



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
**24 FEBRUARY 2004**

**ITEM 23**

Report of the Director of Finance  
and Director of Corporate Services

## **Financial and Contract Procedure Matters Report**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 To approve an amendment to the repayment terms for the Pump Priming fund.
- 1.2 To approve a pump priming fund application for £15,000 to fund costs associated with the disposal of the Village School site.
- 1.3 To endorse officer action taken to secure £34,300 additional Supplementary Credit Approval (SCA) for Air Quality Monitoring.
- 1.4 To add additional Air Quality Monitoring expenditure of £34,300 to the approved capital programme for 2003/4.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2 Council Cabinet approval is required under the Council's financial procedure rules.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

#### **3.1 Approval of Village School Pump Priming Application(recommendation 1 and 2)**

- 3.1.1 A pump priming fund application has been submitted to fund the costs of a planning brief (£10,000) and a consultation exercise (£5,000) to enable the disposal of the Village School Site.
- 3.1.2 The disposal will generate a capital receipt for the Council, out of which it is proposed to repay the pump priming fund.
- 3.1.3 The Pump Priming Fund was set up in 1997 as a "lender of last resort" to award funding to schemes providing ongoing financial savings. Advances are repayable from revenue savings over the payback period of the scheme, but normally in up to three years.
- 3.1.4 It is proposed to amend the scheme to also allow repayment from capital receipts. All applications would require Council Cabinet approval and would require an immediate repayment from the capital receipt. Any repayment made in this way would be held as capital pump priming monies available to fund any capital element of future pump priming fund applications approved.

### **3.2 Additional Supplementary Credit Approval (SCA) – Air Quality Monitoring Equipment (recommendations 3 and 4)**

- 3.2.1 The Air Quality Monitoring programme has established two Air Quality Management Areas, one for traffic-based nitrogen dioxide and one for industrial emissions. The authority has also compiled an Air Quality Action Plan for the nitrogen dioxide AQMA and is also compiling an emissions inventory for the city.
- 3.2.2 This work has so far been supported by Supplementary Credit Approvals from the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). For 2003/4 we have already received an SCA of £83,563 as included in the approved capital programme. Officers have recently bid for and secured £34,300 additional SCA from DEFRA to cover the costs of purchasing the air quality monitoring equipment, which is higher than was anticipated in the approved capital programme and SCA.
- 3.2.3 Cabinet approval is sought to endorse officer action taken to secure the additional SCA, and approve the increase to the approved capital programme 2003/4.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 - Implications

## IMPLICATIONS

**5. Financial**

As detailed in the report

**6. Legal**

None.

**7. Personnel**

None.