

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT DELIVERY COMMITTEE		Item 4	Page 1 of 3
Councils Affected	All	23 November 2017	
Report Title	JOINT DELIVERY UNIT BUDGET AND EXTERNAL FUNDING		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To outline the current budgetary position and report on the progress in securing various capacity funding streams.

2. INFORMATION

2.1 The table below shows the JDU budget for 2017/18 (the JPU budget is managed separately).

Current budgeted income and expenditure		Budget Apr 17 - Mar 18
		£'000's
Brought Forward		
	Balance of unspent GC capacity funding	(333)
Income		0
	Large Sites Capacity Fund (LSCF)	(1,100)
	Garden Communities Capacity Fund (GCCF)	(200)
TOTAL INCOME		(1,633)
Expenditure		
	JDU Core Team	131
	JDU recruitment	4
	JDU Travel	2
	JDU Training	6
	NCC Highways capacity	159
	LPA Development Management Staff	226
Total Staff Capacity		528
	Delivery/ procurement	40
	Viability	120
	Property/ s106/ CPO	160
	Infrastructure assessment/ design	450
	Urban design/ design review	119
	SUE specific assessments	142
	Health Services Study	50
Total Consultancy & studies		1,081
	Community engagement	12
	Management Accounts	5
	IT equipment & support	5
	Office Supplies, postage	2
Total Other Expenditure		24
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,633
	Balance	0

2.2 This table shows the allocation of external funding and does not include match-funding from LPAs, for example on development management staff. The budget shows a balance between income and expenditure in 2017/18. However, in practice, there will be a carry-forward at the end of the year due to cost savings (e.g. vacant/ merged posts) and slippage in procuring consultants. An update will be provided at the Joint Committee. This carry-forward will allow the JPDU's work to continue into 2018/19 while further capacity funding is secured.

2.2 Garden Community Capacity Funding

2.3 The budget includes £200k of Garden Communities Capacity Funding provided by CLG at the beginning of 2017/18. In April, this committee was informed that the JPDU had submitted a further bid for capacity funding for 2017/18. The bid amounted to £450k but the final award is £50k, reflecting the significant sum (£1.1m) already awarded through the HCA/CLG Large Sites and Housing Zones Capacity Funding (significantly higher than any other LPA or group of LPAs received). The additional £50k has not yet been received and does not therefore appear in the budget summary provided above.

2.4 Housing Infrastructure Fund

2.5 During the summer, the Government launched a £2.3 billion Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) to help deliver 100,000 new homes. HIF provides two potential funding streams:

1. Marginal Viability Funding of up to £10million for sites held back because the costs of putting in the infrastructure and building the homes are too great; and
2. Forward Funding of up to £250 million for a small number of strategic and high-impact infrastructure schemes.

2.6 The JPDU coordinated a HIF Task Group of LPA officers, and appointed consultants Local Partnerships and Regeneris to assist in the preparation of an expression of interest for Forward Funding and to assist the individual Councils with bids for Marginal Viability Funding on specific projects. The Forward Funding expression of interest was submitted on behalf of the County Council as only second tier authorities could apply for this funding stream. Given the short timescale for submission, it was not possible to report to the Joint Delivery Committee. However, the expression of interest was endorsed by the partner councils. Letters of support were secured from MPs, SEMLEP and the developers of the Garden Communities and Garden Village.

2.7 The Forward Funding expression of interest proposes the establishment of a North Northamptonshire Strategic Infrastructure Fund (NNSIF) to invest in enabling infrastructure for the six Garden Communities and the Tresham Garden Village. Money recovered (with other funding) would be reinvested in infrastructure to deliver these and other housing development in the broad North Northamptonshire Garden Community area. The Joint Delivery Committee would

have a central role in agreeing the business plan for the NNSIF and in scrutinising and monitoring spending.

- 2.8 In addition to the Forward Funding expression of interest, 7 Marginal Viability Funding bids were submitted by the Councils. DCLG has recently sought further information on all of these bids and the JPDU is working with the LPAs to provide this by 20th November deadline.
- 2.9 It is anticipated that a response to the Forward Funding expression of interest will be received from the HCA in January 2018. If the North Northamptonshire proposal is shortlisted, the development of a full business case will be required over a six-month period, with input from CLG/ HCA. The Joint Delivery Committee will need to agree any detailed proposals during that period.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. It is recommended that the Joint Delivery Committee notes the information in relation to the budget and recent funding bids.

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