

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive for Decision 13 July 2015

Portfolio:	Planning and Development
Subject:	Welborne Plan – Final Financial Report
Report of:	Director of Planning and Development
Strategy/Policy:	Fareham Local Plan
Corporate Objective:	To protect and enhance the environment Maintain and extend prosperity Leisure for Health and Fun A balanced housing market Strong and Inclusive Communities Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

To advise the Executive on the final costs for the preparation of the Welborne Plan.

Executive summary:

This report sets out the final figures of funding secured and incurred expenditure relating to the development of the Welborne Plan.

Overall, the funding secured for the Welborne Plan through various Government grants has exceeded the costs of bringing forward the Welborne Plan.

Recommendation:

That the Executive notes the final report on the financial costs of producing the Welborne Plan.

Reason:

To set out the expenditure and funding involved in the preparation of the Welborne Plan.

Cost of proposals:

To be met within existing resources and predominately funded from the Housing and Planning Delivery Grant reserve, and Capacity Funding secured from Department for Communities and Local Government.

Appendices: None.

Background papers: Report to the Executive on 6 October 2014: Welborne Financial Update.

Report to the Executive on 2 December 2013 - Preparation of Welborne Plan: Quarterly Financial Update.

Report to the Executive on 2 September 2013 - Preparation of Welborne Plan: Quarterly Financial Update.

Report to the Executive on 5 November 2012 - New Community North of Fareham Area Action Plan - Revised Timetable Plan Preparation by the Director of Planning and Environment.

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Executive Briefing Paper

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Briefing by: Director of Planning and Development

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INTRODUCTION

1. A report to the Executive on 6 October 2014 set out an update report on the projected and incurred expenditure relating to the development of a Local Plan for Welborne. These figures are set out in table A.

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff and running costs	27,402	128,526	199,683	257,247	153,100
Evidence base and supporting costs	82,034	194,611	319,649	465,712	214,800
Consultancy (staff support)	0	0	0	0	64,700
Total Costs	109,436	323,137	519,332	722,959	432,600
Total Overall Project costs at end of 2014/15					2,107,454

PROGRESSION OF WELBORNE PLAN AND ASSOCIATED COSTS

2. Subsequent to these figures being prepared, the Welborne Plan has now progressed through the examination process. This process has required some additional expenditure on staff and running costs and evidence base and supporting costs, which has increased those costs over the previous estimate. This was necessary to meet the requirements of the Inspector undertaking the examination of the Welborne Plan.
3. The updated costs relating to the development of the Welborne Plan are set out in table B. These are the final costs of the project, taking the Plan through to adoption.

TABLE B: FINAL WELBORNE PLAN PROJECT COSTS – JULY 2015						
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff and running costs	27,402	128,526	199,683	257,247	168,355	19,075
Evidence base and supporting costs	82,034	194,611	319,649	465,712	258,374	55,818
Consultancy (staff support)	0	0	0	0	56,415	4,240
Total Costs	109,436	323,137	519,332	722,959	483,144	79,133
Total Overall Project Costs						2,237,141

4. Since the last Update, the Council secured confirmation of approval of a bid to the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) for Capacity Funding to assist with the planning and delivery of Welborne. The payment for 2014/15 for £375,000 has now been received. Of this amount, £80,000 was passed over to Hampshire County Council to support the necessary technical work required to deliver the Welborne Plan.
5. The updated figures for funding streams relating to the development of the Welborne Plan are set out in table C.

TABLE C: WELBORNE PLAN FUNDING STREAMS						
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Eco Town Funding	100,000					
Planning / Housing Delivery Grant	9,436	143,137	519,332	237,959	108,144	79,133
Homes and Communities Agency		150,000				
Partnership for Urban South Hampshire		30,000				
DCLG Capacity Funding				485,000	375,000	
Total Costs	109,436	323,137	519,332	722,959	483,144	79,133
Total Overall Project Funding						2,237,141

6. Therefore it is the case that the Welborne Plan was fully funded through external funding sources. The remaining balance of the Housing and Planning Delivery Grant will be used to support the next stage of promotional work for Welborne, and for considering subsequent planning applications for Welborne.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The costs of the Welborne Plan were predominantly funded from the Housing and Planning Delivery Grant reserve which has been set aside for studies relating to the project and other Welborne Plan projects. This has now been supplemented by Capacity Funding for 2013/14 and 2014/15. Since 2004/5 the Council has received over £3 million of funding through Planning Delivery Grant, Housing and Planning Delivery Grant and Capacity Funding.

CONCLUSION

9. It is recommended that the Executive notes the final financial report on the Welborne Plan. The adoption of the Welborne Plan provides the Council with a planning framework for the delivery of Welborne, providing certainty for developers, investors, service providers and the local community.

Reference Papers: None