

CAPITAL OUTTURN 200708– DETAILS OF SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES**Children's Services £3,842k underspend**Children's Centres £980k underspend

There has been slippage on some of the new projects within Children's Centres. The reasons for delays include the procurement process and it is likely that some schemes will experience a delay in completion time. Freemantle Nursery has slippage of £99k; however the contractor is now on site and expected to be finished by August 2008. Woolston Infant Children's Centre slippage of £150k is due to a delay of 8 weeks, but work is in progress. Thornhill Primary has £234k slippage; however the contractor is reporting to be on programme approx 9 weeks into a 38 week programme. Townhill Junior slippage of £294k due to delay in start date but programme is now on schedule to finish September 2008.

Children's Services & Learning General & Other £1,555k underspend

The Grove Park MUGA scheme has slippage of £219k which has resulted from a delay in finding a suitable site. A decision is being awaited by the Planning Officer. If permission is not given the project is likely to be aborted. Community Learning – Youth/Adult Education has slippage of £200k; the scheme has not yet started. Portswood School – Recreation Ground slippage of £107k due to the fact that the Diagnostic Unit has not yet been sold so the scheme will be delayed. NDC Hightown, Kaneshill & Thornhill slippage of £463k, issues are being investigated as to changes in budget. The Schools Devolved Capital scheme has an underspend of £416k. This scheme covers capital expenditure by all schools from their own direct grants and other resources. Any underspends are available for the schools to spend in subsequent years.

Learning & Skills Council £105k underspend

The Warren Centre slippage is £100k which was due in the main to a delay in construction while funding was sourced to complete the work

NDS – New Deals for Schools £840k underspend

The NDS Fire Precaution Works scheme had slippage of £144k. Whilst 13 sites have been identified for work 6 were completed the slippage relates to costs not yet charged for works to be completed in early 2008-09. The other NDS schemes slippage also relates to fewer than anticipated schools receiving works. This work will now be carried out in 2008/09.

Primary Schools Rebuild Initiative £201k underspend

Moorlands Primary School slippage of £213k will be absorbed in spend on future commitments. Other schemes facing slippage include Harefield where a survey to determine whether Newts or bats are present, if confirmed then special permissions will be required for work to proceed.

Learning Futures £161k overspend

There has been slippage on some of the new projects within Learning Futures but also a couple of schemes have overspent. The main problem during

2007/08 was establishing a correct budget against each scheme. There was a tremendous amount of feasibility undertaken so in some cases there was either no budget assigned or one that needed to be spread over 2 or more schemes. The main reason for the overspend was due in the main to 2 areas: New Mayfield Academy site where expenditure to be offset against funding from the MUGA did not qualify and therefore the scheme has had to fund this; and Bitterne Park School where the school commissioned an expansion to the gym and had incurred the costs which had not been taken into account. Funding for both over spends in 2007/08 has now been indentified.

SEN Review £322k underspend

SEN Review Phase 1 had slippage of £111k due to a dispute on the final invoice provided by the contractor for "recovery of direct costs." The dispute centres around requests made from the client for additional works and the assumption of whether these works were included in the original tender. Ongoing discussions continue but may require litigation. SEN review – Great Oaks Phase 2 slippage of £211k due to delay of project at tender stage as only 2 received and both had considerable number of qualifications. A decision is to be made as to whether works should be split and retender process established.

Planning & Transportation £1,234k underspend

Local Transport Plan – Walking £117k underspend

Delays on site have led to slippage on Shirley Streets Ahead, Portswood Road & Romsey Road, with works being completed in early April 2008.

City Centre Improvements £127k underspend

Changes to projects resulted in the intended spend not being realised. It is proposed to spend the remaining budget in 2008/09 on other schemes within this part of the programme.

West Quay Road £55k underspend

This project is on hold owing to other additional developments in this area, which were not anticipated at the time of the funding allocation. The scheme requires re-assessment to determine the viability of any future works.

Parking on Verges £59k underspend

There was a delay due to the need for a utilities diversion by Virgin Media in April instead of February at Barnfield Road/Close. Expenditure of £45k occurred in early 2008/09.

Traffic Regulation Orders (Developers) £105k underspend

These projects are Section 106 funded and have slipped due to difficulties in identifying appropriate works.

Local Transport Plan Improved Safety £156k underspend

Street Lighting issues on Palmerston Road & West End Road/Hatley Road have caused slippage into 2008/09 of approximately £45k. Additionally,

Middle Road Traffic Calming & Shirley High Street have slippage of £196k due to a late start on site. There were also overspends on projects of £90k.

Multi Storey Car Park 10 Year Maintenance Programme £374k overspend

The previously approved Pay on Foot project was not included in the total figures during the February 2008 Update. This will be addressed in the next Update in September 2008.

E-Planning PDG £62k underspend

There was slippage to 2008/09, due to difficulties in agreeing the procurement route for the scheme.

Invest To Save - Building Control £50k underspend

Investigatory work was undertaken in 2007/08 but the scheme has been delayed because of the recent start of the Building Control partnership arrangement with Eastleigh BC.

Bus Stop Improvements (Developers) £162k overspend

Additional works were completed, funded by new Section 106 monies totalling £106k, while other planned works were £56k overspent.

Real Time PTI £104k underspend

It became apparent that there wasn't sufficient revenue funding to maintain the real-time system at its current level, so it was agreed to stop any further roll-out. The programme can re-start in 2008/09, as additional funding has now been identified.

LTP Public Transport £77k underspend

There was a net underspend of £32k on completed projects, including an overspend on the Vincent's Walk project, due to additional kerb realignment work being required. Additionally, there was slippage of £34k on the city wide programme of shelters, kerbs & poles and £10k on the Central Station Interchange project.

LTP Green Transport Plans £57k underspend

These projects are Section 106 funded and have slipped due to difficulties in identifying appropriate works.

Regents Park Road £96k underspend

The actual expenditure for the works in Regents Park Road was based on rates that were lower than originally estimated.

Principal Roads £171k underspend

The estimates for this scheme were prepared on an historic schedule of rates basis. The actual expenditure for the specific works on Principal Roads was calculated at a lower rate.

Unclassified Roads £148k underspend

As with Principal Roads, the estimates for Unclassified Roads were prepared on an historic schedule of rates basis and the expenditure on the specific works was actually lower.

Street Lighting £324k underspend

Slippage of expenditure occurred due to the contractor being unable to justify the cost of works completed by 31st March. There was slippage of works in Weston zones 4 & 5 and other ad hoc works. The existing cabling in many locations was found to be SWA (Steel Wired Armoured). This is non compliant with latest specifications and had to be replaced at an unforeseen cost.

Millbrook Road £57k overspend

The overspend was due to a change to surface course materials, to provide increased strength and durability, and an updating of crash barriers in line with current legislative requirements.

Environment & Sustainability £82k underspendSalix Energy Efficiency Measures £94k underspend

There was slippage of works to 2008/09, due to difficulties in agreeing projects for Leisure and a lengthy lead timescale for works.

Health, Adult Social Care & Communities £439k underspendMental Health Scheme £195k underspend

This amount relates to a delay in engaging a third party provider for the scheme. This will now take place in 2008/09 as it has been confirmed that the grant funding can be carried forward.

DDA Compliance phase 2 £93k underspend

The overspend on DDA Compliance phase 1 is to be offset against the budget for DDA Compliance phase 2. There has been slippage of spend on this project. This is due to the problems incurred in phase 1. The project managers have slowed down the progress of the project, and are spending on one scheme at a time.

Homes & Housing £303k underspendMountbatten Centre £144k underspend

This scheme is grant funded and the estimated spend was based on the Housing Capital Investment Programme (HCIP) return done at quarter 3. Work on site during the 4th quarter was slower than envisaged in the return due to practical difficulties with party wall agreements and belated investigational work on the foundations. Therefore, the under spend will be slipped into 2008/09

Home Improvement Loans £140k underspend

The Loans budget has been fully allocated and formally approved. However, there has been slippage on the scheme. This is due to a combination of works started on site but completed over two financial years; and work allocated to contractors with works on site only recently commencing.

Leader's Portfolio £601k underspendNorthern Above Bar (Site Acquisition) £516k underspend

Slippage occurred because of the delay in agreeing terms. Negotiations are ongoing on the remaining property interests required with a view to obtaining vacant possession of all units by August 2008 to facilitate the proposed Regional Business Centre development.

Northern Above Bar (C&A Site Professional Fees) £50k underspend

Slippage occurred because of the delay in agreeing terms. This budget is for legal, valuation and marketing expenses in connection with the disposal and redevelopment of the C&A site.

Northern Above Bar Fees £66k overspend

This over spend related to Legal Work being greater than anticipated. The total scheme budgets will be reviewed as part of the next capital update.

Northern Above Bar (Guildhall Square) £37k overspend

This over spend related to design work which was completed ahead of schedule

Leisure & Neighbourhoods £845k underspendTudor House Museum Phase 1 £151k underspend

Spend was forecast to be spent late in 2007/08. However, there has been a slight delay resulting in the scheme due to be completed by the end of May 2008.

Southampton New Arts Complex £278k underspend

Slippage because of a delay in the City Lofts project. This has arisen because of a change in the planning application submitted by City Lofts and the concerns of English Heritage with the design

Tudor House Museum Phase 2 Development £170k underspend

Slippage because of delays in the appointment of the Design Company, Project Manager and QS. The slippage will be caught up in 2008/09 because the project must be developed by September 2008 to the point of submission of a full application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funds to start the refurbishment

Finance & Resources £1,733k underspendHome/Mobile Working £150k underspend

The decision to proceed with the SSP has had a major impact on the Accommodation Strategy.

Interface Investment £50k underspend

Plans to invest in interfaces to speed up Actionline response times are being reviewed in the light of the impact of the SSP.

R&M Backlog £678k underspend

The introduction of frameworks for procuring construction works in accordance with EU procurement legislation has meant a delay in delivering the capital programme. Work is under way to reschedule this spend in 2008/09.

47A Bevois Valley – Site Remediation £224k underspend

Work on site has commenced, but has slipped into 2008/09 due to the nature of the works required following the availability of more detailed information on the condition of the site.

Workplace Fast Forward £187k underspend

This budget is divided into 2 main phases with the second phase not due to be completed until the Regional Business Centre is open in 2010. The under spend will carry forward to 2010/11 to facilitate Council office accommodation moves at this time. The planned moves for Council staff, this year (the first phase), arising from Capita employees vacating accommodation were successfully completed in April.

Server Rationalisation Phase 2 £106k underspend

Progress has been impacted by the infrastructure project; contract has been issued to BT.

Refurbishment of the Computer Suite £84k underspend

Expenditure has slipped due to delays in the District cooling scheme, which in turn has led to increased prices. Work is underway to identify the best proposal.

Implement Information Management Strategy £52k underspend

Plans to complete the final stages of this project are being considered in the light of the impact of the SSP and the progress of the EDRMS project.

Electronic Document & Records Management System £49k underspend

Plans to complete the final stages of this project are being considered in the light of the impact of the SSP.

Desktop Refresh Infrastructure £63k underspend

Delays have arisen from the transfer to Capita; project is nearly complete with Quest licences outstanding.