

REVENUE PRESSURES AND INVESTMENT

Ref No	Service	Responsible Head of Service / Corporate Manager	Description of Proposal	Score	Rank	Link to Council Priorities	Investment in 2014/15 £'000	Is this investment required ongoing?	Statutory Function (Y/N)	Anticipated Impact of Proposal (on Public/ Customers/ Staff/ Members/ Reputation etc)
REVENUE PRESSURES										
R1	Strategic Planning and Enterprise	Head of Development and Building Control	Local Plan Production, Examination and Delivery	19	1	Promoting Sustainable Growth	120	Y (please see commentary)	Y	The development of the Local Plan is a statutory requirement as this guides and encourages the future growth and development of the District over the next 20 years. Having an up to date adopted Local Plan will contribute to the sustainable development of the District in providing sufficient housing and employment taking into account the impact on the environment. It must be prepared in accordance with the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as well as the Town & Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012. This means that there are necessary costs associated with its preparation in terms of input from external expertise where required, consultation and engagement with the local community and statutory consultees, an examination in public and its delivery. An adopted Local Plan will reduce the risk of receiving hostile planning applications, inappropriate development and will encourage an environment in which businesses and people can flourish. Future costs are dependant upon progress of the plan but they are anticipated at: 2015/16 £165,000. 2016/17 £150,000. Legal costs will be met from the Housing Planning Delivery Grant (£100,000). Does not include future costs for CIL and master-planning of sites.
R2	Planning Transport & Enterprise and Democratic Services	Head of Development & Building Control Democratic Services Manager	Production of Neighbourhood Plans	15	2	Promoting Sustainable Growth & Working with our Communities	10	Y	Y	A neighbourhood plan is a new type of plan introduced in the Localism Act, 2011. It is a community led plan for guiding development and the use of land in a particular neighbourhood area and has to be in general conformity with Council's Local Plan. The Council has a duty to assist with the preparation of neighbourhood plans. A neighbourhood plan must be prepared in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Following consultation, an examination and a successful referendum a neighbourhood plan will become part of the statutory development plan. <u>At present</u> there is available funding from DCLG for planning authorities who are assisting with the preparation of such plans up to the referendum stage. This is set at £30,000 which is released following completion at various milestones, the £10,000 has been based upon the two plans we are aware of to cover costs (eg referendum and associated costs) up until the first opportunity to claim funds from the Government. It is the Local Authority's responsibility to arrange and fund the referendum.
R3	Planning Transport & Enterprise and Leisure Services	Head of Development & Building Control Head of Leisure & Environmental Services	Outdoor Sports Facility Study	5	4	Promoting Sustainable Growth	20	N	N	It is a requirement of the NPPF that planning policies should be based on robust and up-to-date assessments of the needs for open space, sports and recreation facilities and opportunities for new provision. Sport England, a statutory consultee to the Local Plan, considers that the NHDC Green Space Study prepared in 2009 does not sufficiently address the current and future needs of the local community for outdoor sport provision for the purposes of plan making as set out in the current guidance. A revised outdoor sports study will inform the Local Plan and guide Development Management in determining planning applications. It will also provide opportunities for Leisure Services in terms of management and provision of outdoor sports facilities that meets the needs and aspirations of all sectors of the population, and will assist in guiding future investment strategies for sport provision by the Council and other potential providers. Consultants will be required to undertake the study as there is not sufficient staff resource or specialist expertise to carry out this necessary detailed work which will take 6 to 9 months to complete. It is possible that the cost of this Study could be capitalised once it is completed and put into use.
TOTAL GROWTH PRESSURES							150			
REVENUE INVESTMENT PROPOSAL										
R4	Strategic Planning and Enterprise	Head of Development and Building Control	Explore options for the provision of an Economic Development Officer	9	3	Promoting Sustainable Growth	tbc	Y	N	As part of the Local Plan the Council needs to adopt an Economic Vision with strategic aims and objectives. In order to support this the Council has previously earmarked some funding for the provision of an Economic Development post in the Housing and Planning and Delivery Grant Reserve. This proposal seeks to explore the funding options available, including working jointly with other bodies and organisations in order to provide a post to deliver these aims and objectives in a sustainable way.
TOTAL							150			