



Leicester
City Council

WARDS AFFECTED: BRAUNSTONE PARK & ROWLEY FIELDS

CABINET

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BRAUNSTONE LIBRARY & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Report of the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning

ADDENDUM TO MAIN REPORT

1. Purpose of Report

To provide additional information in respect of the financial issues in the main report, including a Risk Assessment Matrix, to confirm total estimated costs and sources of funding and to amend recommendation to Cabinet 3(e) in the main report.

2. Financial Implications

2.1 Project costs and sources of funding

Costs

Estimated capital costs	£2,975,000	See Appendix C (main report)
3 Years centre management	<u>£100,000</u>	See 2.3 below
	£3,075,000	

Funding

B.C.A Capital Grant	£2,900,000) New Deal for Neighbourhoods funds) via Government Office East Midlands Subject to Cabinet approval
B.C.A. Revenue Grant	£100,000	
Neighbourhood Renewal	<u>£75,000</u>	
	£3,075,000	

2.2 Capital – BCA Grant

This sum of £3 million will be underwritten by the Government.

2.3 Capital – Customer Service Centre

Corporate capital funding has been pre-allocated for the development of customer service centres within the Revitalising Neighbourhoods initiative. The proposed contribution of £75,000 from this funding towards a Customer Services unit within the new facility in Braunstone could be allocated to this facility, if it is a sufficient priority. A report on use of the capital funding for Revitalising Neighbourhoods will be brought

to Cabinet in due course. If funding is not available, the scheme will be carried out without this facility.

2.4 Revenue – Centre Management

Experience indicates that centres such as this require a manager to organise, run and develop the functions of the centre with local residents. As there is no revenue funding available for this post within current budgets, the grant from the Braunstone Community Association includes funding of £100,000 to support the management and co-ordination of the centre for 3 years. Beyond the 3 years of grant funding, the role of this post will be taken into account in phase two of the review of the Lifelong Learning and Community Development Division.

2.5 Revenue – Customer Service Centre

If the Customer Service Centre is to go ahead there will be an additional requirement for revenue funding in respect of reception staff. A bid for Neighbourhood Renewal funding of £50,000 p.a. is to be made to meet these costs. Funding beyond 2005/06 will be dealt with as part of the budget strategy for 2006/07 onwards.

2.6 Risk Assessment Matrix

	Risk	Likelihood L/M/H	Severity Impact L/M/H	Control Actions (if necessary/or appropriate)
1	Legal Services unable to agree terms & conditions of grant with BCA.	L	H	Contract with successful tenderer not to be entered into until/unless terms agreed.
2	Overspend on project	L	H	Choosing appropriate procurement method will build in a higher level of safety and guarantees on cost
3	Inability to mainstream revenue requirement for management and coordination of the centre when B.C.A. grant funding ends.	L	M	Redesignate roles and responsibilities within Lifelong Learning division of Education & Lifelong Learning as part of phase two of divisional review.
4	No funding available to fund reception staffing for a Customer Services unit	H	H	A bid for Neighbourhood Renewal funding of £50,000 p.a. is to be made.

L - Low
M - Medium
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3. Recommendations

It is proposed that recommendation 3(e) in the main report be amended to read; 'Cabinet are recommended to delegate the authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, to enter into contract with the successful tenderer subject to Legal Services satisfactorily concluding agreement on the terms and conditions associated with the grant from the Braunstone Community Association.' (see Legal Implications in main report)

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