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REVENUE & CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING EXCEPTION REPORT

1. <u>Introduction</u>

- 1.1 This exception report highlights the main movements since the monitoring exception report presented to Cabinet on 14 April 2008. There has been a £1.6m reduction in the overall net revenue position this month, as shown in table 1 below. This is largely as a result of:
 - reductions in client numbers within KASS partially offset by increased Direct Payments,
 - further funding secured from the Eastern & Coastal Kent PCT in respect of intermediate care proposals and services for patients leaving hospital and requiring social care,
 - a lower level than budgeted of pre-salting runs required on Kent roads due to the mild weather,
 - re-phasing of projects such as Supporting Independence Programme.
- 1.2 The current underlying net revenue position by portfolio after the implementation of assumed residual action, compared with the net position reported last month, is shown in **table 1** below.

Table 1: Net Revenue Position after Proposed Residual Action

Portfolio	Gross Position	Proposed Final	Net Position after action £m		Movement
	£m	Actions £m	This month	Last month	£m
OR&S (CFE) *	+1.846	-0.212	+1.634	+1.287	+0.347
CF&EA	-1.394	-	-1.394	-1.044	-0.350
KASS	+1.520	-	+1.520	+1.751	-0.231
EH&W	-2.535	-	-2.535	-2.230	-0.305
R&SI#	-1.163	-	-1.163	-0.775	-0.388
Communities	+1.408	-0.278	+1.130	+1.130	-
Public Health	-0.050	-	-0.050	-0.050	-
Corporate Support	-0.896	-	-0.896	-0.509	-0.387
Policy & Performance	-0.224	-	-0.224	-0.068	-0.156
Finance	-7.135	-	-7.135	-6.974	-0.161
Total (excl Asylum)	-8.623	-0.490	-9.113	-7.482	-1.631

^{*} Of the £1.634m residual pressure within the OR&S (CFE) portfolio, +£1.394m relates to budgets managed within the CFE directorate and +£0.240m relates to budgets managed within the Chief Executives directorate (Kent Works).

- 1.3 In addition to the projected portfolio variances, there remain two projected overspends as previously reported:
 - a) The Asylum Service is expected to overspend by £3.805m.
 - b) Schools are projecting a draw-down of their reserves of £15m.
- **Table 2** shows the forecast underlying gross position **before** the implementation of proposed residual action, compared with the gross position reported last month.

[#] Of the £1.163m underspend within the R&SI portfolio, -£0.915m relates to budgets managed within the E&R directorate and -£0.248m relates to budgets managed within the Chief Executives directorate (Supporting Independence).

Table 2: Gross Revenue Position before Residual Final Action

	Variance		
Portfolio	This Month	Last Month	Movement
	£m	£m	£m
Operations, Resources & Skills (OR&S) (CFE)	+1.846	+1.849	-0.003
Children, Families & Educational Achievement (CF&EA)	-1.394	-1.044	-0.350
Kent Adult Social Services (KASS)	+1.520	+2.251	-0.731
Environment, Highways & Waste (EH&W)	-2.535	-2.230	-0.305
Regeneration & Supporting Independence (R&SI)	-1.163	-0.775	-0.388
Communities	+1.408	+1.130	+0.278
Public Health	-0.050	-0.050	-
Corporate Support	-0.896	-0.509	-0.387
Policy & Performance	-0.224	-0.068	-0.156
Finance	-7.135	-6.974	-0.161
Total (excl Asylum)	-8.623	-6.420	-2.203
Asylum	+3.805	+3.805	-
Total (incl Asylum)	-4.818	-2.615	-2.203

- The gross underlying revenue position (excluding schools & Asylum) is currently an underspend of 1.5 £8.623m as shown in table 2 above, but this underspend is expected to increase to £9.113m by year end, after assuming the implementation of final action, as shown in table 1. However, with the inclusion of the Asylum pressure of £3.805m, this reduces to an overall underspend of £5.308m. The final pressure on the Asylum budget at year end will depend on the assumptions we make about the level of grant we expect to receive from the Special Circumstances bids when we close the accounts and this will be based on the best information available at the time from the ongoing negotiations with Government. The £3.805m pressure currently reported is the gross pressure, above what is available in the reserve, before making any assumptions about the level of grant we might receive from the 2007-08 Special Circumstances bids. Any residual pressure, after allowing for our assumed level of success with these bids, will need to be met from the underspending within the Financing Items budgets of the Finance portfolio. On 22 April, the Leader attended a top level meeting with the Home Office and DCSF Ministers, the LGA and London Councils to discuss the outstanding funding for unaccompanied asylum seeking children. This was followed by a lobby at the House of Lords on 23 April, where Kent and nine other local authorities briefed an audience of MPs, Peers, children and refugee charities and local authority members and officers. As a result, Ministers have agreed to negotiate with these affected councils to find a solution to this funding crisis in the next few weeks.
- 1.6 Table 1 identifies that even after management action, residual pressures remain forecast within the Operations, Resources & Skills (CFE) (ORS (CFE)), Kent Adult Social Services (KASS) and Communities portfolios.
 - The net residual pressure on the ORS (CFE) portfolio has deteriorated this month, but this is
 offset by an improvement in the position of the Children, Families & Educational Achievement
 (CFEA) portfolio. The improvement in the position of the CFEA portfolio has reduced the level
 of action required within the ORS portfolio, in order for the CFE directorate to balance overall.
 - The net residual pressure within the KASS portfolio has improved this month largely due to a reduction in client numbers and further funding secured from the Eastern & Coastal Kent PCT in respect of intermediate care proposals and services for patients leaving hospital and requiring social care. As reported last month, it is probable that the residual pressure on this portfolio at year end will need to be offset by the underspending within the Finance portfolio, otherwise this overspend would roll forward to 2008-09. It is considered that with the increasing demands on these services, it would not be prudent to start the new financial year with a deficit to manage.
 - The net residual pressure within the Communities portfolio remains unchanged from last month. This includes £0.3m of mediation and litigation costs incurred on the original Turner Gallery which, if we are successful with our case, will be recovered. In the meantime, this pressure will also need to be offset by underspending within the Finance portfolio.
- 1.7 Within the capital programme, there has been a further £13.583m of re-phasing of projects forecast this month. This is extremely disappointing. Details of the main changes are provided in section 3 of this report. The current forecast capital position by portfolio, compared with the

position reported last month is shown in **table 3** below and **table 4** shows the impact of this variance on each of the funding sources.

Table 3: Capital Position

	Variance		
Portfolio	This Month	Last Month	Movement
	£m	£m	£m
Operations, Resources & Skills (CFE)	-13.102	-6.806	-6.296
Children, Families & Educational Achievement	-1.281	-1.035	-0.246
Kent Adult Social Services	-1.417	-1.122	-0.295
Environment, Highways & Waste	-9.606	-3.607	-5.999
Regeneration & Supporting Independence	-2.637	-1.772	-0.865
Communities	-0.662	-0.570	-0.092
Corporate Support	-0.261	-0.320	+0.059
Policy & Performance	-0.037	-	-0.037
Finance	-0.535	-0.723	+0.188
Total (excl Schools)	-29.538	-15.955	-13.583
Schools	-0.133	-0.133	-
Total	-29.671	-16.088	-13.583

Table 4: 2007-08 Capital Variance analysed by funding source

	Capital Variance £m
Supported Borrowing	-7.789
Prudential	-8.142
Prudential/Revenue	-3.325
Grant	-7.793
External Funding - Other	-0.136
External Funding – Developer Contributions	-0.213
Revenue & Renewals	+0.794
Capital Receipts	-1.922
General Capital Receipts	-1.145
(generated by Property Enterprise Fund)	
TOTAL	-29.671

1.8 Table 4 shows that there is a reduced requirement for borrowing (both prudential and supported) of £19.3m against the revised capital cash limits for the current year, this is in addition to the £34.669m of re-phasing of projects funded by borrowing reflected in the 2008-11 MTP. This reduced requirement for external borrowing in the current year compared to the budget assumption is a significant factor in the revenue underspend reported within the Finance portfolio.

2. <u>2007-08 REVENUE MONITORING POSITION BY PORTFOLIO</u>

2.1 Operations, Resources & Skills (CFE) (ORS (CFE)) portfolio:

The forecast gross position for this portfolio before proposed final actions has only marginally changed this month from a pressure of £1.849m to £1.846m due to a slight reduction in the pressure on Kent Works. Residual final action is expected to reduce this position further by £0.212m to £1.634m (£1.394m relates to budgets managed within the CFE directorate and £0.240m relates to Kent Works, managed within the Chief Executives directorate). Details of this residual final action are provided in section 2.3 below.

2.2 Children, Families & Educational Achievement (CFEA) portfolio:

2.2.1 The underspend for this portfolio has increased by -£0.350m this month, from £1.044m to £1.394m. This is due to an increase in the underspend in the Voluntary Sector.

2.2.2 Asylum:

The forecast pressure for Asylum remains unchanged from last month at £3.805m, which is made up as follows:

- +£4.720m pressure in the current year.
- +£0.757m pressure relating to 2006-07 arising from the data matching exercise which has
 reduced the main Asylum claim and increased the special circumstances bids for that year, of
 which, to be prudent, we assume we will only receive a proportion although lobbying will
 continue to ensure a successful resolution.
- -£1.672m balance in the Asylum reserve which will be drawn down to offset these pressures. (This includes an additional £0.550m contribution to the reserve following the virement reported last month).

Negotiations with Government regarding this potential funding shortfall are progressing well but, despite the positive meetings and lobbying held on 22 & 23 April (as reported in paragraph 1.5 above), it is likely that we will have to make assumptions about the funding solution in closing the accounts for 2007-08, pending absolute agreement.

2.3 Overall Children, Families & Education (CFE) directorate position and details of outstanding final action:

The overall forecast position for the CFE directorate remains a balanced position at year end with a forecast underspend on the CFEA portfolio of £1.394m offsetting a pressure of £1.394m on the budgets managed by CFE within the ORS (CFE) portfolio. However, this balanced position assumes a further £0.212m of action within the ORS (CFE) portfolio. As reported last month, if necessary, this action will be achieved by seeking Schools' Funding Forum approval to charge the pension and redundancy costs associated with closing schools to one-off DSG underspend from the previous financial year. To do this we would need to demonstrate to the Forum that there has been an overall saving in the schools budget, such as that arising from a school closure under the Primary Strategy. However the initial stages of the closing of accounts process indicate that the CFE position is improving and we are hopeful that the position will improve sufficiently that this will not be necessary. If the position does not improve, CFE would call an Emergency School's Funding Forum Executive meeting to seek their approval to this.

2.4 Kent Adult Social Services:

2.4.1 The latest forecast indicates a pressure of £1.520m, which is a reduction of £0.731m in the gross pressure since last month. This position includes all financial savings generated through Management Actions, together with the additional funding secured from the Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT, in respect of intermediate care proposals and services for patients leaving hospital and requiring social care.

Management Action plans were finalised in August which, at the time, were anticipated to bring KASS back to a breakeven position. Although there has been progress against these plans as highlighted in previous reports, there has always been the concern that the full value of the savings would not be achieved, and this has proved to be the case. Therefore a year end pressure, after Management Action, of £1.520m is forecast, which is a reduction of £0.231m from the last report.

- 2.4.2 The movements over £0.1m this month in the gross position, before management action, are:
 - £0.560m Older People an increase in the underspend from £0.954m to £1.514m. Although
 there has been an increase in the number of Direct Payments clients, there have been further
 reductions in the numbers of permanent clients in residential and nursing care because of
 higher than anticipated levels of attrition. The funding secured for the Eastern & Coastal Kent
 PCT has helped to allay some of the overall pressures within Older People.
 - £0.124m Learning Disability a reduction in the pressure from £4.859m to £4.735m. This
 follows a small drop in the number of permanent residential placements and a reduced daycare forecast following review by West Kent, although this has been off-set in part by an
 increase in Direct Payments. There continues to be a high level of demand for services due to
 on-going demographic, and price pressures within all main areas of expenditure.
 - -£0.191m Physical Disability a reduction in the pressure from £1.414m to £1.223m which
 primarily results from a number of clients reaching the age of 65, whose costs are then
 charged to the Older People budget. The resultant impact on Older People has been

suppressed to an extent because of attrition and the funding received from Eastern & Coastal Kent PCT. As with Learning Disabilities, there remain significant pressures across all services, but primarily direct payments, where increases are not matched by decreases elsewhere, and supported and other accommodation.

+£0.215m Other Services – a reduction in the underspend from £1.923m to £1.708m. Primarily
this results from an increase to the provision reported last month, in respect of costs relating to
delayed implementation of client billing on Swift.

2.5 Environment, Highways & Waste portfolio:

The underspend for the portfolio has increased by £0.305m this month to £2.535m. The main changes are:

- -£0.340m Kent Highways Services largely due to a reduced call on Winter pre-salting runs (the previous report assumed full usage of budget).
- -£0.110m further underspending within Waste Management.
- +£0.130m Resources mainly due to reduced income, increased staff costs and a higher estimate of the provision required for outstanding debts.

A decision on the funding of £0.706m of emergency expenditure arising from the floods, gales, tidal surge and the earthquake in Folkestone will be made at year end.

2.6 Regeneration & Supporting Independence portfolio:

The underspend for the portfolio has increased by £0.388m this month to £1.163m. The main changes are:

2.6.1 Environment & Regeneration Directorate:

-£0.140m mainly due to reduced spend on Waste Local Development Framework and Kent International Gateway, and increased income from planning application fees.

2.6.2 Chief Executives Directorate:

-£0.248m as a result of the re-phasing of activity supporting the T2010 target 9, Kent Supporting Independence Programme. This budget will be required to roll forward.

2.7 Communities:

- 2.7.1 The gross pressure on this portfolio has increased by £0.278m from £1.130m to £1.408m this month. The main movement is an increase of £0.106m within the Coroners service, which is mainly due to claims from Coroners for long inquests and further unexpected price increases for mortuary provision. The risk of the impact of long inquests, which are outside of our direct control, had previously been identified. Communities staff are continuing to work with the Coroners to identify trends and the reasons for variations between the 4 coroner districts. They are also working with Medway Council to introduce an improved service level agreement to better reflect the split of costs of the Maidstone and Medway Coroner between Medway Council and KCC. The balance of the increased pressure this month is an accumulation of smaller variations across
 - a number of services which have come to light during the initial stages of the closing of accounts process.
- 2.7.2 It is expected that this £0.278m increase in the pressure will be offset by a further review and draw down from specific and relevant reserves to avoid rolling forward a further deficit into 2008-09, other than that for Adult Education. The use of one-off reserves money to offset these issues is not a cause for concern as the underlying issues have largely been addressed in the 2008-09 budget. If this review of reserves is successful in identifying £0.278m to offset these new pressures, this will leave a residual year end pressure of £1.130m, as previously reported, which is made up of £0.830m in respect of Adult Education and £0.3m of mediation and litigation costs incurred on the original Turner Gallery. The former will need to be rolled forward and addressed during the 2008-09 and 2009-10 with progress monitored against an agreed action plan and the latter will be offset by underspending within the finance portfolio as explained in paragraph 1.6 above.

2.8 Corporate Support:

The underspend on this portfolio has increased by £0.387m to £0.896m. The main movements are:

- -£0.237m additional internal income as a result of increased activity within Legal Services.
- -£0.050m increased project related income within Information Services.

• -£0.042m within the Strategic Development Unit mainly due to the re-phasing of the Route Development Fund into 2008-09.

Excluded from this forecast position is the Home Computing Initiative which, due to the accounting treatment, will require a scheduled overspend of £0.262m to roll forward into 2008-09 to be met from staff salary deductions in that year.

2.9 Finance:

The underspend on this portfolio has increased by £0.161m to £7.135m. The main movements are:

2.9.1 Chief Executives Directorate:

• £0.065m increased income within the Finance Group relating primarily to Exchequer Services. This will be requested to roll forward for system upgrades in 2008-09.

2.9.2 <u>Financing Items:</u>

• further savings of £0.080m on the Interest on Cash Balances / Debt Charges budgets largely as a result of further re-phasing of the capital programme therefore reducing the level of new borrowing required in the current year.

2.10 Policy & Performance:

The underspend on this portfolio has increased by £0.156m to £0.224m mainly relating to the costs of modernisation and re-structure of the Corporate Communications unit and communication methods being less than the one-off £350k funding provided to achieve these aims. £50k of this underspend within Corporate Communications will be requested to roll forward to fund some Web project work.

3. 2007-08 CAPITAL MONITORING POSITION BY PORTFOLIO

3.1 There has been some cash limit adjustments this month as detailed below:

1. 2.	As reported to Cabinet on 17 March 2008 DCLG grant to provide 2 mobile construction training centres in North Kent	£000s 268,660 2,100
	and 1 permanent construction & engineering training centre in Sittingbourne (Eurolink Estate) (Vocational Programme – OR&S (CFE) portfolio)	_,
3.	LSC contribution to establish a vocational unit at Marsh Academy (OR&S (CFE) portfolio)	50
4.	Additional external funding via the Diocese for the Modernisation project at High Halden Primary School (OR&S (CFE) portfolio)	274
5.	Additional Growth Area Funding grant (GAF2) for Ashford Ring Road Arts project within Major Scheme Design (EH&W portfolio)	39
6.	DCLG grant for Major Scheme Design (EH&W portfolio)	33
7.	Revenue Contribution from Dover District council towards Neighbourhood Forums (P&P portfolio)	45
8.	Residual Thanet second homes funding added to the Small Community Capital grant budget per member decision 07/01062 (P&P portfolio)	3
9.	PFI _	271,204 11,593 282,797

Overall there is a further -£13.583m of re-phasing of projects this month, as identified in table 3, the main movements are detailed below:

3.3 Operations, Resources & Skills (CFE) portfolio:

The forecast variance for the portfolio has moved by -£6.296m from -£6.806m to -£13.102m this month. The main changes are:

- £3.000m Kingsmead (Development Opportunity) the site purchase for the new school site
 has been delayed until planning consent for residential development on the current school site
 has been obtained.
- -£2.279m Special Schools Review the forecast for a number of projects within this programme have changed, the main changes are:
 - -£1.406m Meadowfield School the need for additional works and the need to secure additional funding have caused delays. The additional works include changes required as a result of legislation changes, fitting window controls and claims from the contractor due to the time extension, which was outside of their control.
 - £1.104m Rowhill School significant re-phasing due to the major reworking of the school design.
- -£1.164m Modernisation Programme 2006/07/08 the main changes are:
 - £0.587m Phoenix School the project has been delayed whilst additional works and the subsequent funding has been secured.
 - £0.305m Crockham Hill previous estimates of the net cost to KCC have been overstated.
- -£0.533m Children's Centres the majority of this re-phasing relates to Extended Schools grants devolved to schools who now find that they are unable to complete their expenditure in 2007-08 and have requested to roll forward to 2008-09.
- -£0.296m Site Acquisitions the purchase of the site for the intended new school at Warden Bay has been delayed whilst site size and access issues are resolved.
- -£0.231m St James the Great Primary School (Development Opportunity) the project has been delayed pending certainty of obtaining capital receipt funding. The delay has been exacerbated by the need to agree a time extension on access to the school site.

These reductions have been partially offset by:

- +£0.510m Modernisation Programme 2004/05/06 the most significant change in this programme is at Wrotham Road Primary School (+£0.333m), where additional engineering, electrical and maintenance works have been necessary.
- +£0.344m Academies most of this increase relates to early development costs of Maidstone Academies (+£0.781m), Spires & Marsh Academy (+£0.438m), partially offset by delays on Folkestone Academy (-£0.500m) where demolition work only will take place in 2007-08, and Sheppey Academy (-£0.375m), where progress has not been as fast as expected.
- +£0.285m Maintenance Programme a review of all of the maintenance headings, most of which are demand led, indicate an overall overspend in 2007-08.
- +£0.280m The Oaks, Ashford (an Implementation of Primary Strategy Project) this has increased following the late approval to include ASD (Autistic Disorder Provision) in the project, some of which has taken place in 2007-08.

3.4 Children, Families & Educational Achievement portfolio:

The forecast for the portfolio has moved by -£0.246m from -£1.035m to -£1.281m this month. This is due to:

- £0.179m re-phasing of costs into 2008-09 on the Windchimes Centre. Although the Respite
 Centre is complete, there are a number of ancillary issues still to be completed which include
 the installation of additional air conditioning equipment and the supply and installation of
 outside play equipment.
- -£0.067m the vehicles on order for the Windchimes and Fairlawn Centres were not delivered by the end of the financial year.

3.5 Kent Adult Social Services portfolio:

The forecast for the portfolio has moved by -£0.295m from -£1.122m to -£1.417m this month. The main movements are:

• -£0.150m System Replacement Project (SRP) – this re-phasing is due to delays in the Swift (client activity system) Implementation Timetable.

- -£0.133m Dignity In Care Grant further re-phasing associated with delays in work carried out in residential homes.
- -£0.098m Home Support Fund re-phasing of committed funds where work/adaptations were not complete by the end of the financial year.
- +£0.244m Broadmeadow Ongoing negotiations with the contractors have now highlighted the need for creditors to be set up.

There are also a number of smaller movements across a range of projects.

3.6 Environment, Highways & Waste portfolio:

The forecast for the portfolio has moved by -£5.999m from -£3.607m to -£9.606m. The main movements are detailed below:

- There has been some significant re-phasing into 2008-09 of the following KHS projects:
 - -£2.185m Integrated Transport Programme.
 - £0.374m Improving the Quality of Roads and Footpaths.
- -£2.112m Highway Major Maintenance this is due to a previous over-optimistic forecast of the work that could be completed before the year end. The anticipated outturn for the year is now very close to the revised phasing of the programme, as reflected in the 2008-09 MTP.
- -£0.475m Re-shaping KHS Accommodation the judicial review process has prevented construction at the Wrotham site.
- -£0.455m East Kent Access Phase 1 re-phasing into 2008-09 due to slower than expected progress in finalising cost details.
- -£0.362m Everards Link Phase 2 programme re-phasing into 2008-09.
- -£0.140m Country Park Access & Development re-phasing of Lullingstone Car Park work.
- -£0.138m Energy Usage Reduction Programme one large project transaction did not occur before year-end.
- -£0.134m Shorne Wood & Country Park re-phasing due to a delay in carrying out access improvement works.
- -£0.125m Safety Camera Partnership, reflecting further re-phasing of activity into 2008-09.

These reductions have been partially offset by:

- +£0.242m Non TSG Land, Compensation & Blight adjustment needed due to the reassessment of the purchase price of a blighted property.
- +£0.184m Major Scheme Preliminary Design following a major push on the East Kent Access phase 2 scheme.
- +£0.103m Thamesway higher cost outturn than previously estimated. The costs remain within the overall budget allocation.

3.7 Regeneration & Supporting Independence portfolio:

The forecast for the portfolio has moved by -£0.865m from -£1.772m to -£2.637m. The main movements are:

- -£0.461m Empty Property Initiative the expected level of provision of loans to landlords did not occur before the year-end.
- -£0.204m Arts & Business Centre at Folkestone Academy further re-phasing due to weather and archaeology findings.
- -£0.167m Fastrack Delivery Executive lower capital costs than anticipated of ticket vending and associated systems. This will be matched by a reduction in the grant funding.
- -£0.121m Gravesend Community Arts Complex there is further re-phasing on this project mainly due to funding uncertainty.
- -£0.070m Fort Hill De-dualling works progress on the design has not been as fast as expected.
- +£0.138m Eurokent Spine Road the contract progress is better than previously anticipated.

3.8 Communities portfolio:

The forecast variance for this portfolio has moved by -£0.092m this month, from -£0.570m to £0.662m. The main changes are as follows:

- £0.162m Mortuaries Refurbishment the works at the Medway Maritime Hospital were forecast by the hospital to be complete by the end of 2007-08, but remain ongoing resulting in re-phasing to 2008-09.
- +£0.106m Sevenoaks Kaleidoscope there has been a considerable delay in trying to reach
 agreement on the final cost with the contractor. The QS has still to finalise the accounts but
 has advised that in his view there remains costs to pay including fees above the provision
 made last year for creditors and retention. This will result in an overspend on the project which
 will need to be funded from underspending elsewhere within the Communities capital
 programme. The current forecast is his best estimate but it could increase.

3.9 Corporate Support portfolio:

The forecast variance for this portfolio has moved by +£0.059m this month, from -£0.320m to -£0.261m. The main changes are as follows:

- +£0.265m increased expenditure on the Maidstone Gateway, where progress has been better than previously forecast.
- -£0.205m re-phasing on IT related projects due to supplier delays.

3.10 Finance portfolio:

The forecast for the portfolio has moved by ± 0.188 m from ± 0.723 m to ± 0.535 m this month. The main movement is an increase of ± 0.248 m due to a reduction in the previously forecast re-phasing of the Modernisation of Assets programme.

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cabinet is asked to:

- 4.1 Note the latest forecast revenue and capital budget monitoring position for 2007-08.
- 4.2 Note the changes to the capital cash limit as reported in section 3.1.