

Title of Report:	Actions from previous minutes
Report to be considered by:	Resource Management Select Committee
Date of Meeting:	11 November 2010

Purpose of Report: To receive an update on actions following the previous Committee meeting.

Recommended Action: To note the update.

Key background documentation: Minutes of the Resource Management Select Committee held on 13 September 2010.

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides the information requested at the last meeting of the Select Committee. The full detail is contained within the minutes from last time.

2. Item 19 – Actions from previous Minutes

- 2.1 The following responses are provided by Andy Walker:

- (1) Newbury Cinema Subsidy. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.
- (2) Quarterly budget reports. The Portfolio Holder for Finance considers that these reports should be taken to the Executive in the first instance as the formal decision making body. The RMSC is of course free to timetable meetings as soon after the Executive as possible to scrutinise these reports further once they have been agreed by the Executive. The budget monitoring/reporting timetable is attached at Appendix A, this includes RMSC dates.
- (3) Berkshire County Council (BCC) S106 agreements. It was reported at the last meeting that all 16 S106 accounts which dated back to BCC had been spent in their entirety within the last 4 years. This was also confirmed at the meeting of the S106 Task Group held on 7 December 2009. However, when this issue was first discussed by the RMSC in June 2009, four of the agreements had not been spent in full. The spreadsheet provided last time is reattached for information at Appendix B, this shows the final spend dates.

3. Item 25 – Financial Performance Report

- 3.1 The following responses are provided by Andy Walker:

- (1) Placing a charge against an individual's property to help contribute or pay for their care. These comments have been passed to the Heads of Service for Adult Social Care (ASC) and Housing and Performance. The Finance Manager responsible for ASC budgets will discuss this further with the Client Financial Services Manager in Community Services.
- (2) Capital depleters. WBC purchases 40% of the residential nursing beds in West Berkshire. The remaining beds are purchased privately and a small percentage paid for by other Councils. It is therefore difficult to predict the number of capital depleters in any one financial year. However, for the past few years the number coming through has remained around 8, and this number is budgeted for. In the current financial year, there are 10 already with a further 4 expected to come through in the next few months. The 2011/12 ASC investment bid includes a bid to increase the budget for capital depleters by 6 plus the budget to meet the in year demand of 14.

- (3) Budget for new and unexpected care packages for clients with a learning disability. WBC does not hold a contingency budget for unexpected clients with learning disabilities. There is good intelligence from Children's Services regarding transitions and this is used as a basis for modelling the next year's investment bids. Unexpected clients therefore put added pressure on the budgets.
- (4) Street lighting contract. This issue has been raised with Highways officers for further investigation.
- (5) Running costs of West Street House and West Point. This issue has been raised with Property officers for further investigation.
- (6) Capital expenditure in the Community Services Directorate. The month 3 table, provided last time, showed that 90% of the Community Services programme was still to be committed, but the detailed comments explain why this is and indicate that most of the remainder is expected to be committed before year end. 75% is uncommitted at month 6, which shows that this is moving, albeit slowly, in the right direction.

3.2 Reduction in land charges income. A briefing note on this matter has been provided by Phil Runacres, Elections and Land Charges Manager, and is attached at Appendix C.

Appendices

Appendix A – Budget monitoring timetable for 2010/11

Appendix B – BCC S106 agreements

Appendix C – Local Land Charges – fee income