

SPENDING PRESSURES – 2007/08 TO 2011/12

This table sets out recommendations for additional spending over the next 5 years to address anticipated increases in demand for services. This takes account of the funding allocations for growth items (particularly for 2007/08) as set out in the provisional model to update the Medium Term Financial Strategy, considered by the Cabinet last month. Priority has been given to those bids that are absolutely essential in order to meet statutory requirements or avoid official sanctions.

The second column of the table indicates which Council priority/ies the spending bid will support:-

C = Customer Service
A = Affordable Housing
G = Growth areas

PART A: QUANTIFIABLE SPENDING PRESSURES

	Relevant Priorities	SPENDING PRESSURES (£000) Key: R = Revenue spending; C = Capital spending	2007/08		2008/09		2009/10		2010/11		2011/12	
			R	C	R	C	R	C	R	C	R	C
		Environmental Services										
1	C,G	New refuse collection rounds			160		160		320		320	
2	C,G	Dry recyclable kerb-side collection contract			100		100		300		300	
3	C,G	Contract renewal & letting					10					
4		Depot move			30		30		30		30	
5		Fuel costs	10		10		10		10		10	
6	C,G	Road sweeping equipment/labour	90		90		90		90		180	
7	C,G	Footway sweeping equipment/labour	30	60	30		30		30		60	60
8	C,G	Litter picking crew			60		60		60		60	
9	C	Disabled Facilities Grants		70		70		70		70		100

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10		Air Quality monitors – replacement		80				80				
11	G	EH post to plan for growth	50		50		50		50		50	
		Planning										
12	G	Assistant Urban Design post	40		40		40		40		40	
13	G,A	Development Control – growth areas.			90		158		226		203	
		Housing										
14	A,G	Housing Market Assessment – SCDC contribution to sub-regional work	30		10		10		10		10	
15	A,C	Choice-based Lettings	10		10		10		10		10	
		Community Services										
16	G	Northstowe Community Trust	25		50		50		50		50	
17	G	Additional Community Development Officer					40		40		40	
		Revenues and Benefits										
18	G,C	Revenues Assistants (2 x PT)	11		23		24		25		26	
19	G,C	Revenues Inspectors (1 x PT)	5		9		10		10		11	
20	G,C	Benefits Assessors (3 x PT)	11		11		23		35		36	
21	G,C	Fraud and Visiting Officer (1 x PT)			13		13		14		14	
22	G,C	Other costs	7		6		8		10		13	
		Legal										
23	G,A	Up to 3 posts financed by S106 developer contributions	-		-		-		-		-	

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		Electoral Registration/Elections										
24	G	Growth in costs with additional population	6		11		20		26		34	
		Policy and Communications										
25	C,A,G	New Performance Management system	10	50	10		10		10		10	
26		Equality issues (eg, training & translation needs arising from statutory Equalities Schemes)	10		10		10		10		10	
		ICT										
27	C,G	Replacement/Upgrade of Business systems					50	800	50	800	50	800
		Accountancy										
28	C	Part time post	15		15		15		15		15	
		Transformation Project										
29	C,A,G	Training/development of senior managers	25									
30	C	Service First: Development of customer satisfaction surveys, mystery shopping, training etc.	15									
		TOTALS										
31		Overall spending on growth bids	400	260	838	70	1031	950	1471	870	1582	960
32		Allocations for growth in MTFS	400		700		1000		1300		1500	
33		Difference between growth bids & MTFS allocations	0		138		31		171		82	

PART B: UNQUANTIFIABLE SPENDING PRESSURES / POTENTIAL COSTS

Below are listed some potential areas for new spending. At present many of these are too uncertain to be included in the table in Part A. However, if only a small number of these generate additional costs, the financial implications could be substantial. There is also the possibility of the totally unexpected.

1. **Planning Delivery Grant.** Currently £300,000 worth of key posts are financed through this means. Should be OK until 2009/10. After then will depend on impact of changes planned to the PDG system.
2. **Northstowe and growth areas.** No provision has been made for a range of other possible service requirements – eg: community centres; management of the country parks; maintenance of open space, play areas etc; maintenance of drainage; public conveniences; design and management of the Northstowe Town Centre (which will commence building at the end of the five year period).
3. **Growth Areas: Homelessness and Housing Advice** – there is a possibility of further costs in providing housing advice and dealing with homelessness cases, particularly as there will be more owner occupation and people may overstretch themselves. However, the factors affecting the housing market are unknown and may overall be better, given the increasing number of affordable homes.
4. **Arbury Park** – assumes that no costs falling on SCDC when current three year agreements end.
5. **Northern Fringe – Chesterton sidings; North-West Cambridge** – No costs allowed for in the five year period.
6. **Southern Fringe** – still too early to tell. It might be possible to meet community services needs from facilities in the Cambridge City part of the development. On the other hand it might be necessary to meet the capital and revenue costs of a community building in the South Cambs part. Could be up to £100,000 revenue.
7. **Cambridge East and Southern Fringe.** Costs may depend on whether existing parishes accept or press for new parishes.
8. **Cambourne** – may need to finance RSL funded community development post when current fixed term post comes to an end.
9. **Voluntary Sector Services.** Possibly increased grant requests for voluntary sector to cover costs of providing services to growth areas – eg CAB
10. **2012 Olympics** – pressure to contribute/enhance sports provision
11. **Migrant workers** – as a result of EU expansion and the greatly increased demand for labour for the growth areas; London Olympics etc. Might need to provide specialist services.
12. **Legal Services** – potentially higher levels of income could be gained through Land Charges and by the Council taking on Section 106 work with charges to developers. Similarly for housing development schemes.
13. **Pressures arising from the LSP, LAA and new Community Strategy.**

14. **ICT costs.** No provision has been made for Government initiatives to improve the use of ICT (eg “Government Connect”); the potential ICT requirements for further partnership working; technology changes etc.
15. **Climate Change costs.** No continuing provision has been made for currently unforeseen requirements – for example future energy costs; initiatives required by the Government; further initiatives in the growth areas.
16. **Customer Service.** No provision included for initiatives to improve customer service; respond to new demands; involve users; or for the Contact Centre to respond to increased calls from an increasing population. Nothing for customer service points at Northstowe or other growth areas.
17. **Recruitment/Retention/Costs of Employment.** No costs provided to meet potential future recruitment problems (except in Environmental Services) or changes in employment provisions etc.
18. **New statutory requirements/government initiatives** – for example, the White Paper and any further changes arising from changes of leader and government.
19. **Housing Options.** Depending on the outcome of the Stock Condition Survey, a new housing options appraisal would have financial implications. These may be significant (see previous Housing Options Appraisal Summary).
20. **Employment costs.** Costs arising from changes in employment legislation; recruitment and retention needs etc