

## Report to the East Area Committee

29 July 2025

**Wards:** Ings, Longhill & Bilton Grange,  
Sutton, Drypool, Southcoates, Marfleet &  
Holderness

### Delegation of East Area Housing Revenue Account Budgets 2025-26

## Report of the Director of Legal Services and Partnerships

### Report Status:

This item is not exempt

Therefore exempt reasons are not applicable

This is a non-key decision.

## 1. Purpose of the Report and Summary

1.1. This report reviews the delegated decision-making arrangements for Ward Budgets for 2025/26 within the HRA Area Housing Team remit.

## 2 Recommendations

2.1 Members note the budget allocation on each HRA budget allocation for 2025/26 as detailed in the report;

2.2 Members agree to the delegation of the budget allocations to the Operations Manager on decisions regarding the use of the 2025/26 Area Based Spend, Estate Management and Environmental Budgets in order to progress projects that benefit tenants and leaseholders in the area;

2.3 Updates of expenditure will be provided during Ward Meetings with the Neighbourhood Coordinators.

## 3 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 The aim is to agree delegated arrangements that minimise delays in implementing local projects that benefit tenants and leaseholders in the area. This is particularly important in an emergency and to avoid delays in works being completed.

## 4 **Key Organisational Impacts**

### 4.1 Impact on other Executive Committees (including Area Committees) and decision makers:

4.1.1 There is no impact on other Executive Committees.

### 4.2 Contribution to the delivery of the Community Plan, the Council Plan and/or Area Plans:

4.2.1 The area housing budgets support delivery at the neighbourhood level that contribute towards the ambitions contained within key organisational strategies such as the Community Plan, Council Plan and Area Plans in regards to improving neighbourhoods.

### 4.3 Impact on other key strategies/business plans:

4.3.1 The area housing budgets can support delivery of key strategies across the organisation and associated partners which meet the HRA spend guidance. There are no direct impacts outlined within this report.

### 4.4 Equalities Impact Information

4.4.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment is not considered relevant for this report but will be considered in progressing individual projects if appropriate to do so.

## 5 **Consultation**

5.1 No specific consultation has been carried out in respect to the content and recommendations included in this report.

## 6 **Background**

6.1 HRA delegated budgets to the Area Committee include the 'Area Based Spend' 'Estate Management' and 'Environmental' allocations for 2025/26. A summary of the purpose for the spend on the relevant budgets are included below.

## 7 **Issues for Consideration**

7.1 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.

7.1 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.

7.2 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.

7.3 The table below shows the breakdown of each budget amount allocated for 2025/26 for the East area.

Budget Heading	Total
Area Based Spend	£82,029
Estate Management	£18,003
Environmental Budget	£44,235
Total Budget	£144,267

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Area Based Spend	9596	21239	11961	5937	10504	21933	859
Estate Management	2106	4661	2625	1303	2305	4814	189
Environmental Budget	5175	11453	6450	3202	5664	11828	463
Total Budget	16877	37353	21036	10442	18473	38575	1511

7.4 If any budget is unspent at the end of 2025/26 it cannot be carried forward into the next financial year.

## 8 **Options and Risk Assessment**

### 8.1 For the East Area Committee:-

- 8.1.1 to retain all the estate based budgets;
- 8.1.2 to delegate a proportion of the estate based budgets to officers;
- 8.1.3 to delegate the full 100% of the budgets to Operations Manager as detailed in section 2.2 and 2.3 above

8.2 If option 8.1.1 above is chosen there could possibly be a delay in orders being raised, should emergency work be required.

8.3 If option 8.1.2 above is chosen the risk could be that it may cause confusion on who has responsibility for the delegated part of the budget which may again cause delays or inconsistencies of work being carried out;

8.4 If option 8.1.3 above is chosen this could result in members not being fully informed of spend on all budgets immediately, however this is mitigated with the quarterly update presented to the Area Committee for information

### **9. Comments of the Monitoring Officer (Town Clerks)**

Where the Area Committee has authority to discharge a particular function it may delegate the discharge of that function to an appropriate officer.

Where officers are given delegated responsibility to spend budget that falls within the Housing Revenue Account they must ensure that that any expenditure made from this account should be connected with the Council's housing landlord functions. Schedule 4 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 as amended sets out the detail of the types of matters that may be funded via the Housing Revenue Account. The proposed expenditure from the Area Based Spending Budget would appear to comply with the requirements of the Act.

### **10. Comments of the Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance and Transformation)**

The Section 151 officer notes the recommendations in the report and confirms the 25/26 HRA area budget allocation (CM).

### **11. Comments of the Assistant Director OD & HR and compliance with the Equality Duty**

The content of the report is noted. KH

### **12. Comments of Overview and Scrutiny**

This decision has not been subject to pre-decision scrutiny. (Sc8814 – AS)

### **11. Comments of the Leader of the Council**

The portfolio holder supports the recommendations in the report. (PF005)

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Officer Interests: None

Background Documents: Nil

## Implications Matrix

I have informed and sought advice from HR, Legal, Finance, Overview and Scrutiny and the Climate Change Advisor and any other key stakeholders i.e. Portfolio Holder, relevant Ward Members etc prior to submitting this report for official comments	Yes
I have considered whether this report requests a decision that is outside the Budget and Policy Framework approved by Council	Yes
Value for money considerations have been accounted for within the report	Yes
The report is approved by the relevant Director/Assistant Director	Yes
I have included any procurement/commercial issues/implications within the report	No
I have considered the potential media interest in this report and liaised with the Media Team to ensure that they are briefed to respond to media interest.	No
I have included any equalities and diversity implications within the report and where necessary I have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment, and the outcomes are included within the report	Yes
Any Health and Safety implications are included within the report	No
Any human rights implications are included within the report	No
I have included any community safety implications and paid regard to Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act within the report	No
I have liaised with the Climate Change Advisor and any environmental and climate change issues/sustainability implications are included within the report	No

I have considered how the decision may contribute or impact on culture and heritage within the city.	No
I have included information about how this report contributes to the Community Plan/ Area priorities within the report	Yes
I have considered the impact on air quality, carried out an appropriate assessment and included any resulting actions or opportunities necessary to improve air quality in the report.	No