



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: North Yorkshire Building Control Partnership

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SUBJECT: Revised Budget

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To approve a revised budget for the financial year 2008/09.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended: -

2.1.1 That the revised budget as set out in Annex A of this report be adopted for the financial year 2008/09.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 Members will recall that in March 2008 the Board approved a budget for the current financial year. This budget had been developed on the information available at that time including Scarborough Borough Council Building Control section joining the Partnership from 1 April 2008.

3.2 Members will also recall that at the end of the financial year 2007/08 the Partnership was in deficit by approximately £90,000. This deficit was attributed to additional set up costs, closure of accounts mid-year, the start of new accounts for the second half of the year which is historically the slowest period for Building Regulations applications and the change in the economic climate.

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- 3.3** Members considered at that time that due to the ongoing economic difficulties that the budget as presented was overly optimistic and that after a reasonable period of data collection it would be beneficial to submit a revised budget.

4.0 REPORT

- 4.1** Set out in Annex A is a revised budget for this current financial year and Annex B shows the reserve balance. The Partnership has over the last six months undertaken a review of expenditure and identified savings, which are considered to be achievable and is exercising tight control on expenditure at this time. This budget takes into account savings of £106,620 on the combined chargeable and non-chargeable salaries provision due to the non-filling of three Building Control Surveyor posts. Additional savings of £7,300 on premises and £6,610 on supplies and services make a total saving on the combined expenditure accounts of £120,530.

- 4.2** Due to the financial down turn in the current economic market it is necessary to reduce income to what is considered a more realistic position and to balance this with cash flow over the first six months period. Therefore, income on the chargeable account has been reduced by £143,390.

- 4.3** The revised budget, should it be adopted, shows a year-end balance of £42,880. Although this does not meet Members' aspirations of achieving a £100,000 reserve with nominal return of surpluses above this figure back to each Authority, the balance is considered reasonable bearing in mind the uncertainty within the construction industry at present and for possibly the next two years.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** To have a financial trading account meeting with CIPFA requirements.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** As set out in Annex A.

7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1** It is essential for financial monitoring purposes to set a realistic and achievable budget for the current financial year.

Background Papers:

Budget Report March 2008
Revised working papers

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