

<b>Update on Riverside Area Housing budgets</b>
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**Briefing Paper of the of the Head of Neighbourhoods and Housing****1. Purpose of the Paper and Summary**

To update the Riverside Area Committee on the balances within the three Housing Area budgets for the Riverside Area to allow the Committee to fulfil their responsibility of monitoring these budgets.

**2. Background**

The Area and Neighbourhood agenda places responsibility for ensuring effective performance of Council services at a local level with Area Committees. The information at Appendix A, B and C captures the relevant information to enable the Riverside Area Committee to fulfil its monitoring role in relation to local delivery of Housing Services.

**3. Issues for Consideration**

- 3.1 The Area Based Spend Budget is used primarily for issues that affect the wider community, but also can be considered for schemes for an individual tenant or leaseholder. This includes for example, fencing in communal areas, bollards, signs, tree pruning/felling, skip provision etc.
- 3.2 The Estate Management Budget is normally used for work on individual properties, often safety issues, for example tree cutting, rubbish removal, pest control etc. The scope of this budget is limited and mainly used in special circumstances and often in an emergency situation.
- 3.3 The Environmental Budget is used for fencing work, either for schemes to benefit the wider community or to increase security for individual properties or for residents suffering from anti-social behaviour or nuisance due to the lack of boundary fencing.

- 3.4 A summary of spend for each budget so far this financial year is attached to this report as appendices for your information.
- 3.5 The table below shows the breakdown of each budget amount allocated for 2021/2022 and the amount spent for the year.

Budget Heading	Annual Budget 2020/2021	Budget available to spend
Area Based Spend	£40,083	£11,233.90
Estate Management	£8,801	Nil
Environmental Budget (fencing)	£21,615	£5,593.92

- 3.6 The tables attached at appendix (i) include the year end spend.
- 3.7 As we return to business-as-usual staff will be identifying schemes to take forward for spend this financial year. Staff are continuing to work from home wherever possible however are completing visits as per the business needs.

#### 4. Next steps

The Riverside Area Committee notes the level of spend and requests any further information it requires.

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