

Summary Capital Programme

Appendix 1

	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009
	£	£	£	£	£
GENERAL FUND					
Information and communications technologies	380,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Vehicles and equipment	112,000	40,000	67,800	82,700	71,000
Repairs and improvements to operational assets	391,300	108,000	-	-	-
Park Leisure Facility	-	3,296,000	-	-	-
Crime & Disorder Reduction	76,000	-	-	-	-
Town and Village improvements	75,000	-	-	-	-
Open Spaces and play facilities	227,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total For General Fund	1,261,300	3,524,000	147,800	162,700	151,000
Housing Revenue Account					
Decent Homes	983,000	983,000	983,000	908,000	916,000
Cash Incentive scheme	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Project Work	290,000	221,000	207,000	204,000	209,000
Total For Housing Revenue Account	1,348,000	1,279,000	1,265,000	1,187,000	1,200,000
Other Housing					
Private Sector Renewal Grants	120,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Social Housing Grants	435,000	150,000	-	-	-
Disabled Facilities Grants	152,000	108,000	108,000	108,000	108,000
Total for Other Housing	707,000	328,000	178,000	178,000	178,000
Total Capital Programme	3,316,300	5,131,000	1,590,800	1,527,700	1,529,000
Financed by:					
MRA	1,348,000	1,149,000	1,168,000	1,187,000	1,200,000
Reserve	50,000	-	-	-	-
Grant	412,000	565,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Capital Receipts	1,506,300	1,121,000	357,800	275,700	264,000
Prudential Borrowing	-	2,296,000	-	-	-
Total Financing	3,316,300	5,131,000	1,590,800	1,527,700	1,529,000

LOCAL AUTHORITY CORE DATA –

Table 1 – Revenue Budget Figures – 2004/05 Estimates

	General Fund	Housing Revenue Account
Gross Revenue Budget	£23.96m	£7.94m
Net Revenue Budget	£8.22m	£0.05m

Table 2 - Fixed Assets – Extract from Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2004

	£'m
Operational Assets	
-Housing Revenue Account	109.5
-Other Land and Buildings	22.0
-Vehicles & Plant	0.1
-Furniture & Equipment	0.5
-Community Assets	0.3
Non Operational Assets	0.2
Total	132.6

Table 3 – Analysis of Assets

Category	Gross Floor Area m ²	Number	Value £m
Council Dwellings:			
Council Housing Stock	-	1,776	107.8
HRA Miscellaneous	-	445	1.7
Operational Buildings:			
Administrative buildings	4,378	3	2.6
Leisure buildings	10,038	5	13.5
Public conveniences	188	7	0.2
Open spaces (Buildings)	2,965*	10	0.9
Car parks	27,287	7	4.2
Miscellaneous buildings	599	4	0.5
Non Operational	-	1	0.2
Community Assets:			
Open spaces (land) (acres)		242	0.3

Table 4 – Maintenance Backlog

Indication of the value of the assessed maintenance backlog for Housing: £35,000

Capital Receipts

Based on historic evidence, the Authority expects to receive approximately £1,200,000 per year in capital receipts from the disposal of housing stock. After pooling, £300,000 will be available to finance the capital programme.

Prudential Borrowing

A major priority for the Council is the development of leisure facilities on the site of a Park School in Rayleigh. This project will be undertaken in partnership with the leisure contractor, Holmes Place. The Council's contribution is estimated to be £2.7m which will be financed by use of unsupported borrowing under the new capital finance system and capital receipts.

About the District

With a population of around 78,500 within an area of 65 square miles, Rochford District is bounded by the River Crouch to the north and the urban areas of Southend and Castle Point to the Sound. Much of the District is designated as green belt, with miles of attractive coastline, salt marshes and unspoilt countryside complimenting the market towns of Rayleigh and Rochford.

The District contains three principal centres of population with the largest being Rayleigh, located in the west of the District. In the centre is Hockley, with its once famous spa and then Rochford, a medieval market town that retains much of the original street plan.

86% of the District's 32,000 households are owner occupied, the fourth highest percentage in the country. The District is relatively affluent, 289th out of 354 on the overall deprivation index. Nonetheless there are some local pockets of deprivation. Approximately 1.7% of the resident population is from a mixed or minority background. A high proportion of the workforce commutes out of the District – 30% to Southend, 14% to London, 9% to Basildon and 15% elsewhere.

In recent years, Rochford has consistently been one of the safest areas in the country in which to live, with recorded crime being significantly lower than both the Essex and national averages.

About the Council

There are 14 Town/Parish Councils covering the whole District. 39 Councillors represent the 19 wards and in the all out elections of May 2002, the Conservative Party gained control.

The Council employs 220 staff (FTE) and is headed by a Chief Executive with the support of 2 Corporate Directors, who form the Corporate Management Board (CMB). Heads of Service have responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the divisions and form the Operational Management Team.

A number of the major services are provided by external contractors including Refuse Collection; Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance (Serviceteam); Leisure Facilities Management (Holmes Place); IT Service Support (Vivista). All have been subject to competitive tendering in the last 3 years. All repair and maintenance work on housing stock, office accommodation etc, is undertaken on an external contracting basis.