Belfast City Council

Report to:	Shadow Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Non – Recurrent Expenditure Requirements 2014/15 and 2015/16
Date:	16 January 2015
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1.0	Relevant Background Information
1.1	This report presents the non-recurrent expenditure requirements for 2014/15 and 2015/16 and makes recommendations as to how these can be financed.

2.0	Key Issues
2.1	**Non – Recurrent Expenditure 2014/15** The Strategic Policy and Resources Committee has already approved £2,962,241 of non-recurrent expenditure for 2014/15. This is summarised in Table One below. Members agreed, as part of their consideration of the half year finance position, that this expenditure would be financed from the forecast year end under spend of £4,307,000.

Table One: 2014/15 Non-Recurrent Expenditure	
Leisure Mobilisation 2014/15	1,171,233
WFH Mobilisation	700,000
Innovation Centre	130,000
Temp Accommodation	80,000
Vehicles parks	164,461
Total Assets	**2,245,694**
Data Transfer (Building Control)	38,753
Cleansing	80,393

Ulster Orchestra	100,000	
SP&R Approved Funding Requests	153,500	
Pensions	238,181	
Total Other	**610,827**	
Condition surveys and remedial works	9,000	
Removal costs from Bedford House	38,720	
Fit out costs of new building	50,000	
Connection costs to new building	8,000	
Total Transfer of Functions	**105,720**	
Total 2014/15	**2,962,241**	

2.2	**Non – Recurrent Expenditure 2015/16** Table Two below outlines the non-recurrent expenditure requirements for 2015/16. The key drivers of these costs are the delivery of Investment Programme projects and transitional arrangements associated with local government reform. **Table Two: Non-Recurrent Expenditure 2015/16**

Employees	1,694,736
Assets	573,052
Other	720,023
Transfer of Functions	323,000
Total	**3,310,811**

2.3	**Employees** For the past three years temporary staff employed to support the delivery of Investment Programme projects and local government reform have been financed through the Waste Plan and the Local Government Reform Fund. These funds will come to an end on 31 March 2015. Table Three provides a summary of the temporary employee funding requirements by department. A detailed breakdown by post is provided at Appendix One. **Table Three: Temporary Employees 2015/16**

Chief Executive's	408,458
Finance & Resources	126,718
Property & Projects	635,953
Health & Env. Services	133,385
Development	305,854
Car Parks	33,776
Planning	50,592
Total Temp Employees	**1,694,736**

2.4	**Assets** Table Four details the one-off costs associated with the assets transferring from Lisburn and Castlereagh. Detailed surveys of the assets have been carried out and maintenance costings have been prepared. Appendix Two provides a summary of the proposed work by asset transferring. **Table Four: One – Off Asset Costs 2015/16** | Property Maintenance - Assets transferring	393,235
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Other

These costs include £429k to support the alignment of the Council's grant aid programmes for areas transferring from Lisburn and Castlereagh. A separate report on the Decade of Centenaries will be considered by the Committee at this meeting.

Table Five: Other Costs 2015/16

Licences	105,000
Community Planning & City Competitiveness	100,000
Grant & Community Support	429,023
Decade of Centenaries	86,000
Total Other	**720,023**

Transfer of Functions

Corporate signage on car parks must comply with legislative requirements and an additional £30k will be required to ensure compliance. Additional printers and computers will be required for the planning staff (45 staff) at a cost of £43k.The major additional expenditure requirement is £250k for advertising costs associated with planning applications. These are advertised in four local newspapers to ensure planning equality and legislative requirements are met.

Table Six: Transfer of Functions 2015/16

Corporate Signage to car parks	30,000
IT Hardware	43,000
Planning Advertising	250,000
Total Transfer of Functions	**323,000**

	Sources of Funding
2.7	Table Seven shows that through a combination of sources £4.3m of finance is available. It is recommended that a transition fund of £3.31m is established to cover the one-off costs for 2015/16.

Table Seven: Sources of Funding 2015/16

2014/15 Year end balance	1,344,759	
LGR Fund	331,511	
LTP Fund	420,000	
Capital under spend	2,219,843	
Total funding available		**4,316,113**
Funding required		**3,310,811**
Balance remaining		**1,005,302**

2.8	In terms of the remaining balance of £1m Members have a choice of transferring this to reserves or using it to support other priorities. At the Budget Panel it was agreed that further detailed discussion is required about the future of the Local Investment Fund, Belfast Investment Fund and the potential establishment of a Support Fund. A detailed report on this matter will be brought to Committee in February and it is therefore recommended that the allocation of the £1m balance should be considered as part of this future report.

3.0	**Recommendations**
	Members are requested to agree to: • The non-recurrent expenditure outlined in tables 3 to 6 for 2015/16. • The establishment of a transition fund of £3.13m to finance this expenditure.

4.0	**Equality and Good Relations Implications**
	There are no equality and good relations implications associated with the report.

5.0	**Attachments**
	Appendix One: Temporary Employees Appendix Two: Maintenance required for transferring assets

Appendix One: Temporary Posts 2015/16

DEPT/SERVICE
CHIEF EXECUTIVES
Corp Comms Officer X 3
Comms Assistant X 1
Corp Comms Placement Student
Ops Manager X 1
Lord Mayors Assistant X 1
Bus Support Clerk X 1
Civic Attendant X 1
Dem Services Officer x 1
Property Solicitor X 1
Solicitor x 2
FINANCE &RESOURCES
Business Support Officer X 1
Fin Control Officer X 1
Digital Belfast Officer X 1
Digital Belfast Tech Support Officer X 1
Digital Services Asst X 1
PROPERTY AND PROJECTS
Procurement officer X 3
Project Sponsor X 3
Facilities - Apprenticeship X 7
Estates Surveyor
Mgt Accountant X 1
Capital Claims Accountant X 1
Sen Bus Support Asst.X 2
HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
Cleansing Operatives X 6
Data Transfer X 1
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Grants Assistant x 3
Project Officers X 3
Community Development Officer X 1
Asst Communtiy Development Officer X 1
OFF STREET CAR PARKING
Contract Manager Car Parking

Appendix Two: Maintenance required for transferring assets

Asset	Cost
Braniel Community Centre	3,050
Clonduff Drive Community Centre	135,800
Cregagh Civic Amenity Facility	25,300
Cregagh Youth and Community Centre	755
Downshire Community Hall	84,250
Henry Jones Pavillion	116,100
Knockbreda Cemetery Store	5,350
Lock Keepers Cottage	1,000
Tullycarnet Community Centre	730
Tullycarnet Pavilion & Bowling Green	15,000
Fullerton Park Community Centre & Pavillion	2,450
Napier Park Changing Pavillion	3,450
	393,235