

REVENUE INVESTMENT

| Ref No | Service | Description of Proposal | Investment in 2015/16 £'000 | Conservative Member Workshop | Labour Member Workshop | Liberal Democrat Member Workshop |
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| R1 | Building Control | Collaboration of 7 Hertfordshire Building Control services | 40 | | | |
| FY1 | <i>Strategic Planning and Enterprise</i> | <i>Local Plan Production, Examination and Delivery</i> | 165 | | | |
| R2 | Strategic Planning and Enterprise | Community Infrastructure Levy | 27 | | | The investment shown in 2017/18 and 2018/19 does not appear to match the description for funds - needs clarifying. |
| R3 | Parks & Countryside Development | Provision of an interactive Water Splash Park and associated toilet /baby change facility in Bancroft Recreation Ground | 15 | | | |
| R4 | Strategic Planning and Enterprise | Continue the Membership of Greater Cambridgeshire and Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership | 16 | The Leader supported this proposal because of the importance of being involved in a partnership whose map includes the Royston area of North Herts. Review on annual basis to assess if there is an on-going benefit. | Members would like to see an analysis of the benefits of being a member of all existing LEP's. Do not feel that Royston have received much benefit. The Head of Service confirmed that this would be reviewed each year to assess whether any benefit has been received. | |
| R5 | Development Control | Conservation Area Reviews and Statements | 30 | | | |
| FY2 | <i>Strategic Planning and Enterprise</i> | <i>Master-Planning of sites (part of the delivery of the Local Plan)</i> | 0 | | | |
| R6 | Human Resources | Continued Investment in our Apprentice and Intern Scheme. | 30 | The existing narration was thought to provide a lot of "warm words" without any figures to back them up. Is there a cost/benefit analysis for this? Is it worth the amount of Council Tax income it is costing and is it a luxury we cannot afford at the moment? Are there still the same number of NEETS in North Herts for which this is targeted? There was some acknowledgement that there are other benefits and is a good example to set for other employers. It also forms a strand of our economic development activity. Officers commented that the culture at North Herts to "grow our own" has been successful and cost effective and while it is acknowledged that the number of NEETS is falling the scheme has provided candidates who were struggling to find work with an opportunity. Some Members queried whether support at a scaled back level might be appropriate. | | |

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| R7 | Property Services | To carry out essential repairs and maintenance to the council's premises determined by on-going condition surveys (linked to C12). | 60 | | Members asked how many Community Centres there are? Officers confirmed that there are 29 facilities in all that have been surveyed so far, which includes the Community Centres. Answer: There are 13 Community Centres (including youth wings), one day centre, 4 bowls pavilions and 8 other pavilions. | |
| R8 | Parks & Countryside Development | Provision of an interactive Water Splash Park in Priory Memorial Garden, Royston | 12 | In answer to a question the Officer explained that the annual cost was reflective of the season the facility would be open. | | |
| R9 | Investigations | Shared Anti-Fraud Service | tbc | | | There has to be an objective for this project to make sense for the amount of investment. Therefore, there should be a corresponding efficiency. |
| R10 | Strategic Planning & Enterprise and Development Control | Contribution to Planning Co-ordinator (Herts Infrastructure and Planning Partnership) | 5 | In answer to a question, the officer explained that this is a professionally qualified planner who works across the authorities providing advice and guidance. | | |
| R11 | Property Services | Energy Performance Certificates | 4 | In answer to a question the officer explained that the roll out programme would be linked to the roll out of the condition survey work. | Community Centres that have taken on their own maintenance, should NHDC organise their certificates for them or would they need to organise their own? | |
| NEW INVESTMENT OPTIONS (less FY1 and FY2) | | | 239 | | | |
| TOTAL INVESTMENT OPTIONS | | | 404 | | | |

Notes:

Shaded rows are provided as a reminder of growth / investment already approved in the base budget.
The Medium Term Financial Strategy has allowed for £150k growth / investment per annum.