

Growth bids 2008/2009 April - September 2008			
	Last Quarter	Current Quarter	Comment
<b>Planning, Housing &amp; Economy</b>			
DCMD Additional Staffing (particular focus on Enforcement) = £100,000	G	G	The Enforcement Team is now fully staffed, however the other posts (team leader improvement/planning officer improvement) identified as part of the Service restructure still remain vacant - whilst cleared for recruitment, the current budget situation within DC&MD means that further consideration should be given in consultation with the Strategic Director PHE prior to this taking place.
DCMD Electronic Data Capture = £15,000	G	G	Project now underway.
HS Additional Staffing (Disabled Facilities) = £26,000	G	G	Additional member of staff employed, with HIA work brought back in house. Results from increased focus on this area have followed through from successful end of year position in 2007/08. There is continuing good progress in committing available budgets against increasing demand. Level of capital funding available is likely to limit activity in future and this will become a 2009-10 budget issues.
HS Additional Staffing (Homelessness) = £100,000	G	G	A budget for special projects funded from CLG grant has been created (£80k rather than the £100k predicted) and is being used to fund projects such as No Place Like Home.
HS Choice Based Lettings = £18,000	G	G	System operational - IT system in place and leaflets produced. Sub-regional expansion due for report to Executive but progress delayed as a result of need to agree approach with partner councils.
HS Foyer Accommodation = £23,000	G	G	Continuation of the scheme has been implemented, providing specialist places for young homeless people.
HS Spend to Save Initiatives = £0	A	G	This is opportunity based provision. It will only be used for specific projects as they emerge. No current initiatives.
<b>Environment &amp; Community</b>			
ES Additional Recycling Bins = £12,500	G	G	New Street Cleansing vehicles are due to arrive in mid November. These will allow both litter and recyclables to be collected in one vehicle. When these arrive another 15 on street recycling bins will be installed.
ES Food Waste Pilot Collection Scheme = £30,000	A	R	No local food waste facilities available until 2009 consequently the pilot has not been launched.
ES Pest Control = £10,000	G	G	The new contractor SDK Environmental is performing well and the change in contractor has been smooth. Overall the Pest Control budget should be on track with following the growth by £10k to account for new arrangements.
ES Street Cleansing Service = £35,000	G	G	The increasing resource in Street Cleansing is bringing improved standards especially with cover extending into the early evening in the urban centres.
SCCD Implementation of NightSafe across District = £15,000	A	A	<b>CMT Exception</b> Nightsafe Bicester should be implemented by December 2008.

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SCCD Public Protection = £36,000	G	G	<b>CMT Success</b> New post created and filled to increase capacity in Public Protection team and provide dedicated support for Emergency Planning and Business Continuity
SCCD Support to the Voluntary Sector = £60,000	G	G	<b>CMT Success</b> Additional £60,000 allocated in consultation with PfH with £50,000 to CABs and £10,000 to older people.
URS Additional Staffing: In-house ecologist = £18,000	A	G	Ecology Officer appointed in September. Post is part time and will concentrate on the non strategic planning applications. Support will be given where possible to major applications but this will not be at the expense of other applications. New post holder currently going through induction.
URS Licensing inspection and enforcement capability = £40,000	G	G	In post and commenced joint inspection and enforcement work on taxis and licensed premises with Thames Valley Police and other agencies
URS Street Markets = £15,000	A	A	Awaiting Scrutiny Review of markets that has not completed.
Customer Services & Resources			
EXCH Internal Bailiffs Service = £75,000	G	A	The job descriptions and policies are due to go to members in December. 4 software suppliers have demonstrated their software and the supplier will be picked and in place by the time the posts are filled.
LDS Virtual Clerk Service = £10,000	R	A	Officer now in post and work has begun to define the details of the project, areas of potential expenditure and the needs of the parishes.
Chief Executive's Services			
COM Appoint a Fulltime Designer and Review Printing requirements = £60,000	G	G	Designer employed. Meeting in place to discuss procurement October 2008.
COMP Fundamental Refresh of the Cherwell Community Plan = £100,000	A	A	Tender process underway and 90% complete. Consultancy support to be in place and project underway by end of October. Some carry forward is anticipated.

Number Green and Amber  
Percentage

20  
95.24%

**Overall Growth Bid Status**

**Amber**