

**Meeting of the Cabinet - 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

**Joint Report of the Interim Chief Executive and the Director of Finance**

**Capital Programme Monitoring**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To report progress with the implementation of the Capital Programme.
2. To propose amendments to the Capital Programme.

**Background**

3. The table below summarises the current 3 year Capital Programme updated where appropriate to reflect latest scheme spending profiles.

<b>Service</b>	<b>2008/09</b>	<b>2009/10</b>	<b>2010/11</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Public Sector Housing	27,073	24,969	26,081
Other Adult, Community & Housing	6,393	8,141	3,299
Urban Environment	29,143	24,275	15,390
Children's Services	22,164	31,855	25,960
Finance, ICT & Procurement	603	333	0
Law & Property	824	368	563
Chief Executive's	976	202	202
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87,176</b>	<b>90,143</b>	<b>71,495</b>

4. In accordance with the requirements of the Financial Management Regime (FMR), details of progress with the 2008/09 Programme are given in Appendix A. It is proposed that the current position be noted.

## **Urgent Amendment to the Capital Programme**

### **Safe and Sound Target Hardening**

5. Dudley Safe and Sound has recently been awarded by Govt. Office (on behalf of the Home Office) funding via the National Partnership Performance Improvement Fund. The funding stream focused upon a number of outcomes and for Dudley it was to increase the effective delivery of Public Sector Agreement 23 - Making Communities Safer. The total funding received is £100,000 (of which £93,000 is capital and £7,000 revenue) with a specific remit to install serviced alarms into properties identified as high risk, following a problem analysis into repeat victims of domestic burglary. The aim is to impact on PSA 23 by continuing to make progress on serious acquisitive crime by reducing the number of burglaries of houses within the area. The project will contribute to the Council's three year Community Safety Plan, and Safety Matters priority SM1- Reducing Crime and making our communities feel safer. The time frame imposed upon receipt of the money required immediate action in delivery against the milestones to make effective use of the money and an immediate impact on victims. For this reason some of the funding had already been expended - including the completion of 20 alarm installations. To enable the project to progress, an urgent decision (ref. CE/04/2008) was made by the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Director of Finance on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2008 to include the project in the Capital Programme.

## **Post Completion Review of Capital Projects**

6. The Post Completion Review required by Contract standing orders has now been undertaken for the following scheme, with a copy of the proforma summarising the review attached at Appendix B.

### **Adult, Community and Housing Garage Refurbishment Programme**

It is proposed that this be noted.

## **Finance**

7. This report is financial in nature and information about the individual proposals is contained within the body of the report.

## **Law**

8. The Council's budgeting process is governed by the Local Government Act 1972, the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980, the Local Government Finance Act 1988, the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and the Local Government Act 2003.

## **Equality Impact**

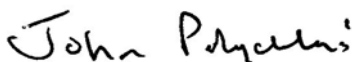
9. These proposals comply with the Council's policy on Equality and Diversity.

10. With regard to Children and Young People:

- The Capital Programme for Children's Services will be spent wholly on improving services for children and young people. Other elements of the Capital Programme will also have a significant impact on this group.
- Consultation is undertaken with children and young people, if appropriate, when developing individual capital projects within the Programme.
- There has been no direct involvement of children and young people in developing the proposals in this report.

**Recommendations**

11. That current progress with the 2008/09 Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix A be noted.
12. That the results of the Post Completion Review of capital projects, as set out in Appendix B be noted.
13. That the Council be recommended:
- That the Urgent Amendment to the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 5 be noted.



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**List of Background Papers**

Relevant resource allocation notifications.

## 2008/09 Capital Programme Progress to Date

Service	Budget £'000	Spend to 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct £'000	Forecast £'000	Variance £'000	
Public Sector Housing	27,073	14,271	27,073		
Other Adult, Community & Housing	6,393	2,403	6,394	+1	
Urban Environment	29,143	12,520	29,151	+8	As previously reported
Children's Services	22,164	10,974	22,164		
Finance, ICT & Procurement	603	421	603		
Law & Property	824	521	824		
Chief Executive's	976	194	996	+20	See note
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87,176</b>	<b>41,304</b>	<b>87,205</b>	<b>+29</b>	

Note: Further necessary works and adaptations to the Credit Union premises as part of the Community Access Fights Financial Exclusion (CAFFE) project, which will be fully funded by European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) grant and existing Credit Union resources.

## Post Completion Review of Capital Schemes

<b>Title of Scheme:</b> Garage Refurbishment Programme
<b>Date of Executive/Cabinet approval:</b> 08/02/06 (i.e. inclusion in Capital Programme)
<b>Original Budget (first reported to Executive/Cabinet):</b> .....£1,171,000 contract sum <b>Planned Completion date:</b> 23/07/07
<b>Outturn Cost (please indicate if still provisional):</b> Provisional £ 2,415,000 <b>Actual completion date:</b> 31/03/08
<b>Variation from Original Budget:</b> ..... £ 1,244,000 <b>Delay:</b> N/A
<p><b>Reason for Cost Variation and / or Delay in Completion (please indicate if any variation has previously been reported to Executive/Cabinet):</b></p> <p>An increase to the budget was approved at the Cabinet meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007 due to the increased volume of works required and a recommendation from Area Panels to increase the weekly rent to generate additional resources to carry out necessary improvements.</p> <p>In total 328 garages required demolition with 179 rebuilt. A total of 2,277 garages were repaired.</p>
<b>Original Objectives of Scheme (please indicate when and to whom these were reported):</b> To refurbish garage sites across the borough.
<b>Have these Objectives been met? (If "No" please provide explanation):</b> Yes

Signed by: Linda Sanders (Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services)  
Date: 18/11/08