

Appendix 5: 2025/26 CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS

Ref	Amount £ (Net of VAT)	Service Area	Reason for carry forward	Service Manager	A (i)	A (ii)	B
					Base Budgets Amounts agreed by S151 Officer under delegated powers	One-Off Budgets Amounts agreed by S151 Officer under delegated powers	Amounts for member approval
1	310,529	Homelessness	During 26-27, the Council will be seeking approval to re-procure our Advice & Inclusion Service, currently provided by Citizens' Advice. This service includes debt advice, welfare benefits advice, financial inclusion support, and housing rights advice. The estimated annual cost of this service is likely to increase by about £50k/year (after taking account of changes in CPI). Homelessness Prevention Grant (HPG) conditions means that this must be ringfenced for homelessness prevention services and statutory homelessness costs. The advice service is an early intervention homelessness prevention initiative, and therefore falls within the HPG grant conditions. It is therefore proposed that this funding is now ringfenced to contribute towards the increase in the cost of the Advice and Inclusion Service over the period of the future contract. This will help to ensure that any agreed uplift to the value of the contract has minimal impact on the General Fund.	Martin Stacey		310,529	
2	33,819	Street Cleansing	A carry forward of £33,819 to be used to fund the replacement and installation of new litter bins across the borough. The funding will be met from the underspend achieved within the Street Cleaning service during 2025/26. Carrying this budget forward will enable the Council to continue its investment in the street scene environment, improving the quality and capacity of litter bin provision in key locations.	Karen Watson		33,819	
3	19,350	Community Grants	A carry forward of £23,325 to enable the Council to honour commitments made through the 2025/26 Community Pride Grant programme. Grant awards were approved on 3 February 2026 and formal grant agreements have subsequently been entered into with successful applicants from 2025/26 grant monies. Whilst the Community Pride Grant programme would ordinarily be delivered during the spring, the 2025/26 programme timetable was amended to allow the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) grant round to be undertaken during Spring 2025. As a result, the Community Pride Grant programme was moved to the autumn, with applications opening at the end of September and closing on 10 November 2025. This revised timetable resulted in grant awards being approved later in the financial year than is normally the case. Approval of this carry forward request will ensure that sufficient budget remains available in 2026/27 to meet these commitments and fulfil the grant agreements already entered into with successful Community Pride Grant recipients.	Richard Gibson		19,350	
4	4,000	Community Grants	As above	Richard Gibson		4,000	
5	11,000	Leisure & Culture Services	A carry forward of £11,000 to support the ongoing Leisure and Culture Contract Project. The original growth allocation was approved to support the future procurement of the Council's leisure and culture services and comprised funding for both an options appraisal of the leisure centre and Prince of Wales Stadium, and the development of a procurement strategy. The options appraisal was completed during the previous financial year at a cost of approximately £24,000. However, the procurement strategy element of the project was not progressed during 2025/26, resulting in an unspent balance of £11,000 which will be used to support the next phase of this proeject during 2026/27	Richard Gibson		11,000	
	378,698	TOTAL CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS			-	378,698	-