



Report to: Cabinet

Subject: Amendment to Budget Resource Development Bid Scoring Methodology

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval of amendment to the Budget Resource Development Bid Scoring Methodology in respect of Super Output Areas and Areas Based Initiatives.

2. PROPOSAL

Cabinet on 2 September 2004 approved a Resource Development Bid Scoring scheme for ranking budget bids, based on the contribution made to achieving Council priorities, in respect of both Capital and Revenue expenditure. This current scheme is detailed at Appendix 1.

It is proposed to make a minor amendment to the scheme in respect of Super Output Areas and Area Based Initiatives with the amendment to be applied to Resource Development Bids for the 2006/07 budget.

Each Council Ward is divided into a number of Super Output Areas and each of these areas is measured for deprivation levels. Each year the Local Strategic Partnership will select two of the more deprived Super Output Areas in which to undertake a 3 year programme of Area Based Initiatives to address specific issues as identified from the community profile for each area.

In order to target resources more specifically to schemes that not only achieve a significant contribution to Council priorities but are also to be

delivered in deprived Super Output Area, in particular those which are identified for Area Based Initiative, it is proposed to add a weighting to the scheme priorities score. The proposed weightings are as follows:

	<u>Weighting</u>
Scheme in Area Based Initiative area	1.75
Scheme in Deprived Super Output Area	1.50
Scheme Affects All Wards	1.25
Scheme not in Deprived Super Output Area	1.0

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1** Members are recommended to approve the amendment of the Resource Development Bid Scoring Methodology to incorporate a weighting, as detailed in paragraph 2, for those schemes meeting the Council's priorities which are to be delivered within the most deprived areas of the Borough.

APPENDIX 1

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT BID SCORING METHODOLOGY

The first part of the proposed scoring methodology is drawn directly from the Strategic Corporate Plan and focuses on the 3 Council Priorities and the 4 Key Improvement Plans which address national, regional and sub-regional priorities. The scores for each scheme will be based on how well it contributes to the achievement of desired outcomes, as assessed by the Head of Service in the first instance, as detailed below:

EXAMPLE

PRIORITY – IMPROVE COMMUNITY SAFETY	SCORE EACH OUTCOME:	MAX SCORE IN TOTAL
DESIRED OUTCOME:	High Contribution 3 pts	9 points
Reduced levels of recorded crime	Medium Contribution 2 pts	
Reduced fear of crime	Low Contribution 1 pts	
Reduced anti-social behaviour		
Reduced level of accidents		
Communities report concerns		
Communities identify needs		

The maximum score in each of the 7 priority areas will be 9 points to ensure that equal weight is given to each priority.

In addition to the above scores further scoring will be allocated in respect of Asset Management Plan (AMP) priorities as assessed by the Property Management Group. AMP Priority 1, which identifies works which address urgent health and safety issues, will score 25 points and AMP Priority 2, which identifies desirable but not essential works, will score 5 points.

A maximum score of 20 points for Financial Impact will be assessed by Financial Services based on information provided with the scheme bid. The financial assessment will be based on external funding availability, income generation, value for money and risk. If the scheme does not score in any of the 7 priority

areas or the Asset Management Plan the financial assessment will not be carried out.

De minimus levels of £10,000 for Capital bids and £5,000 for Revenue bids have been set for this year's budget process.

The full resource development bid scoring methodology is attached.