

CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS

Carry forward requests will be considered for approval if they are for already approved, one off schemes, which were not completed in year (i.e. re-phasing of one-off spend) and if there are insufficient funds available in the forthcoming year.

The carry forward requests received, relating to the 2014/15 outturn position total £0.3M and are as follows:

The Peoples Panel £0.03M

The People's Panel was established in 2014 as part of the Council's pledges for the 50th anniversary celebrations. It is a joint project with the CCG supported by the University of Southampton. It has not been possible to spend the full amount of funding allocated to the Panel in year as due to delays in securing support from the university to develop the required software and support. This has now been resolved.

Social Fund Transition £0.13M

A sum of £0.13M was allocated by Cabinet from the General Fund revenue budget contingency in response to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Welfare Reforms Inquiry concerning the planned transition of the Social Fund to local welfare Provision. This sum was carried forward from 2013/14 with the expectation that work would commence in 2014/15 and run over a two year transition period. Detailed work has continued to develop and implement the recommendations made and this work is being overseen by the Welfare Reforms Monitoring Group. However, the funding has yet to be spent and implementation is now expected to commence during 2015/16. A further carry forward of the full budget is therefore requested.

Southampton New Arts Complex £0.14M

Council funding of £160,000, along with Arts Council England (ACE) funding of £153,300, was originally budgeted to transfer to the operating company of the new arts complex in 2014/15. The project has been delayed substantially and subsequently the process for appointing an operating company has taken longer than anticipated. This has led to a net underspend of £0.14M for the Council. There remain considerable challenges for the revenue budget of the arts complex and it is proposed that this funding should be carried forward into 2015/16 for the purpose of establishing a sound basis for its business operation, programme and marketing, ensuring the best possible preparation for future financial viability. If this funding is not carried forward, it is highly likely that ACE will reduce its grant funding in line with the Council's.