

**CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS**

Carry forward requests will be considered for approval if they are for already approved, one off schemes, which were not completed in year (i.e. re-phasing of one-off spend) and if there are insufficient funds available in the forthcoming year.

The carry forward requests received, relating to the 2013/14 outturn position total £2,067,100 and are as follows:

**Families Matter £895,100**

The carry forward to the next financial year is to sustain the programme and related costs, including 32 Full Time Equivalents Families Matter Lead Practitioners (family workers) to the end of the programme without risks associated with full reliance on future Payment-By-Results. The underspend from last year is a combination of carry forward attachment fees and positive results claims that will enable the final third year of the programme to be delivered.

**Social Fund £462,100**

A Government Grant of £654,000 was received for 2013/14 as funding for the transition of Social Fund to Local Welfare Provision. At year-end an under spend of £333,300 exists for which a carry forward request has been submitted of which part relates to the £100,000 set aside for contingency, the provision for which was agreed by Council on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013 to enable a response to unpredicted gaps in provision. The remainder of the under spend relates to money set aside for fulfilment and relates to the phased approach and roll out of the referral hub. Demand is now increasing significantly, and the carry forward request is to ensure we can continue to meet this demand as the full impact of the welfare reforms is starting to take effect. In addition £128,800 was allocated by Cabinet from the General Fund revenue budget contingency in response to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Welfare Reforms Inquiry. Detailed work is underway to develop and implement the recommendations made and this work is being overseen by the Welfare Reforms Monitoring Group. An under spend of £128,800 has arisen as implementation is now expected to commence during 2014/15 with the work to run over a 2-year transition period.

**Skills (Apprenticeship Programme) £45,000**

The original pre-apprenticeship scheme was due to end 31 March 2014 but activity volumes were reduced pending the outcome of the Apprenticeship Scrutiny Inquiry. Following the inquiry, the scheme has been extended until 2016 and a carry forward of £45,000 is proposed in the Apprenticeship Action Plan (AAP) budget approved by Cabinet in January 2014. The scheme will provide 26-week supported work placements for NEET young people.

**SNAC £94,700**

Audience Development jointly funded by the Council and Arts Council England (ACE) was due to transfer to the operating company of the new arts complex this financial year. This element of the project has been delayed resulting in an underspend, £94,700 of which is Council funding. It is proposed that funding should be carried forward into 2014/15 for the purpose of establishing a sound basis for the business operation of the arts complex, ensuring the best possible preparation for future financial viability. If this funding is not carried forward, it is highly likely that ACE will reduce its grant funding in line with the Council's.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary £42,100

A larger number of small events than anticipated have been held in the city. It is proposed that the resulting surplus of £25,100 along with £17,000 of funding for the Southampton Festival is carried forward into 2014/15 to fund work associated with the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of Southampton attaining city status.

Central Repairs and Maintenance £528,100

A small number of planned schemes to the value of £528,100 will need to be deferred to the next financial year due to the seasonal nature of the works. Full Council has agreed to automatically carry forward any funding for such schemes at year-end subject to the overall financial position of the Authority. It is therefore requested that £528,100 be carried forward to enable these works to be carried out during the summer months to avoid disruption and increased costs.