2018/19
REQUESTS FOR CARRY FORWARD

SERVICE	**Regeneration & Planning**
BUDGET HEADING	**City/Maritime Museum Computer Equipment**
LEDGER CODE	**N2900/E3450 & N2901/E3450**
AMOUNT	**£9,600**

The reasons why the spend didn't occur during 2018/19 and why we still have a commitment for it in 2019/20.
Delays with the wifi provider due to internal staff sickness has resulted in the slightly later than planned implementation of Wi-Fi throughout the City and Maritime Museums. Should the implementation not go ahead the alternative will be less effective and long term will result in an additional cost to the Council.

Financial Services Comments
The Museums function has recently been brought back in house and has recruited a new Manager. The budgets for the museums have been estimated based on detail provided by County and are proving to be challenging. The museums staff have worked really hard to keep within budget, with one off costs that were not budgeted for being absorbed; there is no capacity, however, to reallocate 19/20 budgets for the Wi-Fi expenditure. This is a retrospective request as it has already been discussed with the Director of Corporate Services who has given consent for work to proceed and the budget carried forward.

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SERVICE	Economic Growth and Regeneration
BUDGET HEADING	Economic Development Initiatives
LEDGER CODE	N5001
AMOUNT	£29,200

The reasons why the spend didn't occur during 2018/19 and why we still have a commitment for it in 2019/20.

The budget relates to a number of Economic Development projects and initiatives that are on-going. The nature of work involved, often working with external partner organisations, is difficult to profile by financial year and therefore carry forward requests are required to continue with the on-going activity. Narrative for individual carry forward requests are as follows.

Archaeological Site Spend N5001/E3958 £5,000
Consultancy contract for an archaeological report relating to the Quay Meadow excavations. Consultant contracted in 18/19 but unavoidably delayed until 19/20. Carry forward request required to match committed activity.

Business and Skills N5001/E3964 £10,000
A number of Business and Skills initiatives are now underway and a carry forward request is required to continue work in this area. Two specific commitments made in 18/19 from existing budgets are the NW Lancs Expo that the Council delivers in partnership with the Chamber (£5k) and development of the UK Corporate Games 2020, which the Council is delivering with Lancaster University (£5k).

Community Business N5001/E3966 £6,000
Relates to the budget for the Local Wealth Building Officer post, which is an 18-month post, and supporting costs. Post not recruited to until March/April. Carry forward required to fund the post in 19/20 and 20/21 accordingly. The budget will then be moved to Economic Development salaries.

Support for Groups N5001/E3967 £1,000
Budget relates to support for local groups and enterprises that are largely excluded from mainstream funding programmes. A specific commitment (£1k) has been made for accommodation costs relating to an event to showcase local creative industries.

Morecambe Bay Collaborative Projects £7,200
Budget relates to Lancaster and South Cumbria Economic Region (LSCER). Activity is on-going so budget is requested to be carried forward into 19/20 accordingly. A specific commitment of £7,200 has been made for economic consultancy work.

Financial Services Comments

The Economic Initiatives budget was approved at the start of 18/19 and was allocated wholly in that year. Due to the nature of the work it is not always possible to estimate when spend will take place hence the carry forward requests.