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THE EXECUTIVE

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10.00 am at the

Civic Offices, St Nicholas Way, Sutton SM1 1EA

SECOND DISPATCH

To all members of The Executive:-

The following papers, which were not available for dispatch with the agenda, are attached. Please bring them with you to the meeting:-

9. 2010/11 BUDGET UPDATE AND BUDGET CONSULTATION (Pages 1 - 18)

To agree proposals for the budget consultation 2010/11 (To Follow)

10. LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND ALLOCATION (Pages 19 - 22)

To agree the allocation of the 2009/10 Local Transport Fund (To Follow)

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London Borough of Sutton

The Executive - 3 November 2009

Report of the Strategic Director - Resources

UPDATED FORECAST OF THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

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Key Decision Report

Summary

This report updates the budget forecast reported to The Executive on 14 September 2009, and includes recommendations for spending and savings proposals to assist in preparing a balanced budget for 2010/11.

Recommendations

I recommend the Committee to :

- a. note the latest budget forecast as shown in Appendix A.
- b. endorse the Majority Party commitment not to increase Sutton's council tax for 2010/11.
- c. approve the additional spending and efficiency/cost reduction measures shown in Appendices B and C.
- d. agree the proposed arrangements for consultation set out in para 2.5.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council agreed a three year forecast of the cost of existing services as part of the 2009/10 budget process. I reported an updated forecast to the Executive on 14 September 2009.
- 1.2 This report seeks to build on that position by updating the forecast further, providing details of anticipated additional spending pressures and also of recommended efficiency/cost reduction measures to assist next and future year's budgets.

2. Issues

2.1 Updated three year forecast

- 2.1.1 The updated three year forecast shown at Appendix A now includes worked-through proposals for the additional expenditure required in 2010/11 and is in broad balance meaning that there should be no need to have an increase in council tax next year.

As the Mayor of London has also announced that there will be no increase in the GLA precept, there will be an overall council tax freeze for Sutton taxpayers in 2010/11.

- 2.1.2 There is still some time before the council tax is formally agreed in March 2010 and a number of uncertainties remain. Although the government has indicated it will not reopen the Formula Grant Settlement for 2010/11, there remain concerns about specific government grants and in particular the position on concessionary fares as discussed in para 2.4 below. The economic environment also remains volatile so that budget assumptions will need to be kept under continual reassessment and review. If some of these factors turn against us then further efficiencies/cost reductions may need to be identified to ensure the commitment to a balanced budget delivering no increase in council tax is achieved. To cover this possibility, work is in hand to seek to identify further efficiencies that would not impact adversely on frontline services.
- 2.1.3 The outlook for 2011/12 and 2012/13 remains uncertain pending publication of government spending plans for these years, but is bound to be very difficult given the overall position of the nation's finances. The current projections are based on a cash reduction of 1% in formula grant in each of these years. This is equivalent to a real terms reduction after allowing for inflation of about 3%. This leads to projected shortfalls of around £8m for each year. These figures appear to be realistic but should be regarded as broad brush projections which could vary up or down. The figures have increased from the September report to make some provision for an increase in employer pension fund contribution rates from April 2011 following the actuarial valuation of the pension fund due next year.
- 2.1.4 Given the assumptions we are making about the level of grant funding and the demand for services in 2011/12 and 2012/13, it currently looks as if it will be necessary to find significant further savings in both years in order to avoid significant rises in council tax in the future.

2.2 Efficiency and Cost reduction measures.

- 2.2.1 In my Medium Term Financial Forecast report to the Executive on 14 September 2009 I reported that efficiency and cost reduction measures totalling an estimated £3.616m had been identified. This figure has now increased to £3.847m as set out in the list attached at appendix B
- 2.2.2 As indicated previously, the majority of the measures emanating from the efficiency and cost reduction programme are internally focussed and do not require public consultation. In other cases the savings result from previously agreed changes such as the closure of Ludlow Lodge or the Shared HR service with Merton which have been subject to their own individual consultation arrangements.
- 2.2.3 Consultation has taken place with all staff potentially affected by the proposals. The total estimated potential number of redundancies is 31 of which 20 relate to the two measures referred to above. As in previous years, it is anticipated that the final figure for redundancies will be significantly lower. These proposals are submitted at Appendix B for approval and will be implemented as soon as practicable in each case to achieve additional part-year savings in 2009/10 where this is feasible.

2.3 Proposals for Additional Spending

- 2.3.1 In the Medium Term Forecast to the Executive on 14 September I reported that there are some areas where despite efforts to contain expenditure there is a need to increase spending and that the initial forecast allowed for £3.5m to support such pressures.
- 2.3.2 Leading Councillors and the Corporate Management Team have reviewed the needs and demands placed upon existing budgets and the additional (or reduced) cost of maintaining existing service levels into the next financial year and have considered carefully how these costs can be kept to a minimum. The outcome of this exercise is a proposal that continuing additional expenditure of some £3.7m and one-off additional expenditure of £1.1m should be allowed for in next year's budget. A schedule of the proposals recommended for approval and totalling £4.8m is included in Appendix C
- 2.3.3 The main pressures for the continuing additional spending of £3.7m come from demographic pressures on adult social services and children's services (£1.980m), and from central government led changes to landfill tax, specific grants and subsidies, and the responsibilities placed on local authorities (£1.282m). There is also some additional continuing expenditure that derives from the existing priorities of the current administration and the implementation of their agreed plans (£0.471m).
- 2.3.4 An additional factor currently is the impact of the recession on demand for the Council's services and also upon the income the Council derives from services such as car parking and land charge searches. This is adversely affecting the current year's budget and is expected to continue into 2010/11. The current projection is for a shortfall in 2010/11 of up to £813k. However it is a time-limited pressure rather than a permanently continuing one and on this basis it seems sensible to cover this one-off amount from the use of reserves and balances in accordance with the Council's agreed policy. The support for car parking includes £50k to enable car parking charges to be frozen in 2010/11.
- 2.3.5 An additional allocation of Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Grant (LABGI) provides another source of funding for one-off expenditure and it is proposed that this be used to fund expenditure in 2010/11 of £75k on measures to help Sutton businesses and residents through the recession and £181k to cover one-off start up costs associated with the opening of the Life Centre.

2.4 Concessionary Fares Scheme

As previously reported the Department for Transport is considering re-opening the national settlement for concessionary fares. It is feared that any changes could be very damaging for London boroughs with a potential negative impact for Sutton of up to £1m. At the time of writing it is still not clear whether this will happen. If they decide to proceed the Government will be required to issue a consultation paper outlining and exemplifying any proposed changes which would delay a final decision until December or January.

2.5 Budget Consultation

The Council will be undertaking public consultation on the budget position and its long term priorities to seek views from local people, the voluntary sector and other stakeholders. The exercise will be launched in the November edition of Sutton Scene and publicised in local media. Research activity will include focus groups, a

voluntary sector workshop and survey work undertaken by Lead Councillors with the public. The Council's biennial IPSOS Mori Survey is currently in progress and responses from the survey will also feed into the process. The results will be considered by The Executive on 18 January 2010 and taken into account in preparing the final budget recommendations for The Executive on 9 February 2010.

3. Financial Implications

These are considered in the report

4. Influence of the Council's Core Values

- 4.1 The budget provides the framework for developing innovative approaches in order to provide better, more cost effective services. It is also being developed in conjunction with our LSP partners.

5. Equality Impact Assessment

- 5.1 Decisions on changes to the Council's overall budget and the funding of services clearly have the potential for quite complex and differential impacts on equalities and diversity. Where expenditure reductions are necessary the Council seeks to minimise these impacts through protecting front line services as much as possible and maximising the use of back office efficiencies to find required savings. The consultation period on budget proposals allows affected stakeholders to participate in budget decisions.
- 5.2 The Council is very conscious that it delivers services to our most vulnerable and disadvantaged residents. For all major proposals Equality Impact Assessments are carried out to analyse the potential impact and to incorporate mitigation in their delivery. Some specific changes included in the Medium Term Financial Forecast positively address inequalities. All Sutton residents benefit from efficient and effective services and the lowest council tax consistent with maintaining good service provision.

6. Background Papers

Revenue Accountancy Estimates File 2010/11

UPDATED BUDGET FORECAST

Net Expenditure	Original			
	Estimate	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	2009/10	£'000	£'000	£'000
SUTTON BOROUGH EXPENDITURE				
Adult Social Services & Housing				
- Adult Social Services	52,234	51,491	51,415	51,415
- General Fund Housing	2,487	2,457	2,457	2,457
Chief Executive's Group	5,024	5,039	5,039	5,039
Children, Young People & Learning Services				
- Education Services LEA Block	14,982	15,114	15,110	15,110
- Childrens Services	16,404	16,229	16,229	16,229
Environment and Leisure	35,853	36,397	36,382	36,382
Resources Group	725	942	942	942
Non Service Revenue Accounts	8,069	9,038	9,706	9,805
- Provision for Pay and Price Increases		0	2,750	5,500
- Proposals for Additional Spending - see Appendix C		4,802	7,233	10,733
- Central Contingency Provision	2,700	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total Net Expenditure (excl Schools)	138,478	144,509	150,263	156,612
Recommended Efficiency and Cost Reduction Measures - see Appendix B		-3,847	-3,897	-3,897
Income Shortfall to be financed from reserves		-813	0	0
Use of LABGI funding		-256	0	0
Sutton's Net Budget Requirement	138,478	139,593	146,366	152,715
Deduct Receipts				
Formula Grant	-53,735	-54,518	-53,973	-53,433
Collection Fund Surplus	-1,002	-1,000	-500	-500
Sutton's Net Requirement on the Collection Fund	83,741	84,075	91,893	98,782
Requirement for no Increase in Council Tax		84,085	84,085	84,085
Headroom/Shortfall to be Funded from Further Savings or Council Tax		-10	7,808	14,697
Potential loss on Concessionary Fares Scheme Financing up to		1,000	1,000	1,000
Shortfall to be Funded from Further Savings or Council Tax if Concessionary Fares Financing Lost up to		990	8,808	15,697

EFFICIENCY AND COST REDUCTION MEASURES for 2010/11

	2010/11 £'000
Adult Social Services & Housing	
Operational / Commissioning	
- Savings through managing annual price review outcome.	450
- Through Reablement Programme Reduce Longer Term Costs of Residential and Homecare.	420
- Use of Fair Pricing Tool for Placements and Alternative Supported Housing (Learning Disabilities).	300
- Mental Health Placements and Alternative Supported Housing.	180
- Reduce Costs of Disability Placements (Jointly with CYPLS).	150
- End direct provision of residential care at Ludlow Lodge.	210
- Increase Independent Living Fund take up (Learning Disabilities).	50
- Implement Continuing Care Decision Making Tool.	50
- Non-recurrent Transitional Costs.	50
- Learning Disabilities commissioning efficiencies	250
Work in Progress	
- Review Supported Living Services.	50
ASSH Total	2,160
Less Already in budget base	-765
Total Adult Social Services & Housing	1,395
Chief Executive's	
- Safer Sutton Partnership Services Management.	80
- Policy and democratic services - restructuring.	55
- Policy and economic renewal teams - non staffing.	50
- Agreed savings through the new voluntary sector commissioning framework .	40
Total Chief Executive's	225
Children, Young People and Learning Services	
- Joint Project with ASSH to reduce cost of disability placements.	150
- Increased fostering allowances reducing reliance on agency foster carers.	93
- Achieve savings through improved commissioning arrangements.	50
- Re-packaging existing work so that it matches the General Sure Start grant requirements.	50
- SEN Transport - Sutton/Croydon transport partnership shared taxi service.	40
- Reduce costs on ICT & School Governance services.	35
Total Children, Young People and Learning Services	418

2010/11

£'000

Environment and Leisure**Middle Management Efficiencies**

- Libraries Service Review.	106
- Management Re-organisation in Highways Team.	95
- Management Re-organisation in Transport Team.	45
- Re-organisation of Strategic Planning Team.	45
- Re-organisation of Environment and Leisure Secretariat.	40
- Management Re-organisation in Museums & Heritage Service.	10
- Management Reorganisation in Asset Management	35

Operational Efficiencies

- Re-organisation of Waste Collection Routes.	255
- Operational Efficiencies in Street Cleaning Service.	180
- Operational Efficiencies in Environmental Sustainability.	140
- Leisure Contract Savings.	75
- More Efficient use of Vehicles in Streetscene.	50
- Re-organisation of Biodiversity functions.	30
- Savings fom Shared Building Control Service with Merton.	30
- Rationalisation of Maintenance Budget for Street Lighting, Structures and Bridges.	25
- Other operational Efficiencies in Leisure, Libraries and Regisatration.	14

Other Efficiencies

- Library media fund savings.	50
- Bringing Development Control Service for Householder Contract Back in-house.	37

Total Environment & Leisure	1,262
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Resources Group

- HR shared service arrangements with LB of Merton.	150
- Operational efficiencies in Finance and Performance Management.	116
- Improved management of Insurance Claims.	115
- Reduced pension fund payments for previously outsourced services.	66
- Reduce charges for Internal Audit work.	50
- Better commissioning of telephone calls and IT peripherals.	50

Total Resources Group	547
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GRAND TOTAL	3,847
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PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL SPENDING 2010/11

	2010/11 £'000
Adult Social Services & Housing	
1 Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults	150
Funding to develop and improve capacity and capability to safeguard vulnerable adults following CQC inspection.	
2 Charges for B&B Accommodation	78
Unavoidable additional expenditure due to changes in the subsidy arrangements for Bed and Breakfast accommodation, based on 2008/09 placements.	
3 Transition of Young People to Adult Services	
- Learning Disabilities	100
- Physical Disabilities	150
- Mental Health	50
4 Disabled Adults (Acquired major disability)	180
These are individuals who acquire a major disability as a result of for instance an accident, stroke or similar. Based on activity over the past two years we anticipate an additional 4 disabled adults coming into our service, each year, at a cost of £35k-£55k each.	
5 Demographic Growth, older people, 85+	144
Sutton's older population, aged 85+ is forecast to rise by 1.78% annually.	
6 Prevention and Early Intervention - older people	100
There is a need to develop early intervention/prevention services including information and advice, support for carers, advocacy. This should enhance independence in the longer term and reduce the costs of intervention later. £100k is to fund pilot projects to assess the effectiveness of these services. If effectiveness is demonstrated then a case for further investment will be made on a "spend to save" basis.	
Total Adult Social Services & Housing	952

Children, Young People and Learning Services

1 Additional funding of Placements for Looked After Children to meet ongoing demand.	490
Pressures on the placements budget arise from the fact that we are obliged to provide placements for children in need of protection. Although we try to prevent children from becoming looked after there are times when the appropriate action is to take them into care.	
2 SEN transport	300
An additional £300k is needed to meet the cost of transporting children to places in special schools for which commitments have already been made.	
3 Improved Safeguarding	410
Due to growth in the number of referrals and the number of children with child protection plans it is necessary to employ more social workers in order to keep case-loads at manageable levels	

2010/11
£'000

4 Looked After Children Supervised Contact Service	The service provides safe, good quality contact for children for whom we have Corporate Responsibility and meets our statutory duty under the Children Act to provide contact for Looked After Children. The service frees up social workers who would otherwise have responsibility to facilitate and organise often daily contact for very young children, and is therefore a cost effective way of meeting demand, which is increasing.	84
5 Independent Chair for Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB)	The LSCB is the key local Forum focussing on safeguarding children. It is currently chaired by the Strategic Director CYPLS. The Government has indicated that it wishes to see all LSCBs chaired by an independent chair and the Board has now unanimously agreed that it wishes to proceed to an independent chair.	10
6 Elective Home Education	Under new national arrangements, the Local Authority will be required to monitor, evaluate and make judgements on the quality of the education being provided by parents educating their children at home and to regularly revisit to maintain an overview of both educational provision and safeguarding. This is a significant increase in the current role of the Local Authority in Elective Home Education and cannot be carried out within existing resources.	50
7 Improved safeguarding for disabled children	Additional staffing for children with disabilities team due to rising numbers of disabled children known to disability services, increasing complexity of cases and increasing incidence of referrals on disabled children with safeguarding concerns.	76
8 Growth in Direct Payments	Direct payments are a means of providing personalised assistance and represent better value than any other form of service. Much of the recent growth in direct payments expenditure is attributable to a small number of high cost care packages for young people with exceptionally complex needs or challenging behaviour. Residential care for any of these young people would cost at least four times their current care packages.	80
<hr/> Total Children, Young People and Learning Services		1,500

Environment and Leisure

1 Loss of income from Woodland Craft Centre	Currently vacant, and very difficult to let in current economic conditions. Assumes re-letting with new tenants by 2011.	8
2 Loss of income from All Weather Pitch	Assumes pitch reopens at the start of 2012 and provides at least £20k income to Parks service.	20
3 Loss of Income Charles Cryer Theatre	Carshalton College hired the venue (full time) for their Performing Arts courses. This generated an annual income of £88K. Courses now being withdrawn. Aiming to replace half of lost income through other bookings.	44

	2010/11 £'000
4 Repairs and Maintenance	150
There is a backlog of repairs and maintenance to council owned buildings that needs to be tackled . Unless this is done we will be faced with bigger bills in future.	
5 Landfill Tax Increase	452
Landfill Tax will continue to rise by £8 per tonnes until 2013/14. This is based on 0% waste growth during 2010/11 and 1% thereafter. Based on 56,500 tonnes at £8 per tonne.	
6 Non-Receipt of Waste Performance Efficiency Grant	205
The Government has withdrawn this grant and we therefore have to find this sum from the Council's own resources.	
7 South London Waste Partnership (SLWP) procurement budget	213
During 2010/11 the Partnership will be procuring some big projects worth several hundred million pounds to deal with the future treatment of waste. This process has to be properly managed. Costs (estimated at a further £50k) will be incurred to administer and support Committee meetings, Management Group activities and communications.	
8 Hackbridge Project: programme management	90
To provide programme and project management to the Hackbridge project, and 'matched funding' to various external funding sources.	
9 Leisure Centre Procurement	19
The Leisure Centre contract is due to be re-let in 2010/11. This is a major exercise for which additional funding to provide external advice and legal support is required.	
10 Air Quality Monitoring	40
DEFRA has ceased to fund the costs of air monitoring stations. It costs £40k to have four stations in the Borough. Given the importance of monitoring air quality we wish to keep all of these stations in the Borough.	
11 Loss of income from events organised by Rotary club	5
Assumes current trial scheme is extended - whereby we offer free use our parks for some major events (e.g. fireworks).	
12 Sutton School of Gymnastics	15
Funding of £15k per annum is required to help keep the club operating whilst they seek a new 'home' in London Borough of Merton.	
13 Web Team	20
Establish integrated web team to improve functionality of web based services.	
Total Environment & Leisure	1,281
Total - Additional Recurring Expenditure	3,733

2010/11
£'000**Projected Income Shortfalls 2010/11**

(Short term losses due to recession to be charged to reserves)

1 Shortfall in Income - Legal Services	143
Lost income from disposals fee income of £143k in Legal Services	
2 Reduction in Planning income	140
As a result of the recession there are less large planning applications, and as a result income is down. Fees are set nationally by Government and do not recover the whole cost of the DC service. Bid is set on the assumption that as the economy picks up, application numbers will rise.	
3 Reduction in parking income - on Street	115
Parking revenue has continued to fall as the number of PCNs issued drops. This is an issue across London. We've assumed that half of current (£230k) gap can be recovered through efficiency programmes in 2010/11.	
4 Reduction in parking income - off Street	45
Shortfall at month 5 is projected to be £90k. We've assumed that half of the current gap can be recovered through efficiency programmes in 2010/11.	
5 Loss of income due to freezing car parking charges for 2010/11	50
The Council will not apply a 1.5% inflationary increase to parking charges.	
6 Construction and Property Services - Under recovery of fees	320
The Construction & Property Services budget currently contains an expectation that £212k would be raised from disposals and that income from capital programme construction work is also based on previous years' level of work. Whilst the situation might improve, it is very unlikely that we will return to the levels of capital receipt seen in the past.	
Total Projected Income Shortfalls	813

Use of Local Authority Business Growth Incentive (LABGI) Grant

1 Helping businesses and residents through the recession.	75
2 Set up costs for Sutton Life Centre	
a) One-off set up costs for the Life Centre including the appointment and training of staff prior to opening, marketing the centre as a local and regional facility, and moving Ridge Road library to in to the centre	160
b) Provide discounts of up to 50% for Sutton schools during the Centre's first year of operation.	21
Total Funded from LABGI	256
GRAND TOTAL	4,802

London Borough of Sutton

The Executive - 3 November 2009

Report of the Executive Head of Planning and Transportation

Local Implementation Plan, Local Transport Fund Allocation

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Executive Decision Report

Summary

This report requests authority to spend the remaining £90,000 Local Implementation Plan (LIP), Local Transport Funds allocated to each borough for funding local transport projects/schemes of their choice; £10,000 already has agreement to be allocated to the Worcester Park Area Based Step 1 submission.

The funds have to be spent this financial year (2009/10) and must meet at least one of the Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS) objectives.

Recommendations

I recommend The Executive to authorise the Executive Head of Planning and Transportation to allocate the remaining £90,000 LIP, Local Transport Funds to the following three projects/schemes:

- a) £40,000 for the Smarter Travel Sutton programme
- b) £33,000 for a Local safety Scheme (LSS) on Nightingale Road
- c) £17,000 to modify traffic calming measures in Banstead Road, Banstead

1. Background

1.1 From April 2009, Transport for London have allocated £100,000 LIP funding to each Borough to spend on local transport projects of their choice. For 2009/10, agreement has already been given to allocate £10,000 for the Worcester Park Area Based Step 1 bid. This is a new bid to Transport for London for Area Based Scheme funding for transport and public realm improvements in Worcester Park. The Step 1 bid is a necessary component and requires basic scheme development, site surveys and photographs, limited traffic data and liaison with RB Kingston-upon-Thames, with the final output being a written submission to TfL. This is part of the Enabling Smarter Choices programme which seeks to 'lock-in' the benefits of Smarter Travel Sutton through investment in sustainable transport infrastructure in the district centres over the next 5 years.

The remaining £90,000 is still to be allocated.

1.2 The full £100,000 has to be spent this financial year and fund/supplement schemes/projects that meet at least one of the MTS objectives.

1.3 Lessons have been learnt from this year and over the next six months we will be consulting with and asking the Local Committees for their suggestions for allocating

next year's £100,000 Local Transport Fund. Following receipt of these suggestions we will be compiling a list for submission to The Executive for approval.

2. Issues – Scheme proposals

2.1 £40,000 for the Smarter Travel Sutton programme:

The funding for Smarter Travel Sutton ceased at the end of September 2009. A new budget has been indicatively allocated by TfL as part of the Borough's LIP settlement for 2010/11 starting in April 2010. Therefore there is no budget for STS available for the period between October 2009 and March 2010 inclusive, except for work on School Travel Plans. It is proposed to use some of the LTF funds to ensure the range of products and services are promoted over this period including travel information road shows to schools, businesses and community events, planning for Move it at the Manor 2010, sponsorship of the Sutton Town Centre Christmas activities and promotion of Car Clubs, Cycle Training and other similar schemes.

The budget will also be used to help disseminate the Lessons Learnt from Smarter Travel Sutton through the website, presentations and visits.

2.2 £33,000 for a Local Safety Scheme on Nightingale Road:

The Council received a petition in January 2009, requesting appropriate measures to be implemented to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling along Nightingale Road, specifically at the bend near the junctions with Cooper Crescent and Buckler's Way. A traffic survey indicated that vehicles were travelling at an average speed of 35.7 mph and the 3-year accident data showed 8 Personal Injury Accidents (PIAs) in the vicinity where speed had been identified as the contributory factor for the majority of these accidents.

A report was presented to the St. Helier, The Wrythe and Wandle Valley Local Committee outlining proposals to reduce speeds by immediately modifying signage and markings at this location and to incorporate raised tables on the zebra crossing near the junction with Cooper Crescent. However, no funding has yet been allocated to undertake these works.

2.3 £17,000 to modify traffic calming measures in Banstead Road:

We have been instructed by the Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont Local Committee to remove the current build-outs along Banstead Road and replace these with alternative measures to resolve residents' concerns about safety and rat-running on Higher Drive.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 The £100,000 has been allocated to the Council for discretionary spending on schemes. As this forms part of the LIP, financial provision has been released and capital estimates have been amended.

4. Influence of the Council's Core Values

4.1 This report supports Sutton's plan to be a 'One Planet Borough' – living within its fair share of the Earth's resources. The schemes proposed will enhance road safety and influence behaviour to support sustainable travel.

5. Equality Impact Assessment

- 5.1 Care will be taken to ensure that all the transport measures will be compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act and take account of the needs of those with a mobility and visual impairment. Measures to improve sustainable transport widen travel choices for those without access to a car and therefore assist in promoting social inclusion.

6. Background Papers

Enabling Smarter Choices Action Plan – June 2008

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