ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Self Regulation Select Commission	
2.	Date:	12 th July 2012	
3.	Title:	Revenue Account Outturn 2011/12	
4.	Directorate:	Resources	

5. Summary

- In 2011/12 the Council budgeted to spend £219.622m on its General Fund Revenue Account. Actual spending for the year was £217.618m, a saving against budget of £2.004m (or -0.91%). Of this, £0.494m is accounted for by surpluses on trading accounts, leaving a net underspend of £1.510m.
- In addition, the **Delegated Schools' Budget was £178.127m.** Actual spend against this was **£173.596m**, an **underspend of £4.531m** for the year which has been added to Schools' Reserves which at 31st March 2012 stood at £7.654m.
- The Housing Revenue Account in 2011/12 was **budgeted** to make a contribution to the HRA General Reserve of **£4.613m.** Actual contribution to this Reserve was **£5.555m** (£0.942m additional contribution).
- This is a very positive outturn positive, especially given the challenges faced inyear, not least on the Children & Young People's Services Budget. It is a result of the hard work of both elected Members and staff in managing reducing levels of funding at a time of increasing service need, and also the generally good financial management on the part of budget holders.
- Reflecting the above out-turn position, and assuming the recommendations in this report are approved, the Council's Revenue Reserves as at 31 March 2012 were: General Fund Reserves available and uncommitted to support the Budget £7.494m and Earmarked Reserves (including Schools and HRA Reserves) £42.998m.

6. Recommendations

That Self Regulation:

- 1. Note the Council's General Fund, Schools' and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Outturn Position Statements for 2011/12.
- 2. Note the level of the Council's Revenue Reserves as at 31 March 2012.

- 3. Note the carrying forward of underspends on Trading Services (£493,719) and requests for carrying forward of specific items (£482,852) in accordance with the Council's approved policy; and
- 4. Note the waiving of the Council's policy of carrying forward 20% of the underspends from 2011/12 and agree the supplementary allocation of £875,000 to support Children's Services in 2012/13. (Details included in a separate report on this Cabinet agenda).

7. Proposals and Details

7.1 Revenue Outturn 2011/12

Rotherham's Net Revenue Budget (excluding Delegated Schools' Budget £178.127m) for the 2011/12 financial year was £219.622m. Actual spending was £217.618m, resulting in an under-spend of £2.004m (or -0.91%). In addition to this, the Delegated Schools' Budget was underspent by £4.531m.

The Revenue Out-turn position is analysed by Directorate at <u>Appendix 1</u> with the principal reasons for the variations set out in <u>Appendix 2</u>. More detailed Directorate Outturn reports have been presented to individual Cabinet Members for their portfolio areas of responsibility.

Delivering such a positive outturn position belies the budget challenges faced by the Council in 2011/12. As well as managing the significant Coalition Government funding reductions, budget monitoring has consistently identified significant financial pressures of between £4m to £5m, mostly in relation to social care for children.

In spite of these significant pressures and commitments, the Council has managed to achieve, through taking a proactive series of management actions and careful financial management, <u>a positive financial out-turn</u>. Excluding the position on schools, there is a <u>net underspend of £2.004m (-0.91%)</u> on the Council's Net Revenue Budget. This reflects the Council's continued prudent and sustainable approach to financial management.

As part of the process of reconfiguring and rationalising its services in order to meet the challenges facing it both in 2011/12 and future years, the Council offered the option of a voluntary severance scheme during the financial year. By the 31st March 2012, 336 employees had left or had been given approval to leave the Council under the terms of its Voluntary Severance arrangements (that is Voluntary Early Retirement, Voluntary Redundancy, Phased Retirement and Redeployment). This is in addition to the 483 employees who left the Council in the same manner in 2010/11.

In total the Voluntary Severance scheme cost £5.8m last year. This was composed of severance payments of £4.3m and £1.5m in pensions strain payments to the South Yorkshire Pensions Authority. These costs were met corporately by means of:

- Using successful Capitalisation Direction bids to DCLG £1.1m;
- A Provision included in 2010/11 accounts £1.7m; and
- The remaining costs were financed using resources freed up by accounting opportunities.

7.2 Schools' Budgets

Schools' budgets totalled £178.127m last year. Spending against these budgets came to £173.596m, an underspend of £4.531m which was transferred into Schools' Balances. Schools' Balances (including declared savings of £0.295m) stood at £7.654m as at 31^{st} March 2012. The Department for Education (DfE) makes it clear, that schools are autonomous and self-managing and as such, within set guidelines the use of balances is under their control.

7.3 Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

The outturn position for the HRA showed a surplus for the year of ± 5.555 m, which increased the HRA General Reserve to ± 8.327 m as at 31^{st} March 2012. The Service was budgeted to increase reserves in 2011/12 by ± 4.613 m. This expected level of contribution was exceeded by ± 0.942 m. The principal reasons for the above budget increase in the General Reserve are summarised in <u>Appendix 2.</u>

The HRA General Reserve has been increased in 2011/12 to partially address investment shortfalls identified in the early years of the HRA business plan.

The 30 year Business Plan (under the Government's Self Financing Regime) has been updated to reflect the Outturn position and revised reserves position so as to provide a more up to date forecast of the potential future investment levels in the Council's housing stock.

7.4 Carry Forward of Balances into 2012/13

The following treatment of year end balances is proposed:

• Trading services

The Council's existing practice of carrying forward 100% of surpluses and deficits will continue and these will be taken into account in future year's business plans.

• One-off or specific project budgets

In cases where there are exceptional items of expenditure e.g. large one-off items or earmarked funding for special projects or developments, an application and supporting case has to be made to SLT to recommend to Cabinet the carry forward of 100% of any unspent balance at the end of the financial year if the project remains to be completed.

The outturn position for 2011/12 now reported reflects the position before the approval of the carry forward of trading services and specific balances. <u>Appendix 3</u> shows the position under each of these categories and the supporting case for their application to carry forward one-off or specific project budgets.

SLT has considered the requests for carry forward and recommends to Cabinet that all requests are approved. These total £0.977m composed of: £0.494m in respect of traded services and £0.483m relating to one-off or exceptional items.

Proposed Support for Children's Services in 2012/13

An ongoing review of Children's Services has identified that for 2012/13 an estimated financial pressure of £875k exists which cannot be contained within current Budget. Cabinet is asked to waive the policy of approving the carry forward of 20% of Directorate level underspends for use by Directorates in the new financial year and to approve that £875k be allocated as additional funding to support Children's Social Care Services in 2012/13. Details underpinning this request are included in a separate report on this Cabinet agenda.

Reserves (including Schools and HRA)

As at 31st March the Council had £52.593m in its reserves of which £7.654m was ring fenced for Schools and £11.699m for the HRA Reserves (of which £8.327m is in the HRA General Reserve) leaving the Council with General Fund Reserves of £33.240m. This total is composed of uncommitted reserves that can be drawn on, if required, to support the Council's budget and earmarked reserves set aside to meet specific needs and purposes which are ring-fenced to particular services.

Reserves to Support the General Fund Revenue Budget:

General Fund Reserves are held in order to protect the Council against unforeseen costs and contingencies and to mitigate financial risks. In order to ensure that a prudent level of balances is held the value of balances is risk assessed annually as part of the budget setting process. Reflecting the outturn position and after assuming that the carry forward requests and additional funding to CYPS are approved, **£7.494m of the General Fund Reserve is available to support future years' budgets.** This figure is equivalent to about 3.5% of the Council's Net Revenue Budget which is in line with the Council's Financial Plan and is deemed to be at a prudent level.

Earmarked Reserves

At the end of the 2011/12 financial year the Council's earmarked reserves stood at **£42.998m** comprising:

- Schools' Balances of £7.654m;
- HRA Reserves of £11.699m;
- PFI Reserve (£13.750m) to even out future contractual payments over the life of the Schools and Leisure PFI schemes;
- Commutation Adjustment Reserve (£8.394m) to meet future debt repayment costs;
- Insurance Reserve (£0.697m) to meet future claim liabilities; and
- Other Earmarked Reserves (£0.804m).

Cabinet is asked to note the level of the Council's Revenue Reserves as at 31 March 2012.

8. Finance

In total, the Council **budgeted to spend £397.749m on its General Fund Revenue Account in 2011/12**, (excluding Schools' Budgets the total was £219.622m). The **actual spend was £391.214m;** an underspend of £6.535m or -1.64% less than budget. This is made up of the following:

	£m	%
General Fund (excl. Schools Delegated Budgets)	-2.004	-0.91
Schools Delegated Budgets	-4.531	-2.54
	-6.535	-1.64

The summarised effect of this outturn position on the Council's reserves has been set out above in the Reserves section of this report.

Cabinet is asked to support the following proposed treatment of the non-schools unspent 2011/12 General Fund balance:

General Fund (Non-Schools) Outturn Balance - transferred to General Fund Reserves	£2.004m
Less:	
Carry forward of Traded Services Carry Forward requests for specific projects/purposes Allocation to support Children's Social Care Services in 2012/13	£0.494m £0.483m <u>£0.875m</u>
Balance available to support budget	£0.152m

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Decisions about the level of resources (including reserves) that are deployed to deliver the Council's priorities involve risk and uncertainty. However, the impact of unforeseen circumstances and adverse variances against budget can be minimised by continuing improvements in financial management, including the more effective management of financial risks.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Approval with regard to the carry forward requests for Traded Services and for specific projects/purposes and the proposed use of the 2011/12 outturn underspend should be given as soon as possible so as to give certainty to the final level of approved budget for the current (2012/13) financial year.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Cabinet Reports

- Proposed Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2011/12, 23rd February, 2011
- Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring reports to SLT and Cabinet.

Other Documents

• Statement of Accounts 2011/12

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APPENDIX 1

Directorate	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Out-Turn</u>	<u>Surplus/</u>	Trading	Non-
	c	c	Deficit	c	Trading
C&YPS	<u>5</u> 37,209,419	<u>41,325,951</u>	<u>£</u> +4,116,532	<u>£</u> -132,956	<u>£</u> +4,249,488
	57,203,413	41,020,001	• 4,110,002	-102,000	• 7,273,700
EDS	40,092,739	39,099,350	-993,389		-993,389
Adult Social					
Services	76,530,053	73,987,473	-2,542,580		-2,542,580
Neighbourhoods	<u>3,344,649</u>	<u>2,835,202</u>	<u>-509,447</u>	<u>-40,091</u>	<u>-469,356</u>
NAS	79,874,702	76,822,675	-3,052,027	-40,091	-3,011,936
(Former) Chief	10,814,265	10,834,447	+20,182		+20,182
Executive Services					
Asset Management	4,370,092	4,036,552	-333,540		-333,540
Financial Services	<u>3,261,116</u>	<u>2,727,390</u>	<u>-533,726</u>	<u>-320,672</u>	<u>-213,054</u>
Resources	18,445,473	17,598,389	-847,084	-320,672	-526,412
Central and Other	43,999,667	42,772,100	-1,227,567		-1,227,567
Services					
TOTAL (Excl	219,622,000	217,618,465	-2,003,535	-493,719	-1,509,816
Schools)			_,,	,	-,,
Schools' Budgets	178,126,779	173,595,683	-4,531,096		-4,531,096
TOTAL	397,748,779	391,214,148	-6,534,631	-493,719	-6,040,912

APPENDIX 2 - EXPLANATION OF MAJOR BUDGET VARIATIONS IN 2011/12

Children & Young People's Services

The Children and Young People's service (excluding schools) spent £4.117m above budget in 2011/12. After allowing for the carry forward of the trading surplus on the Schools Catering Services account (-£133k), the overspend compared with budget was £4.249m. The key reasons for the variations to budget are:

- Youth and Community the service overspent by £84k due to an underrecovery of income within Outdoor Education (+£46K) which is attributable to the difficult economic climate and staff cost pressures (+£65K) and additional premises expenditure (£34K) due to the timing of closures or release of properties from the Youth Service. These pressures were partly offset by non-recruitment to a vacant post within Adult Community Learning (-£10K) and additional income received from NHS Rotherham (-£51K).
- Commissioning and Social Work services were overspent by £749k mainly due to agency staffing costs. It should, however, be noted that through the successful recruitment to vacant social worker posts the service has managed to reduce agency costs by £1.064m from that experienced in 2010/11.
- Children Looked After services which consist of residential and foster care services (both in house and provided through the independent sector) have experienced significant financial pressures and overspent by £3.261m. This continues the trend from 2010/11.

Although the Council has managed to reduce the number of looked after children by 7 to 383 over the last 12 month period, there has not been a similar cost reduction due mostly to:

- An increase in the number of children placed with independent foster carers (131 at the end of 2011/12 compared to 108 at the end of 2010/11, an increase of 23 children) due to a lack of in house capacity to absorb those leaving Residential Placements; and
- Increased use of Special Guardianships and Residence Orders which under the current policy allows the carer to maintain the current level of financial support for 2 years even though the child is no longer regarded as being looked after.

It should be noted that through renegotiation of contracts and the introduction of a Framework Agreement for Independent Foster Care placements, £0.707m costs have been avoided.

- Support Services and Management Costs were overspent by £730k largely due to Legal costs (+£757K) which are needs led and exceeded budgetary provision in 2011/12. This is partially offset by under spends due to staff slippage (-£27K).
- The above pressures were partially mitigated through the flexible allocation of grant underspends (-£575K).

Environment and Development Services

The overall service out-turn position **was £0.993m below budget**. The main variations against budget were:

- Business Support Unit achieved an underspend of £0.112m as a result of managed vacancies, the moratorium on spend and a tightening of the Training programme.
- Regeneration, Planning and Cultural Services £0.702m underspend as a result of a council wide review of non-essential spend and staff taking up the voluntary retirement/severance offer. The Service Director has been able to report under spends on most budget heads, including Business Centres (-£161k) and Markets (-£101k). Operationally, a decision to limit expenditure on the Libraries Materials Fund has created a one off saving (-£334k). Transportation Services have also been able to offer a greater saving due to higher than anticipated trading activity (-£123k). Costs in excess of budget for former RBT services (+£17k) were also incurred within Cultural Services.
- An earmarked request for carry forward of £163,746 for Culture and Leisure has been requested for Bar Park, Third Party Funding and the Materials Fund. These are included in the figures above, together with a request to draw £155,000 during 2012/13 from Reserves for maintenance of the Business Centres. Details are included in Appendix 3.
- Streetpride (including Leisure and Green Spaces) £0.179m underspend has been achieved in spite of some significant service pressures. The winter maintenance budget which provides for a below average winter was overspent by £225k, mainly due to a period of severe weather in early December. Parking services under-recovered their income budget (+£125k) while delivering some savings by reducing spend to mitigate its position. Stores and Corporate Budgets also incurred costs in excess of budget for former RBT charging arrangements (+£179k). Streetpride have been able to report an under spend against budget due to the adherence of officers to only spend on essential items or services. There have been some key savings made within Waste Management (-£594k) due to lower than expected disposal costs in the final quarter, and within Network Management some small variances across Drainage, Street Lighting, Streetworks and Enforcement, Public Rights of Way and Adoptions and Searches have yielded a saving (-£142k). Other minor under and overspends within Streetpride net to a £28k overspend.

Neighbourhoods and Adult Services

Adult Services

The Adult Services outturn **delivered an underspend of £2.543m against budget**. The key variations within each service area can be summarised as follows:

• Adults General were underspent by -£326k mainly due to slippage in the use of additional funding from health for the further development of services for Carers (-£286k). There were also net savings due to the moratorium on printing, postage and stationary spend (-£40k).

Older People's Services were -£901k underspent mainly due to the additional income received from health in the last quarter of the financial year in respect of support for the winter period and additional funding for Carers (-£1.148m). There were savings in respect of a number of vacant social work posts within Assessment and Care Management and Transport (-£267k), an overall underspend on the Intermediate Care pooled budget (-£33k) mainly in respect of slippage on employee costs and an underspend on independent sector residential and nursing care due to 11 fewer placements than planned, additional income from health and increased income from property charges (-£159k). Additional income was also received from transport fees and charges during the year (-£34k).

However, the underspend was reduced by an overall overspend on Home Care provision (+£199k) due to an increase in average weekly hours provided. There was also an increase in clients (+60) receiving a Direct Payment (+£227k) and a recurrent budget shortfall on income from In House residential care fees (+£234k) and an overspend on agency staffing costs to cover sickness absence(+£80k).

- Learning Disability services were £552K underspent mainly as a result of slippage on developing new supported living schemes (-£166k), contract efficiency savings negotiated with service providers (-£112k) and additional income from health (-£248k). There were also underspends due to vacancies within Assessment and Care Management and Community Teams (-£147k). These were reduced by a net overspend on residential and nursing care budgets due to additional demand for placements and a reduction in continuing health care income (+£119k) and other minor overspends (+£2k).
- Mental Health Services were £1k underspent. The main pressure during the year was the continued increase in uptake on Direct Payments (+£214k), which was mitigated by savings on Community Support budgets (-£196k) as clients in these services moved to a direct payment.

There were also pressures on the out of hours service and the use of agency to cover vacant posts (+ \pounds 97k). These overspends were offset by additional income from health towards the funding of residential care placements (- \pounds 66k) plus efficiency savings negotiated with the service provider for supported living (- \pounds 28k).

Other savings across Mental Health services amounted to -£22k.

• Physical and Sensory Disabilities were £340k underspent. The main pressure during the year was a continued increase in number of clients (+22) receiving independent sector home care (+£300k). This overspend was offset by slippage on new investments to provide alternatives to residential care (-£356k), efficiency savings on voluntary sector contracts (-£41k) and underspends on Assistive Technology (-£170k) due to additional income from health. There was also an underspend against approved budget on employee costs due to the reconfiguration at Grafton House including an increase in income from client contributions (-£93k). These savings were slightly offset by service wide overspends of £20k.

- Adult Safeguarding services were £149k underspent due to difficulties recruiting to vacant posts during the year plus health funding for mental health capacity.
- **Supporting People services were £274k underspent.** Efficiency savings achieved as part of meeting the budget reductions agreed for 2012-13 including underspends on subsidy contracts that are based on actual activity incurred during the year.

Neighbourhoods

The net outturn for Neighbourhood services shows an underspend of £0.509m. The key variations can be summarised as follows:

- Safer Neighbourhoods was underspent (£135k) predominantly due to savings achieved as a result of vacant posts and Voluntary Severance/Retirement in addition to the careful controls in place on non-essential expenditure
- Business Regulation was underspent (£96k) mainly as a result of vacancy management throughout the year (£45k) and some additional one-off income within Food & Drugs area and increased income within the Bereavement Service.
- Neighbourhood Investments was underspent (£11k) as a result of a vacant post within the Energy Advice service (£8k) and some small savings as a result of interest received through the Equity Loan Scheme.
- Neighbourhood Partnerships had an overall underspend of £54k. This included an underspend of -£28k as a result of Members Allocations not being fully spent in the year within Community Leadership Fund. A request to support carry-forward of £19,620 was submitted on 2nd April to Cabinet Member for Community Development, Equality and Young Persons Issues (Ref minute number 58).

Other savings (-£26k) were achieved through the moratorium on non-essential spend and through tight vacancy management.

- Housing Access was underspent by £31k predominantly achieved through the tight management of vacant posts.
- Housing Choices was underspent by £182k mainly due to additional rent income and the flexible use of grant and external funding. In addition, there was an underspend of (£58k) for the cost of Lighting of Communal Buildings mainly due to a number of late refunds relating to previous year's costs; and the Dispersed Unit generated a surplus in excess of budget of £40,091. It is proposed that this service is treated as a Trading Account from 2012/13. (Further details are included in Appendix 3)

Resources

 (Former) Chief Executive Services – overall there was a net overspend (£20k) for these services. Legal Services were overspent by £303k compared with budget largely due to the part year effect of staff leaving the Service. This was significantly offset by savings within Commissioning, Policy and Performance (£253k) and Human Resources (£30k).

 \pounds 146k of the Commissioning, Policy and Performance saving is being requested for carry-forward, the largest proportion of this being the underspend on the Rotherham Partnership account (- \pounds 95k). See Appendix 3 for more details.

- Financial Services was underspent against budget (£495k). This includes a net surplus (-£321k) on schools traded services which will be carried forward into 2012/13. (See Appendix 3). The balance (-£174k) is due to additional income and savings through the moratorium on non-essential spend.
- Internal Audit and Governance was underspent (£39k) due to the moratorium on non-essential spend.
- Asset Management was underspent by £334k. The key areas of underspend included Health and safety (-£37k) due largely to the moratorium on nonessential spend, Building Cleaning (-£128k) where there was a significant reduction in staffing costs and additional income generated, Fee Billing (-£93k) due to reduced staff costs following the service restructure, Miscellaneous Fees (-£162k) due to a reduced level of stock condition surveys being undertaken, School Crossing Patrols (-£21k) due to staffing vacancies and a -£5k saving due to the moratorium on non-essential spend with Facilities Services.

The above underspends were partially offset by overspends on Caretaking services (+ \pounds 27k) due to additional staffing costs incurred for the joint operation of Riverside House and other Council Buildings prior to the decant to Riverside and pressures around the Management and disposal of Commercial Properties including reduced commercial property rental income (+ \pounds 27k). There were a number of other minor pressures across the whole service which collectively amounted to + \pounds 58k.

Central and Other Services

Overall these services **contributed a net saving to the 2011/12 Outturn of £1.228m**. Key pressures and savings within this were:

- The net cost of the Voluntary Severance Scheme (after allowing for costs which were capitalised and provided for) +£2.797m.
- There was slippage on the delivery of 2011/12 budgeted Review savings (+£3.493m) consisting of; Management and Admin (+£839k), Customers Services (+£250k), Shared Services (+£500k), Localities & Premises (+£500k), and Commissioning (+£104k).
- Corporate Land Bank Pressures of £282k and pressures associated with a slightly later than estimated completion of the partnership with BT (+£755k).

The above pressures were mitigated through: Slippage against the Riverside House budget (-£2.416m); Waste Management procurement costs capitalisation (-£555k); use of Council Earmarked Reserves (-£1.1m) approved at Cabinet on 8th February 2012, the Council Contingency budget (-£600k); and delivery of Accounting Opportunities (-£3.881m).

Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

The Housing Revenue Account **budgeted** to make a contribution to reserves of **£4.613m**. Actual contribution to reserves was **£5.555m**; **£0.942m** above budget.

The principal reasons for the £0.942m additional contribution to the HRA General Reserve were:

- Additional rent income (£179k);
- Additional income from charges for services and facilities (£340k);
- Additional Subsidy (Major Repairs Allowance) (£5k);
- Additional Interest received (£48k); and
- Net expenditure less than budget mainly relating to management and supervision costs (£370k).

APPENDIX 3 - CARRY FORWARD OF REVENUE BUDGET UNDER-SPENDS AND OVER-SPENDS IN 2011/12

Carry Forward of Traded Balances (£493,719)

In accordance with the 9th April 2008 Cabinet decision to carry forward 100% of traded services surplus and deficits and be included in future years' business plans, the following trading service balances will be carried forward in to 2012/13 financial year.

C&YPS

• £132,956 Schools Catering Service (Trading surplus). It should be noted that this service has been in deficit since 2007/08 with a deficit in excess of £200,000. The service entered 2011/12 with a cumulative deficit of £11,029 to recover. It has significantly exceeded its target to bring the service back into a balanced position.

NAS

£40,091 This is the trading surplus on the Dispersed and Furnished Units service which provides emergency overnight accommodation. Income from the weekly charge from occupied units is used to contribute to replace fixtures, furniture and furnishings within the temporary units for the homeless and is ring-fenced to the service area. Due to the nature of what the properties are used for it is difficult to estimate the occupancy, thus the income levels that may be generated throughout the year are reinvested into the upkeep of the properties and to cover operational costs, any reserve that is generated at year end is used the following year to maintain property standards and to supplement any short fall in income due to under occupancy of the units in year. This service sits alongside the furnished accommodation scheme operated in the HRA to help support the establishment of vulnerable tenancies

Financial Services

- £231,999 This surplus relates to the Schools' Staff Sickness Insurance Scheme which provides financial compensation to schools which need to employ additional staff to cover their own staff's absence.
- £88,673 This surplus is for Schools' Finance Traded Service which provides financial management and professional support and advice to Head Teachers and Governing Bodies in managing their financial resources

Carry Forward of One-off or specific project budgets

As previously indicated, the existing policy requires that in the case of exceptional items of expenditure, an application and supporting case be made to SLT to recommend to Cabinet the carry forward of 100% of any unspent balance at the end of the financial year.

These requests are set out below by Directorate:

EDS

The carry forward of underspends totalling £319k is requested. These underspends have been included in the Directorate outturn disclosed in this report.

- £10,000 In respect of legal fees to be incurred in the transfer of Bar Park from Sheffield City Council.
- £18,716 Third Party Funded spending, committed, but not spent in 2011/12.
- £134,000 Materials Fund underspend to be used in 2012/13 at the two newly opened Libraries.
- £155,000 To be used for Maintenance work at the Business Centres throughout the Borough.

Neighbourhoods

• £19,620 Community Leadership Fund - the Members Community Leadership Fund had an under spend of £28k at the year end. It was agreed on 2nd April at Cabinet Member meeting for Community Development and Equality and Young Persons Issues to request to Cabinet a carry forward of £19,620,for use in 2012/13.

Resources

Carry forwards are requested for the following, mainly grant funded activities:

- £95,362 Funding for the Rotherham Partnership is provided by organisations like the South Yorkshire Police, the Chamber of Commerce, NHS Rotherham, Rotherham Hospitals, Voluntary Action Rotherham and Thomas Rotherham and Dearne Valley Colleges.
- £12,765 Migration Impact Fund grant not spent in 2011/12.
- £20,000 Community Cohesion Prevent and Cohesion funding
- £10,648 Community Grants for Jubilee Parties in June 2012
- £6,741 International Events to fund commitments for events in 2012/13.

TOTAL

• £976,571 Of this, £493,719 relates to trading accounts and £482,852 to specific balances.