot mobile working initiative into Building	A
control – subject to funding	August 06
Implement EDRMS into Development Control, Building Control and Local Land Charges through CENSUS partnership	June 06
Meet Development Control National Best Value PI targets.	December 06
Implement Action Plan to deliver £100,000 budget saving for the	March 07
Division.	Water or
Implement Action Plan in response to Coping with Pressure staff	March 07
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Implement revised Building Regulations when published by ODPM	April 06
Implement Town Centre Master Plans	March 07
Implement Gambling Act	January 07
Implementation of Land Charges computerisation project	March 07
Participate in the Procurement Implementation Group and	
contribute to the Council's procurement savings targets.	March 07
Medium and Long Term (2007/9):	
Increase score against BV205 to 100%.	April 07
Improve housing supply.	March 08
Increase score against BV166 to 100%.	April 08
Capture historical planning data.	October 08

	Performance Indicator	<u>Target</u> <u>05/06</u>	Projected Outturn	<u>Target</u> <u>06/07</u>
MS53b	% programmed health & safety inspections	100%	90%	100%
MS01	No. disabled adaptations completed	70	70	70
New MSI	No. of grants/loans approved	New PI	New PI	New PI

FINANCE, CORPORATE SYSTEMS AND REVENUES & BENEFITS

Services covered

- Accountancy and financial services
- Corporate Systems
- · Revenues & Benefits
- CenSus Partnership

Head of Service

Peter Stuart

Service Planning Issues for 2006/07

The Finance Service Planning Workshop took place on 18 November. A major issue identified for Revenues and Benefits and ICT support is the rate of progress with the CenSus project with Adur and Horsham District Councils. ICT support has already moved to the delivery of a joint Help Desk between the three Councils. It is planned to extend the partnership to the joint billing and collection of Council Tax and NNDR, followed by the joint administration of Housing and Council Tax Benefit.

Also relevant is the introduction of Electronic Document Record Management Systems (EDRMS) and the associated changes in working practices. Revenues and Benefits are affected by the implementation of the action plan arising from the Customer Services Review and the new reception area. It is intended to bring together technical and admin support in the section and to facilitate more multi-tasking. A specific issue for the Benefits section is the need to prepare for the requirements of the Local Housing Allowance.

ICT will be supporting the implementation of major projects such as the new Financial Management System and EDRMS. There will also be further development of systems to allow more remote working and greater member access to the Web.

The major task for accountancy and financial services is the introduction of the new Financial Management System which is due to go live from 1 April 2006. This will significantly improve the functionality of the system, provide better management information and offer greater potential for efficiencies from electronic procurement.

Budget for 2006/07

Budget pressures

Total budget pressures £53,000.

External Audit fees paid to the Audit Commission will rise by £22,000. For Corporate Systems a sum of £10,000 has been identified for the continuing contribution to the West Sussex Accessible Services Partnership (WSASP). This partnership is designed to deliver joined up services to citizens, with further development of customer service through the help point network and customer relationship management systems. Budget pressures for Revenues and Benefits are made up of £5,000 for the new Capita Direct Software maintenance and £5,000 for Benefits software licences and maintenance. A further £1,000 is required for a daytime television and queue management facility in the new reception.

Budget savings

Total budget savings £139,000.

Budget savings from Revenues and Benefits come from £79,000 increase in Administration Grant. Efficiency savings of £60,000 will be targeted from the Census partnership.

Increase in Income from new Discretionary Charging

None

alysis of changes in budget between 2005/06 projected outtu	rn, and 2006/07 budg	jet
Description	Variation £'000	
ndget Changes - Increasing		
Net Inflation	26	
Effect of salary increments	12	
Additional pension contribution, re-evaluation	11	
Staffing adjustment	129	_
Corporate equipment budget movement	7	*
Supplies and services	3	*
Total	188	
udget Changes - Decreasing		
Mapping services - Cabinet member report 24/06/05	(1)	
Recharges	(182)	
Early retirement costs	(25)	*
Treasury Management computer	(2)	*
Office Moves	(10)	*
Total	(220)	
etal Variation for Finance	(32)	

^{*} Result of 2005/06 Revenue Budget Management approved variations in current year only.

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 $^{^{*}\,}$ Result of 2005/06 Revenue Budget Management approved variations in current year only.

Revenues & Benefits Variation Table	•
Analysis of changes in budget between 2005/06 projected outt	urn, and 2006/07 budget
Description	Variation £'000
Budget Changes - Increasing	
Net Inflation	41
Effect of salary increments	13
Additional pension cont- re revaluation	20
IRRV Benefits training package	25
TV & queue management facility	1
Benefits Admin - software licence & maintenance	5
Revenue Collection - software licence & maintenance	5
Additional sanction incentives income	10 *
Discretionary Rate Relief savings	16 *
Total	136
Budget Changes - Decreasing	
Recharges	(200)
Salary changes	(19)
Increased Admin grant new formula	(29)
Increased bank giro charges	(10) *
Capita hosting contract	(70) *
Magistrates court cost income	(5) *
Computer purchase	(2) *
Benefits Administration various	(64) *
Revenue Collection charge cards fees	(4) *
Total	(403)
Total Variation for Revenues & Benefits	(267)

^{*} Result of 2005/06 Revenue Budget Management approved variations in current year only.

Finance Budget 2006/07	Central Support £'000	Other Corporate Management £'000	Unapportionable Overheads £'000	TOTAL £'000
Employees	772	0	161	933
Premises Related Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Transport Related Expenditure	1	0	0	1
Supplies and Services	126	197	0	323
Third Party Payments	0	0	0	0
Transfer Payments Support Services	0 163	0 38	0	0 201
Gross Expenditure	1,062	235	161	1,458
Fees & Charges	0	0	0	0
Rents	0	0	0	0
Grant Income	0	0	0	0
Recharges	(1,062)	(18)	0	(1,080)
Gross Income	(1,062)	(18)	0	(1,080)
Net Expenditure	0	217	161	378
Forecast Outturn 2005/06	27	250	133	410
Change in 2006/07 Budget	(27)	(33)	28	(32)
% Change 2006/07 Budget	(100.0)	(13.2)	21.1	(7.8)
2006/07				
Capital Charges	0	0	0	0
Specific Items	0	0	573	573

Corporate Systems Budget 2006/07	Central Support £'000	Holding Accounts £'000	TOTAL £'000
Employees	23	450	473
Premises Related Expenditure	0	0	0
Transport Related Expenditure Supplies and Services	0	3 623	3 623
Third Party Payments	0	023	023
Transfer Payments	0	0	
Support Services	0	240	240
Gross Expenditure	23	1,316	1,339
Fees & Charges	0	0	0
Rents	0	0	0
Grant Income	0	0	0
Recharges	(23)	(1,567)	(1,590)
Gross Income	(23)	(1,567)	(1,590)
Net Expenditure	0	(251)	(251)
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Forecast Outturn 2005/06	0	(290)	(290)
Change in 2006/07 Budget	0	39	39
% Change 2006/07 Budget	0	(13)	(13)
2006/07			
Capital Charges	0	251	251
Specific Items	0	0	0

Revenues & Benefits Budget 2006/07	Central Support £'000	Benefits Administration £'000	Revenues Collection £'000	TOTAL £'000
Employees	43	790	479	1312
Premises Related Expenditure	0	1	0	1
Transport Related Expenditure	0	23	3	26
Supplies and Services	5	140	115	260
Third Party Payments	0	0	0	0
Transfer Payments	0	0	69	69
Support Services	16	415	196	627
Gross Expenditure	64	1,369	862	2,295
Fees & Charges	0	(1)	(131)	(132)
Rents	0	0	0	0
Grant Income	0	(702)	(178)	(880)
Recharges	(64)	0	0	(64)
Gross Income	(64)	(703)	(309)	(1,076)
Net Expenditure	0	666	553	1,219
Forecast Outturn 2005/06	(6)	698	794	1486
Change in 2006/07 Budget	6	(32)	(241)	(267)
% Change 2006/07 Budget	(100.0)	(4.6)	(30.4)	(18.0)
2006/07				
Capital Charges	0	0	0	0
Specific Items	0	0	0	0

	Finance		Forecast		
Actual		Budget	Outturn	Change F	
2004/05		2006/07	2005/06	2005/0	
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	%
	Expenditure:				
	Employees	933	790	143	18
	Premises Related Expenditure	0	0	0	0
	Transport Related Expenditure	1	1	0	0
	Supplies and Services	323	314	9	3
	Third Party Payments	0	0	0	0
	Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0
	Support Services	201	361	(160)	-44
	Gross Expenditure	1,458	1,466	(8)	-1
	Income:				
	Fees & Charges	0	0	0	0
	Rents	0	0	0	0
	Grant Income	0	0	0	0
	Recharges	(1,080)	(1,056)	(24)	2
	Gross Income	(1,080)	(1,056)	(24)	2
296	Finance Net Expenditure	378	410	(32)	
0	Capital charges	0	0	0	
1036	Specific items	573	573	0	
1,332	Net cost of Finance	951	983	(32)	

Actual 2004/05	Corporate Systems	Budget 2006/07	Forecast Outturn 2005/06	Change F 2005/0)6
£'000	Expenditure:	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
	Employees Premises Related Expenditure Transport Related Expenditure Supplies and Services Third Party Payments Transfer Payments Support Services Gross Expenditure	473 0 3 623 0 0 240	496 0 3 617 0 0 217	(23) 0 0 6 0 23	(5) 0 0 1 0 0 11
	Income:				
	Fees & Charges Rents Grant Income Recharges Gross Income	0 0 0 (1,590) (1,590)	0 0 0 (1,623) (1,623)	0 0 0 33 33	0 0 0 -2 -2
(179)	Corporate Systems Net Expenditure	(251)	(290)	39	
286	Capital charges	251	286	(35)	
0	Specific items	0	0	0	
107	Net cost of Corporate Systems	0	(4)	4	

	Revenues & Benefits		Forecast		
Actual		Budget	Outturn	Change F	rom
2004/05		2006/07	2005/06	2005/0	
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	%
	Expenditure:				
	Employees	1,312	1,237	75	6
	Premises Related Expenditure	1	1	0	0
	Transport Related Expenditure	26	34	(8)	-24
	Supplies and Services	260	390	(130)	-33
	Third Party Payments	0	0	0	0
	Transfer Payments	69	51	18	35
	Support Services	627	932	(305)	-33
	Gross Expenditure	2,295	2,645	(350)	-13
	Income:				
	Fees & Charges	(132)	(99)	(33)	33
	Rents	Ô	0	Ó	0
	Grant Income	(880)	(886)	6	-1
	Recharges	(64)	(174)	110	-63
	Gross Income	(1,076)	(1,159)	83	-7
1,500	Revenues & Benefits Net Expenditure	1,219	1,486	(267)	
0	Capital charges	0	0	0	
0	Specific items	0	0	0	
1,500	Net cost of Revenues & Benefits	1,219	1,486	(267)	
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DRAFT SERVICE PLAN 2006/07: FINANCE, CORPORATE SYSTEMS & REVENUES AND BENEFITS

		THE SERVICE					CORPORATE PRIORITIES			
Financial invoice pa	advice and accounting ayment, miscellaneou	g; treasury manager	nent, interna and cash rec	l audit; pa	yroll,		Opportunities and quality of life for all; Quality and sustainable environment; Efficient and effective services.			
Council T	Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rates collection; Housing and Council Tax Benefit; Benefits Investigation						KEY TASKS	Target Date		
	Information and Communications Technology; ICT Help Desk; Census partnership						Short Term (2006/7):			
Budge (£,000	t Gross Exp Gross Income		Gross Exp Gross Income Net Exp Staffing			Deliver an integrated budget and service planning process for 2007/08.	31/3/07			
2,170	5,092	(3,746)	1,346	8	6 fte		Implement upgraded Financial Management System and extend training to appropriate users. Prepare financial and management accounts to the corporate and statutory timescales.	30/4/06 30/4/06		
			·				Restructure ICT to reflect CENSUS operations. Redefine Helpdesk service to ensure SMART service levels.	30/9/06 30/4/06		
All statuto	CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS (2005/6) All statutory financial targets met. High customer satisfaction with ICT service. Upper quartile revenues and benefits performance maintained.						Merge Revenues and Benefits sections to fully utilise enhanced main reception and Customer Management System in advance of CENSUS integration.	31/5/06		
							Review Corporate Debt Recovery business case. Deliver the procurement savings targets identified. Implement Action Plan in response to Coping with Pressure staff survey	30/9/06 31/3/06 31/3/06		
							Undertake service review of charging and concessions	31/7/06		
PERFOR	RMANCE INDICATE						Medium and Long Term (2007/9):			
National	Performance Indica	tor	05/06 target	Proj outturn	06/07 target		Fully integrate Census shared services to maximise efficiency and drive down costs whilst remaining an employer of choice and delivering high quality services.	March 2007		
BV9	Council Tax collecte	ed	99.2%	99%	99.1%		Fully utilise all modules of the upgraded FMS to increase	March 2007		
BV10	NNDR collected		99.2%	99%	99.1%		procurement efficiencies and reduce costs. Restructure back			
BV76a	No claimants visited		1050	Figures			office as appropriate.			
BV76b	No fraud investigate		0.6	available			Retender the Internal Audit service as part of a partnership.	June 2007		
BV76c	No fraud investigation	•	80	March 0	6		Revise Medium Term Financial Plan in line with Government			
BV76d	No prosecutions/sa	•	45		1		Three-Year Settlement.	March 2008		
BV78a	Average time for ne		35 days	34	34		Respond to Lyons Review.	March 2008		
BV78b	Average time chang		9 days	14	12]				
BV79a	Cases processed co	•	99%	99%	99%					
BV79bi	% of recoverable ov recovered	verpayments	85%	75%	79%					
MSPI71	Network availability		99%	99%	99%					
MSPI72	Help desk calls clos		95%	75%	95%					
MSPI74	Average interest rat (margin over LA 7 o	day rate)	0.25%	0.10%	0.15%					
MSPI75	% of payments mad	le by BACS	90%	86%	90%					

HOUSING SERVICES

Services covered

- Housing Needs- including allocations policy and contract management; housing advice and homelessness.
- Housing Enabling working in partnership to deliver affordable housing and support services.
- Housing Strategy and Policy assessing housing need and developing strategies to meet that need.

Head of Service

Lynne Standing

Service Planning Issues for 2006/07

The Housing Service Planning Workshop was held on 17 November. The Audit Commission will inspect Housing Services in May 2006 and in the initial part of the year there will be a significant focus on preparing for and enabling that review.

The Council adopted a new Housing Strategy at the meeting of Cabinet on 25 July 2005 and, in preparation for the housing inspection, has drafted an improvement plan. The service will seek to achieve the targets in those two documents, the key priorities of which are summarised below.

The service will continue to focus on the delivery of more affordable housing and the prevention of homelessness. It has a target of delivering 80 new build affordable homes, which will include rented and shared ownership units, and of housing 15 key workers during 2006/07. The service has maintained its target of developing an average of five homes a year in rural settlements.

The service has a series of targets to minimise the number of homeless people, to reduce the number of households in temporary accommodation still further and, specifically, to ensure that no families are in Bed and Breakfast accommodation for more than six weeks.

Both the Housing Strategy and the Housing Needs Assessment will be updated during the year. Housing and Planning Officers will work together on revised affordable housing policies for the Local Development Framework. An assessment of the housing needs of gypsies and travellers will also be undertaken in conjunction with other local authorities in West Sussex. A key plank of the improvement plan is improving communications and so this will be a focus of the work of Housing Services.

Budget for 2006/07

Budget pressures

None

Budget savings

£20,000 from a reduction in the use of temporary accommodation.

Increase in Income from new Discretionary Charging

None

Housing Services Variation Table

Analysis of changes in budget between 2005/06 projected outturn, and 2006/07 budget

Description	Variation £'000
Budget Changes - Increasing	
Net Inflation	13
Effect of salary increments	4
Additional pension contribution, re-evaluation	7
Salary changes	4
Recharges	44
Temporary Accommodation software licences	9
Housing Enabling survey fees	2
Housing Enabling consultants fees	7
Temporary Accommodation	20
Total	110
Budget Changes - Decreasing	
Office Moves	(2)
Common housing register	(9)
Local scheme lump sum	(3)
Supplies and services	(3)
Total	(17)
otal Variation for Housing Services	93

^{*} Result of 2005/06 Revenue Budget Management approved variations in current year only.

Housing Services Budget 2006/07	Homelessnes £'000	Housing Enabling £'000	TOTAL £'000
Employees	256	135	391
Premises Related Expenditure	0	0	0
Transport Related Expenditure	15	0	15
Supplies and Services	152	30	182
Third Party Payments	0 162	0	0
Transfer Payments Support Services	103	0 88	162 191
Gross Expenditure	688	253	941
Fees & Charges	0	0	0
Rents	0	0	0
Grant Income	(107)	0	(107)
Recharges	0	0	0
Gross Income	(107)	0	(107)
Net Expenditure	581	253	834
Forecast Outturn 2005/06	530	211	741
Change in 2006/07 Budget	51	42	93
% Change 2006/07 Budget	9.6	19.9	12.6
2006/07			
Capital Charges	0	0	0
Specific Items	0	0	0

Actual 2004/05	Housing Services	Budget 2006/07	Forecast Outturn 2005/06	Change From 2005/06	
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	%
	Expenditure:				
	Employees	391	365	26	7
	Premises Related Expenditure	0	0	0	0
	Transport Related Expenditure	15	18	(3)	-17
	Supplies and Services	182	168	14	8
	Third Party Payments	0	0	0	0
	Transfer Payments	162	161	1	1
	Support Services	191	150	41	27
	Gross Expenditure	941	862	79	9
	Income:				
	Fees & Charges	0	0	0	0
	Rents	0	0	0	0
	Grant Income	(107)	(121)	14	-12
	Recharges	Ô	0	0	0
	Gross Income	(107)	(121)	14	-12
636	Housing Net Expenditure	834	741	93	
0	Capital charges	0	0	0	
(20)	Specific items	0	20	(20)	
616	Net cost of Housing	834	761	73	

DRAFT SERVICE PLAN 2006/07: HOUSING

THE SERVICE

Housing Strategy - assessing housing need and devising a strategy to meet that need; Housing Enabling - working in partnership to deliver affordable housing and support services; Housing Needs - including allocations policy and contract management, housing advice and homelessness.

Budget	Gross Exp	Gross Income	Net Exp	Staffing
(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	
834	941	(107)	834	12.13 fte

CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS (2005/6)

PERFORMANCE

69 new affordable homes developed

93% decisions on homeless applications made within 33 days (target 95%) Nil families in B&B for more than 6 weeks

VOLUME

1,100 households given housing advice, of whom 170 made homeless applications 50 households helped to access private rented sector with rent in advance/deposit quarantee

Working on 45 affordable housing developments

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS									
National:	Performance Indicator	Target 2005/06	Projected Outturn	Target 06/07					
BV183a	Average stay of unintentionally homeless family in B&B	2 weeks	6 weeks	4 weeks					
BV183b	Average stay of unintentionally homeless families in hostels	28 weeks	23 weeks	23 weeks					
BV203	% annual change in families in temporary accommodation	-5%	-5%	-5%					
BV64	Number of empty homes brought into use	3	7	0					
BV202	Number of people sleeping rough	under 10	under 10	under 10					
BV213	Number of households where homelessness prevented	50	50	60					
BV214	% repeat homelessness	0%	0%	0%					
Local:									
MSPI 21	Number of households accepted as homeless	Max 120	80	Max 100					
MSPI 07	Number of affordable homes delivered	62	104	Min 90					
MSPI 94	Number of households in	NEW	43	39					
MSPI 95	temporary accommodation (excluding Homeless at Home) Nil families in B&B accommodation for more than 6 weeks	0	0	0					

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Opportunities and quality of life for all;

Quality and Sustainable Environment;

Distinctive and sustainable towns and villages; and

Deliver a minimum of 90 affordable homes, including Homebuy

Efficient and effective services.

Short Term (2006/7):

KEY TASKS

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House 15 key workers a year	March 07
Develop average 5 affordable homes a year in rural settlements	March 07
Ensure number households accepted as homeless does not exceed 100	March 07
Maintain at nil the number of families in bed and breakfast for more than 6	
weeks	March 07
Update the housing strategy	November 06
Update Housing Needs Assessment	April 06
Set up homelessness/advice IT system	March 07
Update the homelessness strategy	June 06
Deliver annual communications plan	March 07
Undertake a social inclusion impact assessment for housing services	March 07
Review cost of guest house accommodation	December 06
Undertake housing needs assessment for gypsies and travellers	May 06
Develop older persons' housing strategy.	March 07
Benchmark delivery of affordable housing	December 06
Deliver procurement savings and investigate the use of payment cards	December 06
To produce an improvement plan following the housing inspection	July 06
Implement Action Plan in response to Coping with Pressure staff survey.	April 07
Medium and Long Term (2007/09):	•
Work with Planning to achieve revised adopted affordable housing	March 09
policies	
Increase supply of affordable homes by 300 from 2006-07 to 2008-09	March 09
Work with Thornfield to deliver affordable housing as part of town centre	Ongoing to 2011
revitalisation	
Review options for future commissioning of Housing Needs Surveys	March 08
Halve number of households in temporary accommodation	April 10
Introduce Choice-Based Lettings	April 08
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Target Date

March 07

LEGAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES

Services covered

- Legal advice and work including local government and finance law, planning, contracts, property matters; civil and criminal litigation and licensing.
- Insurance of the Council's assets and dealing with claims against the Council.
- Asset management- management of the Council's property assets in accordance with the Asset Management Plan.

Head of Service

Vacant

Service Planning Issues for 2006/07

The Legal Services Service Planning Workshop was held on 21 November. A new Head of Legal Services is to be appointed. The section has recently taken on the management of the Council's property assets. There is an on-going requirement to contribute to the Better Mid Sussex project with Thornfield to revitalise the town centres and make the best use of the Council's property.

Major tasks this year include the requirement to support client departments especially with the need for litigation/advice on new legislation/activities such as LAPE and the Clean Neighbourhood Act. Support will also be required for major contracting work such as the retendering of the waste and recycling contract and ICT applications through the Census partnership. The section will be seeking accreditation to obtain the law Society's Lexcel accreditation for legal practice management and procedures.

Budget for 2006/07

Budget pressures

Total budget pressures £84,000.

The budget pressure comes from an increase in insurance premiums following re-tendering and reflects trends in the insurance market

Budget savings

Total budget savings £22,000.

Most of the savings come from the Estates budget with increases in rental income of £8,000 from the Market Place car park in Burgess Hill, £2,000 from business properties in Burgess Hill, a reduction of £2,000 in consultant fees and a £3,000 saving in building maintenance costs. The remainder comes from savings in stationery/postage with £5,000 from a reduction in the use of 1^{st} class post and a £2,000 saving in envelopes.

Increase in Income from new Discretionary Charging

None.

Legal & Property Variation Table Analysis of changes in budget between 2005/06 projected outturn, and 2006/07 budget Description Variation £'000 **Budget Changes - Increasing** 29 Net Inflation Effect of salary increments 3 Additional pension contribution, re-evaluation 6 Increase in Insurance premiums following re-tendering 1 29 Property income Staffing adjustments 23 Legal income 5 Bad debt reversal 9 105 Total **Budget Changes - Decreasing** (107)Recharges Property supplies and services (5) Legal supplies and services (4) Industrial estates bad debt (1) Total (117)Total Variation for Legal & Property (12)

^{*} Result of 2005/06 Revenue Budget Management approved variations in current year only.

Legal & Property Budget 2006/07	Central Support	Holding Accounts	Property (Estates)	TOTAL
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Employees	420	151	95	666
Premises Related Expenditure	0	173	31	204
Transport Related Expenditure	1	6	3	10
Supplies and Services	29	169	23	221
Third Party Payments	0	0	0	0
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0
Support Services	92	6	91	189
Gross Expenditure	542	505	243	1,290
Fees & Charges	(33)	0	(94)	(127)
Rents	0	0	(1,184)	(1,184)
Grant Income	0	0	0	0
Recharges	(509)	(505)	0	(1,014)
Gross Income	(542)	(505)	(1,278)	(2,325)
Net Expenditure =	0	0	(1,035)	(1,035)
Forecast Outturn 2005/06	(31)	82	(1,074)	(1,023)
Change in 2006/07 Budget	31	(82)	39	(12)
% Change 2006/07 Budget	(100.0)	(100.0)	(3.6)	1.2
2006/07				
Capital Charges	0	0	768	768
Specific Items	0	10	0	10

Actual 2004/05	Legal & Property	Budget 2006/07	Forecast Outturn 2005/06	Change From		
£'000		£'000	£'000	2005/0 £'000	%	
2000	Expenditure:	2 000	2 000	2000	70	
	Employees	666	624	42	7	
	Premises Related Expenditure	204	197	7	4	
	Transport Related Expenditure	10	10	0	0	
	Supplies and Services	221	220	1	0	
	Third Party Payments	0	0	0	0	
	Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	
	Support Services	189	244	(55)	-23	
	Gross Expenditure	1,290	1,295	(5)	0	
	Income:					
	Fees & Charges	(127)	(142)	15	-11	
	Rents	(1,184)	(1,209)	25	-2	
	Grant Income	0	(10)	10	-100	
	Recharges	(1,014)	(957)	(57)	6	
	Gross Income	(2,325)	(2,318)	(7)	0	
39	Legal Services Net Expenditure	(1,035)	(1,023)	(12)		
737	Capital charges	768	737	31		
(1)	Specific items	10	10	0		
775	Net cost of Legal & Property	(257)	(276)	19		
						

DRAFT SERVICE PLAN 2006/07: LEGAL AND PROPERTY SERVICES

THE SERVICE

Legal advice and work including local government and finance law, planning, contracts, property matters, civil and criminal litigation, licensing, environmental housing, public health and marketing.

Insurance of the council's assets and dealing with claims against the Council Asset management- management of the Council's property assets in accordance with the Asset Management Plan

Budget (,000)	Gross Exp (,000)	Gross Income (,000)	Net Exp (,000)	Staffing
(258)	1,290	(2,325)	(1,035)	16 fte

CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS (2005/6)

Successful implementation of the new Licensing Act

Completion of contracts in support of the ICT partnership and procurement generally. Advice and support during negotiations in connection with, and the completion of the Thornfield Framework Agreement.

Advice and support generally in connection with the Thornfield Partnership.

Delivery of Decriminalisation of parking enforcement.

Transitional Asset Management Plan 2005/06 produced

Capital receipts of £152k gained by easement, licensing and sale of Council land. Service standards delivered in accordance with the Service Level Agreements with client departments.

Insurance claims processed in accordance with civil procedure rules timescales. Insurance contract retendered.

Major contribution to achievement of planning targets set by Government in relation to major planning applications.

Work Volumes 05/06 (as at 12 December 2005):

- Contracts- 20
- Litigation- 59
- Planning- 98
- Property- 80
- Miscellaneous- 139

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Local	Performance Indicator	05/06	Proj	06/07			
		target	outturn	target			
MS93	% legal jobs done by agreed date	75%	75%	80%			
MS41	% rent collected	98.2%	98.5%	99%			
MS42	% rent/lease renewals due	100%	100%	100%			
MS43	Asset inspection 20% per year	97%	100%	100%			
MS46	Property Income (£m)	1.27	1.27	1.27			

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The Division supports the delivery of all aspects of the Corporate Plan, particularly Quality and sustainable environment, Distinctive and sustainable towns and villages, Strong safe communities and efficient and effective services.

KEY TASKS	Target Date
Short Term (2006/7):	
Tender and negotiation of the waste and recycling contract.	To March 07
Negotiate/complete S106 agreements for Bolnore Phase 4 & 5.	Dec 06
Produce new byelaws for open space & amenity land.	Dec 06
Provide legal & property services to support the Thornfield project.	To March 07
Obtain and maintain Law Society Lexcel accreditation	June 06
Contribute to Housing Inspection	May 06
Prepare Asset Management Plan 2006/07	July 06
Develop a policy for charging for property services	June 06
Develop a policy for the disposal of open space/amenity land	June 06
Introduce an improved electronic property terrier system.	March 07
Implement Action Plan in response to Coping with Pressure staff	March 07
survey	
Contribute to the Procurement Implementation Group and deliver savings.	March 07
Medium and Long Term (2007/09):	March 07
Complete retendering of refuse collection and recycling contract	July 07
Complete contract work for computerisation of land charges	Dec 07
Review the Asset Management Plan for 2007/08 and revise as	
necessary.	July 07
Continue with the implementation of the Thornfield Framework	
Agreement.	Mar 08
Provide legal services for appeals and reviews under the Licensing	Mar 08
Act 2003 and implement programme of Member training.	

LEISURE & WELL BEING

Services covered

- Indoor Leisure Operation- management of leisure centres and civic halls and provision of programme of activity.
- Community Leisure Development- Arts and Sports Development.
- Leisure Planning- development of leisure facilities and activities.

Head of Service

Paul Squires

Service Planning Issues for 2006/07

The Leisure Service Planning Workshop took place on 15 November. A new Head of Leisure and Well being has been recruited and is tasked with driving forward improvements and development of the Council's Leisure services. A major task is to continue to implement the outcomes of recent reviews of leisure and to develop and improve links with the health and social care sectors to contribute to the achievement of the Council's key objectives. The service will also contribute towards Healthy Lifestyles through an improved healthy eating offer at the catering outlets. The Council's indoor and outdoor leisure facilities will work more closely together to ensure complementary service provision.

A key area of focus will continue to be the improvement of the Council's leisure and arts facilities including improvements to the Aztec pool at the Triangle, maintaining and increasing health club membership and the potential for establishing a satellite leisure facility at Downlands Community School.

There will be a strong focus on continuing to improve customer satisfaction levels at all leisure facilities, including increased engagement with young people through community activities such as the Sussex Youth games, Disability Youth Games and Arts Gigantic. Further work will also be undertaken in developing opportunities to enhance the public realm through public art initiatives. More opportunities will be provided through working with Clubs and organisations to increase participation in physical activity. These will be delivered through national initiatives such as the community sports coaches programme, and with partners such as the Primary Care Trust.

A review of the concessionary leisure fees will be undertaken to ensure that the scheme is targeted to the people that are most in need of it.

Like all Council services, the efficiency agenda will continue to be driven with Leisure Services particularly in terms of ensuring sustainable staffing structures and efficient front and back office functions.

Budget for 2006/07

Budget pressures

Total budget pressures are £332,000.

A budget pressure of £191,000 comes from the decision not to increase some Leisure Centre charges in line with inflation. £12,000 is needed for similar reasons in relation to the Civic Halls. However, a selective range of price increases focused on areas where demand is strong should enable an additional £130,000 to be raised, thus leaving a remaining pressure of £73,000. For the Triangle Leisure Centre, there are budget pressures of £20,000 in additional cleaning, reductions in income of £24,000 for catering and £36,000 in general income.

Similarly the budget pressures for Kings Centre are a £2,000 increase in cleaning costs, £10,000 decrease in catering income and £24,000 in general income. The remaining budget pressure is £13,000 from a shortfall in car park income at Clair Hall.

Budget savings

Total budget savings of £115,000.

Savings of £100,000 should be achieved through a reduction in costs in Indoor Leisure. There is planned to be an increase in income of £15,000 for the 10-minute gym programme.

Increase in Income from new Discretionary Charging

None.

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Dolphin equipment repayment completed in 2005/06	(38)			
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	(51)			
Total	(110)			
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^{*} Result of 2005/06 Revenue Budget Management approved variations in current year only.

Leisure & Well Being Budget 2006/07	Leisure Centres	Civic Halls	Community Leisure & Development	TOTAL
-	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Employees	4,496	382	182	5,060
Premises Related Expenditure	2,059	198	0	2,257
Transport Related Expenditure	9	0	7	16
Supplies and Services	885	236	69	1,190
Third Party Payments	15	2	0	17
Transfer Payments	0	0	3	3
Support Services	850	163	188	1,201
Gross Expenditure	8,314	981	449	9,744
Fees & Charges	(6,302)	(571)	0	(6,873)
Rents	(79)	(20)	0	(99)
Grant Income	0	0	0	0
Recharges	(272)	0	0	(272)
Gross Income	(6,653)	(591)	0	(7,244)
Net Expenditure	1,661	390	449	2,500
Forecast Outturn 2005/06	1,291	289	525	2,105
Change in 2006/07 Budget	370	101	(76)	395
% Change 2006/07 Budget	29	35	(14)	19
2006/07				
Capital Charges	1,996	322	0	2,318
Specific Items	0	0	70	70

	Leisure & Well Being		Forecast		_
Actual		Budget	Outturn	Change F	
2004/05		2006/07	2005/06	2005/0	
£'000	Franco ditrono.	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
	Expenditure:				
	Employees	5,060	4,720	340	7
	Premises Related Expenditure	2,257	1,947	310	16
	Transport Related Expenditure	16	16	0	0
	Supplies and Services	1,190	1,191	(1)	0
	Third Party Payments	17	16	1	6
	Transfer Payments	3	3	0	0
	Support Services	1,201	1,230	(29)	-2
	Gross Expenditure	9,744	9,123	621	7
	Income:				
	Fees & Charges	(6,873)	(6,689)	(184)	3
	Rents	(99)	(99)	Ò	0
	Grant Income	Ó	Ó	0	0
	Recharges	(272)	(230)	(42)	18
	Gross Income	(7,244)	(7,018)	(226)	3
423	Leisure Services Net Expenditure	2,500	2,105	395	
2,353	Capital charges	2,318	2,350	(32)	
(120)	Specific items	70	8	62	
2,656	Net cost of Leisure Services	4,888	4,463	425	

DRAFT SERVICE PLAN 2006/07 : LEISURE AND WELL BEING

THE SERVICE

Promotes the Arts, Sports, Community, Heritage and youth opportunities in the District both in terms of activities, facilities and planning which improve quality of life (Youth, Older people, Disabled, Low Income) and relate to community safety and youth diversion, and advocate the value of healthy lifestyles.

Budget (£,000)	Gross Exp (£,000)	Gross Income (£,000)	Net Exp (£,000)	Staffing
4,889	9,744	(7,244)	2,500	7.4 fte on campus 190.51 IBO fte

CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS (2005/6)

Management of three leisure centres and two civic halls

Introduction of new Leisure Booking system

Enhanced focus on customer service data collection and consultation as platform for improvement.

Contribution to Health Agenda. Performance of health and Fitness clubs, memberships numbers, TERMS scheme and links with the PCT. Launch of Physical Activity directory, and Healthy Walks programme

Improve range and number of events at leisure centres and civic halls

Successful Appeal of Rateable values for six Discretionary Rate Relief facilities resulting in savings of £31k up to 2008/9

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Ref	Description	05/06	05/06 proj	06/07
		Target	outturn	Target
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MSPI76	Indoor Leisure Income	£6.773m	£6.700m	£6.778m
MSPI81	Visits per 1,000 of the population	12,500	12,300	12,500
MSPI83	Staff costs as a % on income	57.3%	59.0%	56.3%
MSPI 85	Spend per head	£4.25	£4.28	£4.35
MSPI 86	% visits from concession groups	35%	25%	27%
MSPI 87	Accidents per 1,000 visits	55	55	50
MSPI 88	Number of GP referrals per year	500	700	750
MSPI 91	Catering Spend per head	£0.80	£0.75	£0.80
MSPI 89	Number of GP referral	240	300	325
	conversions per year			
New PI	Number of Health Club Members	New PI	New PI	5,900
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CORPORATE PRIORITIES

KEY TASKS

The Division supports delivery of all aspects of the corporate plan, with a particular impact on the following key areas:

Target Date

Opportunities and Quality of Life for All, Strong Community Leadership, Efficient and Effective Services and Opportunities and Quality of Life for All

RET TASKS	rarget Date
Short Term (2006/7):	14 1 07
Continue to improve customer service through further development and implementation of the First Service principles.	March 07
Introduce a customer satisfaction system within the Development Section	March 07
Increase participation in sport and exercise by the community	March 07
Review concession charges to ensure benefit targeted at council's priority groups	March 07
Investigate opportunities for further procurement savings	March 07
Improve performance management processes for all our staff	March 07
Demonstrate best practice principles in operational management and Sports development service	July 06
Plan and implement a range of community initiatives to improve youth engagement.	June 06
Ensure continued and improved partnership with external agencies /	March 07
organisations and the community To increase catering income per head.	Anril 07
Implement Action Plan to deliver £100,000 budget saving for the Division.	April 07 March 07
Implement Action Plan in response to Coping with Pressure staff survey.	March 07
Undertake a service review of community health	Aug 06
Medium and Long Term (2007/9):	Aug 00
Improved performance management through training, development and IiP processes	June 07
Delivery Leisure facilities in East Grinstead which will address the present and future needs of residential development	March 08
Address spare capacity issues at the Leisure operations facilities by promoting usage amongst community groups and where necessary reprovision	July 07
Enable more take up of facilities and activities through use by under- represented and hard to reach groups	July 07
Increase the vitality of Town Centres through an improved cultural offer	March 08

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Services covered

- Personnel and Training (HR) employee resourcing; relations and employment practice; employment law; employee development, occupational health; Investor in People standard; Sussex Training Consortium.
- Corporate Communications Press, PR and Graphics; Marketing & Tourism; Health & Safety/Emergency Planning & Business Continuity.
- Corporate Youth service
- Strategic Core Secretariat

Head of Service

Marissa Bartlett

Service Planning Issues for 2006/07

The Service Plan workshop for the Division was held on Monday 14 November 2005. In the coming year, the underlying priority for this Division will be the continuing focus on leading and driving the Council's Change Agenda and supporting and advising on the efficiency review process.

In Personnel & Training (HR) one of the main objectives will be to further maximise the skills and capacity of our workforce through even better targeted training and development. Following Investor in People reassessment in March 2006, lessons learned will be addressed. Continued attention to building the skills and capacity of our aspiring managers and team leaders will be an important priority for the HR service. Innovative solutions such as the 'Fast Track' programme for aspiring managers and team leaders will be further developed and implemented. Continued use and support of the Sussex Training Consortium as a learning and development partnership across local authorities in Sussex will be another key focus.

Staff retention will be a prime focus to ensure recruitment costs are reduced and the knowledge and talent of our professional officers are retained. If voluntary staff turnover occurs, as a first class employer, we will be able to speedily and cost-effectively attract high calibre applicants at first hit. Indeed, securing for the Council a skilled, highly motivated and responsive workforce will be central to HR practice during 2006.

The job evaluation review will be progressed in a measured and well-managed way and the HR team will support the organisation in continuing to respond to the outcomes of the 'Coping with Pressure' survey. Implementation of the People Strategy and Organisational Workforce Action Plan will be another significant focus of attention for the OD Division collectively.

The Corporate Marketing Team will work to ensure they continue to meet the needs of all Council services seeking to use marketing expertise to promote and enhance their service performance. Tourism initiatives to attract visitors to Mid Sussex to enhance the local economy will also be a key priority for the Marketing & Tourism Officer. Internal communications across the organisation will continue to strengthen and the team will build on the effective work achieved in 2005/06. The Press Office will redefine the Corporate Communications Strategy and will continue to engage with target audiences in the District and beyond in support of the Council's priorities using a range of communications tools including MSM, press releases and other direct and indirect methods of communication.

The production of the new A-Z of Council services brochure will be an early success for the Press, Communications and Marketing teams, working collaboratively.

The Graphics Officer will provide a design and print service to all service areas. Promotion of the Council's Corporate Design Guidelines will be the key to further improve image through publications in all media. Further development and enhancement of this service will be considered where appropriate.

Ensuring the Council's compliance to the requirements of the Civil Contingencies Act will be a prime focus of the Corporate Emergency Planning and Safety Advisor, as well as the development and implementation of more robust business continuity processes in the event of a strategic emergency.

The profile of youth engagement has been enhanced significantly during 2005/06 with the appointment of the new Corporate Youth Officer. A prime focus of the 2006/07 workplan will be the development and delivery of the Mid Sussex District Council Youth Strategy. This will be a coalition of external partners as well as colleagues from across the Council who deliver services to young people.

The PA and secretarial support for the Directors and Chief Executive, and the Leader and Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council will continue to provide an integral service to supporting the effective leadership of the senior team.

Budget for 2006/07

Budget pressures

Total budget pressures of £13,000.

£10,000 is needed to increase the training budget and to fund middle management training. The remaining £3,000 is to fund an increased payment to the Help Points.

Budget savings

None.

Increase in Income from new Discretionary Charging

None

Organisational Development Variation Table				
Analysis of changes in budget between 2005/06 projected outturn, and 2006/07 budget				
Description	Variation £'000			
Budget Changes - Increasing				
Net Inflation Effect of salary increments Additional pension contribution, re-evaluation Training - middle management Marketing & Communications - supplies and services Personnel supplies and services	67 17 10 12 17 7	*		
Total Budget Changes - Decreasing	130			
Staff adjustments Recharges Equipment Staff survey actions	(16) (68) (2) (16) (102)	*		
Total Variation for Organisational Development	28			

^{*} Result of 2005/06 Revenue Budget Management approved variations in current year only.

Organisational Development Budget 2006/07	Central Support £'000	Members Services £'000	Emergency Planning £'000	Corporate Marketing Youth & Communications £'000	TOTAL £'000
Employees	543	0	0	274	817
Premises Related Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0
Transport Related Expenditure	3	2	0	9	14
Supplies and Services	39	13	19	277	348
Third Party Payments	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer Payments Support Services	0 75	0 7	0 13	0 48	0 143
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Gross Expenditure	660	22	32	608	1,322
Fees & Charges	0	0	0	0	0
Rents	0	0	0	(3)	(3)
Grant Income	0	0	0	0	0
Recharges	(660)	0	0	(605)	(1,265)
Gross Income	(660)	0	0	(608)	(1,268)
Net Expenditure	0	22	32	0	54
Forecast Outturn 2005/06	14	14	19	(21)	26
Change in 2006/07 Budget	(14)	8	13	21	28
% Change 2006/07 Budget	(100.0)	57.1	68.4	(100.0)	107.7
2006/07					
Capital Charges	0	0	0	0	0
Specific Items	4	0	0	0	4

	Organisational Development		Forecast		
Actual		Budget	Outturn	Change F	rom
2004/05		2006/07	2005/06	2005/0)6
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	%
	Expenditure:				
	Employees	817	771	46	6
	Premises Related Expenditure	0	0	0	0
	Transport Related Expenditure	14	14	0	0
	Supplies and Services	348	327	21	6
	Third Party Payments	0	0	0	0
	Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0
	Support Services	143	180	(37)	-21
	Gross Expenditure	1,322	1,292	30	2
	Income:				
	Fees & Charges	0	0	0	0
	Rents	(3)	0	(3)	0
	Grant Income	Ô	0	Ó	0
	Recharges	(1,265)	(1,266)	1	0
	Gross Income	(1,268)	(1,266)	(2)	0
419	Organisational Development Net Expenditure	54	26	28	
0	Capital charges	0	0	0	
(12)	Specific items	4	15	(11)	
407	Net cost of Organisational Development	58	41	17	

DRAFT SERVICE PLAN 2006/07: ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

THE SERVICE

- Personnel and Training (HR) employee resourcing; relations and employment practice; employment law; employee development, occupational health; Investor in People standard; Sussex Training Consortium.
- Corporate Communications- Press, PR and Graphics; Marketing & Tourism; Health and Safety/ Emergency Planning & Business Continuity; Strategic Core Secretariat, youth issues and engagement

Budget (£,000)	Gross Exp (£,000)	Gross Income (£,000)	Net Exp (£,000)	Staffing
57	1,322	(1,268)	54	19.35 fte

CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS (2005/6) (last year comparisons)

Average number of centrally held "in-house" courses run per annum	19 (35)
Average number of staff undertaking qualification training per annum	32 (19)
Average number of jobs advertised externally per annum as at 2005	80 (93)
Average number of jobs advertised internally per annum as at 2005	21 (28)

Average number of enquiries received in response to jobs advertised (p.a.) 1257 (1519) Average number completed applications received in response to jobs advertised

763 (880)

Average cost of advertisement this year

£901 (£608)

Average number of work experience placements per annum

63 (80)

To run and lead no less than 4 Employment Committees and 4 Local Joint Fora

Average 75 press releases per annum

Average 25 radio interviews

Produce 4 editions of Mid Sussex Matters per year

Produce 4 editions of new staff newspaper – '4ward Mid Sussex'

Investigate approximately 100 staff & 1300 public injuries & incidents per annum

Develop, enhance and deliver 4 managers for aper annum.

Operational management of 'Daily News' on intranet

Management of 'Working Life' on intranet

Production of Organisational Development Plan

Secured year 2 ODPM 'Capacity Building' funds for Sussex Training Consortium

Delivery of new bespoke management development programme in conjunction with

Roffey Park - 'Fast Track'

CORPORATE PRIORITIES – main focus for Division:-	
Better Services: Efficient and Effective Services	
Strong Community Leadership Better Lives: Opportunities and quality of life for all	
KEY TASKS	Target
RETTAGRO	Date
Short Term priority areas (2006/7):	Date
Onort Tomi phonty aroad (2000/17).	
Personnel and Training	
Implement Personal Performance Plan (PPP) appraisal system	April 06
Complete full management competency system	April 06
 Respond to coping with pressure survey and implement actions 	March 07
Complete pay and regrading project	March 07
Develop and implement training module of ResourceLink	Sept 06
Business Continuity and emergency planning	
 Capture operational risk using shadowplanner software 	March 07
 Provide emergency planning advice to businesses 	May 06
Update emergency plan	July 06
Re-establish fully operational emergency control centre	Sept 06
Press and Communications	
 Revise and implement communications strategy - internal and external application 	March 07
Communicate changes to customer service	March 07
Produce A-Z of council services	April 06
Graphics	
Promote Council's Corporate Design Standards	March 07
Deliver graphics design service and advice to agreed project plans	March 07
Marketing	
Develop and implement corporate marketing plan 06-07	March 07
 Develop and implement indoor leisure marketing plan 06-07 	March 07
Develop and implement tourism marketing plan 06-07	March 07
Youth	
Develop a Mid Sussex District Council youth strategy	April 06
Coordinate, facilitate and deliver a range of projects and opportunities	March 07
for young people e.g. the Youth Council, SNAP dance nights, Young	
Citizen's Day. Corporate	
Continue to explore options for future council office accommodation	March 07
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Contribute to the delivery of procurement savings.

March 07

PERFOR	MANCE INDICATORS			
National	Performance Indicator	05/06 target	Proj outturn	06/07 target
BV 11a	% top 5% earners (women)	35%	40%	40%
BV 11b	% top 5% earners (ethnic minorities)	5%	4.5%	5%
BV 12	number working days lost to sickness absence	7.0	7.5	7.5
BV14	Early retirements / staff	0.45%	1%	0.45%
BV15	Ill-health retirements / staff.	0.45%	0.45%	0.45%
BV16a	% staff meeting DDA definition compared with	4.5%	4.0%	4.5%
BV16 b	economic active disabled in Mid Sussex	9.1%	10%	9.1%
BV 17 a	% staff from minority ethnic compared with	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%
BV 17b	economic ethnic minorities in Mid Sussex	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Local:				
MSPI 54	Number of staff accidents	80	60	72
MSPI 55	No working days lost through injuries at work	175	30	50
MSPI 79	Voluntary leavers/labour turnover	14.6%	15.5%	14.6%
MSPI 80	average £value of total training budget allocated per individual	£200	£200	£200

Medium and Long Term priority areas(2007/9):	
 Further develop ResourceLink making full us of partnership opportunities with CenSus partners. 	
 Develop flexible pay and benefits package 	
 Progress office accommodation project 	
 Produce 2008 – 09 District Guide 	

OUTDOOR BUSINESS DIVISION

Services covered

Drainage; Waste Collection and Recycling; Street Cleansing (sweeping and litter collection); Abandoned Vehicles and Fly Tipping; Contaminated Land; Road Closures- special events; Road Naming and Signing; Outdoor Sports Booking and Events; Parks, Sports Sites and Community Pavilions, Open Spaces and Nature Reserves; Landscape and Biodiversity; Tree Care; Outdoor Children's and Youth Facilities; Oaklands Office Facilities, Parking Enforcement and Off Street Car Parks; Leisure Ranger Services; Public Toilets, Council Asset Repair and Maintenance; Technical Support for Pool Plant Operation, Mechanical and Electrical Systems; Energy Management.

Head of Service

Ian Burton

Service Planning Issues for 2006/07

The Outdoor Business Service Plan Workshop was held on 25 November. The main tasks identified for the Division next year concern the need to retender the current SITA contracts for refuse collection, recycling, street sweeping and public conveniences cleansing. In the area of waste management, this will provide a major opportunity to introduce a method of collection capable of reaching the national target of 30% of waste recycled/composted. Shorter term, a target of 24% has been set to be reached by implementing the ROTATE Communications Plan, which will promote activities to improve participation in the existing recycling schemes and gain benefits from the kerbside green waste collection trial. The Public Convenience closure programme will also continue.

Total savings of £200,000 are anticipated next year from restructuring Outdoor Business services.

We took on the enforcement of all car parking in partnership with West Sussex County Council in January. It is planned to use the additional staff enforcing on street car parking as an enhanced "street scene" presence.

There are a number of issues to be addressed in respect of the contracts section work in maintenance of the Council's property assets. These include a greater emphasis on energy management efficiency and responding to new health and safety requirements. A specific issue is the enhancements to the Triangle Centre's water features.

The Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act bring a number of additional responsibilities and opportunities for enforcement, for example greater powers to prosecute fly tippers. The work of the section will also be influenced by the IDeA/LGA Local Government Reputations Initiative, which the Council has signed up to. This highlights seven core actions in the "cleaner, safer, greener" areas of best practice. One of these concerns the need to have a Green Flag award for at least one park. Awards have now been achieved in Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath and it is planned to go for a further Green Flag award in East Grinstead next year.

Budget for 2006/07

Budget pressures

Total budget pressures £31,000.

£5,000 fixed plant costs for the undertaking of a water systems risk assessment (this is a legal requirement), an additional £11,000 NNDR bill for Oaklands following revaluation, £10,000 as the full year cost of the June 2005 Cabinet Member decision to offer discounts to concessionary groups for bulky household waste collection, and £5,000 for fridge collection.

Budget savings

Total budget savings £200,000

Total savings of £200,000 are anticipated next year from restructuring Outdoor Business services.

Increase in Income from new Discretionary Charging

None

Outdoor Business Variation Table

Analysis of changes in budget between 2005/06 projected outturn, and 2006/07 budget

Description	Variation £'000
Budget Changes - Increasing	
Net Inflation Effect of salary increments Additional pension contribution, re-evaluation Recharges Effect of salary changes Street sweeping - additional road adoptions Refuse collection - additional road adoptions East Court pitch drainage Outdoor Facilities various savings Oaklands various Refuse collection- bulky household/fridge collections Public Conveniences R&M savings Car Parks various Contaminated Land repairs and maintenance Recycling bottle bank repairs Recycling household refuse Recycling credit income	194 23 11 2 29 1 102 * 10 * 15 5 * 33 * 2 * 18 * 7 * 20 *
Total	475
Budget Changes - Decreasing	
Defra grant Defra grant capital element Contracts supplies and services Car Parks various Public Conveniences Refuse Collection various	(12) (23) * (18) * (52) * (75) * (33) *
Total	(213)
Total Variation for Outdoor Business	262
	

 $^{^{\}ast}~$ Result of 2005/06 Revenue Budget Management approved variations in current year only.

Outdoor Facilities Budget 2006/07	Outdoor Facilities £'000	Public Convenience £'000	Council Offices £'000	Car Parks £'000	District Drainage £'000	Contaminated Land £'000	Refuse Collection £'000	Recycling Bring System £'000	Highway Cleansing £'000	Highway Maint £'000	TOTAL £'000
Employees	371	48	173	142	28	25	99	91	70	37	1,084
Premises Related Expenditure	1,370	68	340	343	59	0	0	140	0	12	2,332
Transport Related Expenditure	88	0	4	30	0	0	33	0	0	0	155
Supplies and Services	158	1	27	49	5	9	72	17	3	0	341
Third Party Payments	16	67	6	0	0	0	2,341	0	724	0	3,154
Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Support Services	195	23	50	83	7	11	21	108	10	0	508
Gross Expenditure	2,198	207	600	647	99	45	2,566	356	807	49	7,574
Fees & Charges	(175)	0	0	(1,488)	0	0	(65)	0	0	0	(1,728)
Rents	(67)	0	(14)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(81)
Grant Income	(12)	0	(8)	0	0	0	(333)	(265)	0	0	(618)
Recharges	(68)	0	(1,031)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,099)
Gross Income	(322)	0	(1,053)	(1,488)	0	0	(398)	(265)	0	0	(3,526)
Net Expenditure	1,876	207	(453)	(841)	99	45	2,168	91	807	49	4,048
Forecast Outturn 2005/06	1,699	242	(385)	(862)	92	34	2,091	52	775	48	3,786
Change in 2006/07 Budget	177	(35)	(68)	21	7	11	77	39	32	1	262
% Change 2006/07 Budget	10.4	(14.5)	17.7	(2.5)	7.6	32.4	3.7	75.0	4.1	2.1	6.9
2006/07											
Capital Charges	284	56	453	244	159	0	0	0	0	18	1,214
Specific Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Actual	Outdoor Business	Budget	Forecast Outturn	Change F	
2004/05		2006/07	2005/06	2005/0	
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	%
	Expenditure:				
	Employees	1,084	1,032	52	5
	Premises Related Expenditure	2,332	2,094	238	11
	Transport Related Expenditure	155	149	6	4
	Supplies and Services	341	313	28	9
	Third Party Payments	3,154	3,154	0	0
	Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0
	Support Services	508	399	109	27
	Gross Expenditure	7,574	7,141	433	6
	Income:				
	Fees & Charges	(1,728)	(1,720)	(8)	0
	Rents	(81)	(82)	1	-1
	Grant Income	(618)	(585)	(33)	6
	Recharges	(1,099)	(968)	(131)	14
	Gross Income	(3,526)	(3,355)	(171)	5
3,661	Outdoor Business Net Expenditure	4,048	3,786	262	
1,149	Capital charges	1,214	1,149	65	
(60)	Specific items	0	6	(6)	
4,750	Net cost of Outdoor Business	5,262	4,941	321	

DRAFT SERVICE PLAN 2006/07: Outdoor Business

THE SERVICE

Engineering ,Drainage, Waste Collection, Recycling, Street Sweeping, Litter Clearance, Contaminated Land, Road Closures -Special events, Parks, Sports Grounds and Pavilions, Open Spaces, Conservation Areas, Facility and Event Management, Outdoor Youth Facilities, Landscape and Bio Diversity, Oaklands Office facilities, Parking Enforcement and Off Street Car Parks; Leisure Ranger Services; Public Toilets, Council Asset Repair and Maintenance; Technical Support for Pool Plant Operation, Mechanical and Electrical Systems; Energy Management.

Budget (£,000)	Gross Exp (£,000)	Gross Income (£,000)	Net Exp (£,000)	Staffing
5,262	7,574	(3,525)	4,049	66.74 fte

CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS AND ACHIEVEMENTS (2005/06)

Service Standards

Maintain/ develop 465 Ha's of green space, 108 playgrounds and 36 sports grounds

Manage and liase with 280 clubs and organisations.

Manage and maintain 32 car parks.

Issue 2000+ excess charge notices in Car parks

Provide weekly refuse collections to 55,000 households and provide all

households with access to kerbside re-cycling collections

Remove 350+ abandoned vehicles

Maintained 18 kms of streams and watercourses

District cleansed in accordance with EPA Code of Practice.

Achievements

2 Green flag awards achieved in 2005/06 for Bedelands Farm Local Nature Reserve in Burgess Hill and Beech Hurst Gardens in Haywards Heath.

Performance review of waste management and recycling completed.

Healthy walks programme launched.

Reopening of John Pears pavilion with new RMA contract with Ashurst Wood Parish Council.

DDA surveys completed and improvement programme implemented.

Burgess Hill multi-storey car park works completed.

Roll out of the Council's repairs and renewals programme commenced.

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Implement and monitor 06/07 capital and S106 programme Mar 07
Undertake energy audit and recommend actions and savings Jul 06
Submit bid and secure Big Lottery Grant for play areas June 06
Complete transfer/demolition of the identified public conveniences in Action Plan. April 06
Adopt improvement plan for remaining public conveniences. Sep 06
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Implement Action Plan to deliver £200,000 budget saving for the Division. Mar 07

PERFOR	MANCE INDICATORS			
	Performance Indicator	05/06 target	Proj outturn	06/07 target
BV199a)	Cleanliness of relevant land and highways- % below standard	7%	6%	6%
BV199b)	% sites with unacceptable levels of graffiti	New PI	1%	1%
BV199c)	% sites with unacceptable levels of fly posting	New PI	1%	1%
BV199d)	Fly tipping- incidents of and number of	New PI	4	3
-	prosecutions		(poor)	(good)
BV 86	Cost of Waste Collection	£38.00	£37.83	£38.00
BV 84a)	Household waste collection per head	348	350	350
BV 82a	Percentage of Waste recycled	24%	22%	24%
BV 82b	Percentage of Waste Composted	1.2%	0.40%	5%
BV 91a	Population served by a Kerbside collection of recyclables (one recyclable)	100%	100%	100%
BV91b	Population served by a Kerbside collection of recyclables (two recyclables)	100%	100%	100%
BV89	Satisfaction with cleanliness in the area-(last satisfaction surveys 03/04, the next in 06/07)	N/A	N/A	72%
BV90a	Satisfaction with household waste collection	N/A	N/A	91%
BV90b	Satisfaction with waste recycling	N/A	N/A	75%
BV218a	% new reports of abandoned investigated within 24 hours of notification	New PI	90%	90%
BV218b	% abandoned vehicles removed within 24 hours of Council being entitled.	New PI	84%	85%
BV216a	Number of sites of potential concern with respect to land contamination	New PI		ot yet lable
BV216b	% of sites where sufficient information to decide on remediation.	New PI		ot yet lable
BV156	Buildings accessible to people with a disability	36%	40.6%	50%
BV119e	Satisfaction parks and open spaces	N/A	N/A	82%
MSPI 45	% of missed bins cleared within 24hrs	100%	99.9%	99%
MSPI 27	% of fly tips removed within 3 working days	80%	95%	95%
MSPI 60	Pitches per 1000 pop	0.79	0.79	0.79
MSPI 61	No of MSDC toilets / 100,000 pop	14.9	15.7	7.9
MSPI 62	Tonnage from dog bins	78	78	79
MSPI 63	Car park income-pay&display (£,000's)	1,344	1,400	1,400
MSPI 64	Outdoor facilities income (£,000's)	248	310	310
MSPI 65	Ha's of LNR's per 1000	1	1	1.2
MSPI 44	%of increase in waste per household	2.40%	-2.00%	1.00%

	Medium and Long Term priority areas(2007/9):	Target Date
	Commence and establish new waste, recycling and street cleansing contract	Aug 07
,	Undertake a review of play areas across the District	Mar 09
,	Consider East Court Estate development options and establish a development programme for the site.	Sep 07
,	Review future programme of repair and renewals for Council property assets	Sep 07
;	Implement a programme of capital and revenue investment in Council assets	From Apr 07
)	Develop further "Grass Roots" action to enhance Landscape and Biodiversity in	Mar 09
)	the District.	
,	Facilitate the introduction of new car parking provision through the Thornfield	Mar 09
,	Partnership.	
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PLANNING POLICY

Services covered

- Preparation of the Local Development Framework to replace the Local Plan in 2007.
- Conservation; mapping; economic development; revitalisation of town centres.

Head of Service

Judith Hewitt

Service Planning Issues for 2006/07

The Planning Policy Service Planning Workshop took place on 24 November. This section's work is predominately progressing the Local Development Scheme, and ensuring Local Development Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents are completed as set out in the approved Local Development Scheme.

The new Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act requiring the preparation of new local development documents has increased emphasis on engaging and involving the community. This will continue to have an impact on the work of this section and require careful management. In addition, the production of an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) is another requirement of the new planning system. Some of the performance aspects of the AMR are directly linked to Planning Delivery Grant, and therefore the performance of this section is important to maximise the level of grant awarded to the Council.

The introduction of EDRMS (Electronic Document Record Management Systems) and the computerisation of historical records will result in changes to the way that Planning Services are delivered and enable more efficient customer focused services.

There is an ongoing role for this section in the South East Plan and working with Thornfield and Urban Initiatives on the Better Mid Sussex project with regard to supplementary planning guidance, design and the links between the Council's planning policy and town centre revitalisation.

The section will continue to be responsible for most economic development activity, including joint working with business groups and partner organisations in general and the implementation of projects such as Microbiz, and Young Enterprise in particular.

Budget for 2006/07

Budget pressures

Total budget pressures £72,000.

£69,000 is for two new posts approved in October to add to the establishment for the preparation of local development documents. The remaining £3,000 comes from a reduction in sales income from the local plan, as the document is available on the website.

Budget savings

Total budget savings £52,000

Additional PDG grant of £52,000 for the timely submission of the Local Development Framework annual monitoring report.

Increase in Income from new Discretionary Charging

None.

Planning Policy Variation Ta	able
Analysis of changes in budget between 2005/06 projecte	d outturn, and 2006/07 budget
Description	Variation
	£'000
Budget Changes - Increasing	
Net Inflation	13
Effect of salary increments	4
Additional pension contribution, re-evaluation	4
Salary changes	60
Recharges	75
Sales of local plans	3
Local Plans - consultants fees	۷
Local Plans - reports and exhibitions	10 * 5 *
Economic Development various	5
Total	176
Budget Changes - Decreasing	
Additional PDG allocation	(52)
Total	(52)
Total Variation for Planning Polcy	124

 $^{^{*}\,}$ Result of 2005/06 Revenue Budget Management approved variations in current year only.

Planning Policy Budget 2006/07	Planning Policy £'000	Economic Development & Promotion £'000	TOTAL £'000
Employees	432	20	452
Premises Related Expenditure	0	0	0
Transport Related Expenditure	10	0	10
Supplies and Services	64	18	82
Third Party Payments	0	0	0
Transfer Payments	0	0	0
Support Services	129	43	172
Gross Expenditure	635	81	716
Fees & Charges	0	0	0
Rents	0	0	0
Grant Income	(107)	0	(107)
Recharges	0	0	0
Gross Income	(107)	0	(107)
Net Expenditure	528	81	609
Forecast Outturn 2005/06	357	34	391
Change in 2006/07 Budget	171	47	218
% Change 2006/07 Budget	47.9	138.2	55.8
2006/07			
Capital Charges	0	0	0
Specific Items	42	0	42

	Planning Policy		Forecast		
Actual		Budget	Outturn	Change F	rom
2004/05		2006/07	2005/06	2005/0	
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	%
	Expenditure:				
	Employees	452	384	68	18
	Premises Related Expenditure	0	0	0	0
	Transport Related Expenditure	10	10	0	0
	Supplies and Services	82	190	(108)	-57
	Third Party Payments	0	0	0	0
	Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0
	Support Services	172	102	70	69
	Gross Expenditure	716	686	30	4
	Income:				
	Fees & Charges	0	(3)	3	-100
	Rents	0	0	0	0
	Grant Income	(107)	(198)	91	0
	Recharges	0	0	0	0
	Gross Income	(107)	(201)	94	-47
567	Planning Policy Net Expenditure	609	485	124	
0	Capital charges	0	0	0	
0	Specific items	42	44	(2)	
567	Net cost of Planning Policy	651	529	122	

DRAFT SERVICE PLAN 2006/07: PLANNING POLICY

THE SERVICE

The prime responsibility of the Planning Policy team is the preparation of the Local Development Framework (LDF), which will replace the existing Local Plan in September 2007. The Team also deals with conservation, mapping and economic development and is involved in the revitalisation of the town centres and working with consultants.

Budget	Gross Exp	Gross Income	Net Exp	Staffing
(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	(£,000)	
651	716	(107)	609	10.5 fte

CURRENT SERVICE LEVELS (2005/6)

- Local Development Scheme adopted
- Statement of Community Involvement submitted to GOSE and progressed to submission stage
- Community engagement on Small Scale Housing allocations undertaken
- Annual Monitoring report published
- Partnership work with Horsham and Crawley to establish Travellers needs assessment
- Employment land review completed
- Responded to South East Plan part 1 consultation and contributed to SEERA studies
- Service agreement for mapping implemented

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Better Environment:

Quality and Sustainable Environment

Distinctive and Sustainable Towns and Villages

Better Services:

Efficient and Effective Services

KEY TASKS	
Short Term (2006/7):	Target Date
Local Development Scheme	
Core Strategy:	
Carry out early engagement and produce a Core Strategy pre-	
submission document and Sustainability Appraisal	Nov 06
Publish the pre-submission document and Sustainability Appraisal for	
public consultation.	December 06
Publish schedule of representations on pre-submission document and	
Sustainability Appraisal.	March 07
East Grinstead Area Action Plan:	
Gain Council approval to publish pre-submission draft Area Action Plan	
and Sustainability Appraisal for consultation.	June 06
Publish the Pre Submission draft Area Action Plan and Sustainability	1.1.00
Appraisal for public consultation.	July 06
Publish schedule of representations on Pre-Submission draft Area	January 07
Action Plan and Sustainability Appraisal	January 07
Small scale Housing Allocations: Submit document and associated Sustainability Appraisal to Secretary	
of State	June 06
Undertake community engagement on allocations document	July 06
Advertise alternative sites	September 06
Publish schedule of representations on Submission document Action	Coptombol oo
Plan and Sustainability Appraisal	January 07
Adopt Statement of Community Engagement	June 06
Produce Annual Monitoring Report	December 06
Economic Development:	
Hold a engineering and technology Careers Convention	April 06
Publish commercial property availability register	March 07
Corporate:	
Contribute to the delivery of procurement savings.	March 07
Implement Action Plan in response to Coping with Pressure staff	March 07
survey.	

PERFORM	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS					
National:	Performance Indicator	Target	Projected	Target		
		05/06	Outturn	06/07		
BV106	Percentage of new homes built on					
	previously developed land	55%	60%	55%		
BV200a	Plan making: Development Plan	Yes	Yes	Yes		
BV200b	Plan making: Milestones	Yes	Yes	Yes		
BV200c	Plan making: Annual Monitoring Report	Yes	Yes	Yes		
BV219a	Conservation Areas - Number	New PI	3	3		
BV219b	Conservation Areas – character appraisals	New PI	2	3		
BV219c	Conservation Areas – with management	New PI	2	3		
	proposals					
Local:						
MS30	Housing commencements	685	500	725		
MS31	Density of new housing on developments					
	of six or more dwellings, per hectare	40	35	35		
MS07	Number of affordable homes completed	62	69	80		

	Short Term Actions (2006/7): continued	Target Date
Target	Conservation:	
06/07	Produce Cuckfield Conservation Area Supplementary Planning	
	Document	April 06
55%	Produce Haywards Heath Conservation Area Supplementary Planning	
Yes	Document	October 06
Yes	Produce East Grinstead Conservation Area Supplementary Planning	
Yes	Document	March 07
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3	Medium and Long Term (2007/09):	
3	Adopt Small Scale Housing Development Plan Document	June 08
	Adopt East Grinstead Area Action Plan	July 09
	Adopt Vision and Core Strategy	July 09
	Production and adoption of 3 Conservation Area Appraisals per year	March 09
725		
35		
80		

STRATEGIC CORE

Services covered

• Central Support – Corporate Strategic Director, Other Corporate and Democratic Core, Chairman's Expenses, Strategic Core

Head of Service

Corporate Strategic Director

Service Planning Issues for 2006/07

This area covers a multitude of areas of expenditure, broadly classified into democratic representation and management, and senior corporate management. There are no specific changes to be identified at this point within this area of the Council's portfolio of services.

Strategic Core Variation	Гable
Analysis of changes in budget between 2005/06 projec	cted outturn, and 2006/07 budget
Description	Variation £'000
Budget Changes - Increasing	
Net Inflation Effect of salary increments Additional pension contribution, re-valuation Recharges	32 2 5 243
Total Budget Changes - Decreasing	282
Staffing adjustments Better Mid Sussex cost Supplies and services Office moves	(21) (5) * (26) * (12) *
Total	(64)
Total Variation for Strategic Core	218

^{*} Result of 2005/06 Revenue Budget Management approved variations in current year only.

Strategic Core Budget 2006/07	Strategic Core £'000	Other Corporate & Democratic Core £'000	TOTAL £'000
Employees	342	578	920
Premises Related Expenditure	0	0	0
Transport Related Expenditure	1	0	1
Supplies and Services	10	0	10
Third Party Payments	0	0	0
Transfer Payments	0	0	0
Support Services	229	690	919
Gross Expenditure	582	1,268	1,850
Fees & Charges	0	0	0
Rents	0	0	0
Grant Income	0	0	0
Recharges	0	0	0
Gross Income	0	0	0
Net Expenditure	582	1,268	1,850
Forecast Outturn 2005/06	442	1,190	1,632
Change in 2006/07 Budget	140	78	218
% Change 2006/07 Budget	31.7	6.6	13.4
2006/07			
Capital Charges	0	0	0
Specific Items	0	0	0

Actual	Strategic Core	Budget	Forecast Outturn	Change F	rom
2004/05		2006/07	2005/06	2005/0	
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	%
2000	Expenditure:	2 000	2 000	2000	,0
0	Employees	920	911	9	1
0	Premises Related Expenditure	0	0	0	0
0	Transport Related Expenditure	1	1	0	0
0	Supplies and Services	10	59	(49)	-83
0	Third Party Payments	0	0	0	0
0	Transfer Payments	0	0	0	0
675	Support Services	919	666	253	38
675	Gross Expenditure	1,850	1,637	213	13
	Income:				
0	Fees & Charges	0	0	0	0
0	Rents	0	0	0	0
0	Grant Income	0	(5)	5	-100
0	Recharges	0	0	0	0
0	Gross Income	0	(5)	5	-100
1,012	Strategic Core Net Expenditure	1,850	1,632	218	
0	Capital charges	0	0	0	
0	Specific items	0	0	0	
1,012	Net cost of Strategic Core	1,850	1,632	218	

Forecast of Benefits Costs 2006/07

Non HRA Rent Rebates	2004/05 Accounts*	2005/06 Budget	2005/06 Current	2006/07 Forecast	
NOTI TICA Refit Repailes					
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
gross expenditure	68	62	55	57	
net expenditure at standard subsidy					
effect of reduced subsidy effect of overpayments	2 (2)	(1)	3 (4)	3 (4)	
Total Rent Rebates	0	(1)	(1)	(1)	
Rent Allowances					
gross expenditure	£'000 16,010	£'000 16,623	£'000 17,311	£'000 17,778	
net expenditure at standard subsidy	0	0	0	0	
effect of reduced subsidy	261	361	348	357	
effect of overpayments	(320)	(447)	(418)	(429)	
Total Rent Allowances	(59)	(86)	(70)	(72)	
Council Tax Benefit					
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
gross expenditure	3,889	4,074	4,772	4,901	
net expenditure at standard subsidy	0	0	0	0	
effect of reduced subsidy	0	0	0	0	
effect of overpayments Total Council Tax Benefit	(60)	(44) (44)	(76) (76)	(78) (78)	
Total Council Tax Berleiit	(60)	(44)	(70)	(76)	
Discretionary Local Scheme		_	_		
Council Tax Benefit	11 33	3 8	0	0 48	
Rent Allowances Subsidy 75%	(33)	0	47 (35)	(36)	
Total Discretionary scheme	11	11	12	12	
Total Support	(108)	(120)	(135)	(139)	
Add : Previous Year Adjustment	,	,	,	` ,	
Less : LA Error subsidy	(82)	0	(95)	(97)	1
Less: Re-imbursement for loss of	(0.0)		(0.0)		
subsidy above 0.5% Adjustment for 2003/04 claim	(93)	0	(98)	0	2
Adjustment for 2003/04 claim Adjustment for 2002/03 claim	36 0	0	0 0	0	3
Transfer to Benefits Equalisation	J	J	J	J	
Reserve	0	0	78	0	4
Less : Funding from Benefits Equalisation Reserve *	0	(130)	0	(21)	4
Cost to MSDC	(247)	(250)	(250)	(257)	4
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^{* 2004/2005} as reported to Cabinet 13th June 2005, subject to final clearance by Audit.

- '(1) The budget for 2005/2006 assumed that we would not receive any Subsidy for LA Error based on poor performance caused by a backlog at the start of the year. Monitoring shows that we are currently below the lower threshold for LA Error and therefore able to claim 100% subsidy. Based on this performance trend we are budgeting to receive 100% subsidy for LA error in 2006/2007.
- '(2) The DWP introduced the Transitional Protection Scheme in April 2004 to minimise the impact on those local authorities that would be losers under the new Benefit subsidy arrangements. The maximum loss for authorities would be limited to 0.5% in 2004/2005. The DWP recently carried out the first interim calculation confirming entitlement for 04/05. By the same calculation, Mid sussex should also be entiled to Transitional Protection for 05/06 as the DWP stated that no LAs will lose more than 1% for 2005/2006. However, LAs will only be entiled to Transitional Protection in 2006/2007 if the loss is calculated to be more than 2%. Mid Sussex will therefore lose this entilement for 2006/2007.
- '(3) Adjustments for 2004/2005 claim cannot be actioned until final clearance by audit has been received.
- '(4) The amount budgeted to be drawn from or transferred to the Benefits Equalisation Reserve is calculated to bring the final figure back to the required budget. The Benefits Equalisation reserve was set up from the previous years surplus. The forecast surplus on LA error subsidy for 2005/2006 as well as the forecast Transitional Protection Scheme entilement has reduced need to be draw from the Equalisation reserve for 2005/2006, subject to final clearance by audit. The budgeted LA error subsidy for 2006/2007 based on current performance also reduces the amount need to be drawn from the Equalisation reserve in 2006/2007.

Net Inflation

- 1. For a realistic budget to be set, it is necessary to recognise and allow for price increases in the following year.
- 2. This section of the report explains the detailed inflation calculation for 2006/07, based on the latest information.
- 3. As background information, inflation for the whole economy for the past year has been running as shown in the table below:

Inflation Rates 2005/06						
	retail pri	ice index				
	headline	underlying	average earnings index,			
	Rate %	Rate %	whole economy %			
November 2004	3.5	2.2	4.6			
December	3.5	2.5	4.6			
January 2005	3.2	2.1	4.1			
February	3.2	2.1	5.5			
March	3.2	2.4	4.3			
April	3.2	2.3	4.1			
May	3.0	2.1	4.1			
June	2.9	2.2	4.0			
July	2.9	2.5	4.4			
August	2.8	2.3	4.3			
September	2.7	2.5	4.1			
October	2.5	2.4	3.7			
November	2.4	2.3	3.3			
December	2.2	2.0	4.6			

4. After examining each type of expenditure and income in more detail, and in the light of indications for future inflation, the inflation allowance has been recalculated at £719,000. The table below shows the suggested inflation rate to be applied to each element of the budget. It is important to note that the largest unavoidable inflation allowances are for employees, fuel and contracts.

Inflation calculation for 2006/07 Budget	Infla	tion			
ltem	% age	£'000			
Employees					
Pay The latest round of pay bargaining for Local Government staff agreed a pay deal applicable from 2004/05, and which covered both 2005/06 and 2006/07. The rate applicable from 1 st April 2006 was agreed to be the higher of 2.95% or Retail Price Index (RPI) in October 2005. It has now been confirmed as 2.95%.	2.95	406			
Other employee costs Estimated inflation of 2.5%	2.50	6			
Buildings and Premises Maintenance					
A part of maintenance expenditure is tied to specific contracts which provide a formula for indexation for payments to contractors. In the main these formulae are in two parts, 60% derived from the average earnings index and 40% from RPI. Provisionally, this formula has remained at 3.01%.	3.01	30			
For other maintenance costs 2.7% has been used.	2.70	32			
Fuel The majority of our fuel supplies are arranged through the Kent CC administered Laser arrangement. The electricity contract is due for renewal in October 2006. The expected average increase for 2006/07 is 52%. The gas contract is due for renewal on 1 st July 2006, with the exception of supplies to The Triangle (renewal date 1 st September 2006). The expected average increase of 2006/07 is 52%.	27.01	202			
NNDR The increase in Rate Poundage reported in the Settlement, is based on the annual November RPI increase.	2.70	22			
Water An estimate of the likely increase for Southern Water	6.90	5			
South East Water's proposed price increases for 2006/07 are 6.8%.	6.80	8			
Transport					
Car Allowances Increases follow nationally agreed National Joint Council (NJC) figures - no increases have been notified.	0.00	0			
Supplies and Services					
Postage An estimate of the likely increase for 2006/07.	3.50	9			
Telephones Continuous efforts are made with the Council's consultants to eliminate the impact of inflation.	0.00	0			

	Inflation	
Supplies and Services Contd.	% age	£'000
Contracts The contract terms for refuse collection, street sweeping and public convenience cleaning are subject to increases relating to average earnings (60%) and RPI (40%) (provisional).	3.01	93
Insurance An early indication suggests that premiums could increase by 9% in 2006/07. This will be kept under review.	9.00	23
Other Supplies and Services A 'basket' of items which will increase, remain static or, in some cases, fall in price.	3.24	145
Fees and Charges		
Discretionary charges An allowance for a 3% increase in discretionary charges (car park fees are excluded) has been made. (See * note below)	3.00	(262)
From 1st April 1999 the Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations have been in operation. These give LA's the power to set their own charges, within a LGA framework. The fee earning account is expected to break-even in 2005/2006 and there is no need to increase charges.	0.00	(0)
Mandatory Charges No further increases have been announced.	0.00	(0)
Rents Increases in rents are dependent on the review of individual leases.	0.00	(0)
Government Grants Subsidies	0.00	(0)
Total		719

Note:

* This includes income from indoor leisure activities to be increased. However, only a selective range of price increases focused on areas where demand is strong will now be allowed. Therefore an allowance of £73,000 has been made in Budget Pressures for Leisure and Property Division to reflect the financial impact of some charges not increasing.