

Meeting of the Council – 26th November, 2012

Report of the Cabinet

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. At the meeting held on 31st October, 2012, the Cabinet considered a report on Capital Programme Monitoring and made recommendations to the Council which are contained in this report.
4. The table below summarises the current 3 year Capital Programme updated where appropriate to reflect latest scheme spending profiles.

Service	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Sector Housing	35,741	29,839	30,861
Other Adult, Community & Housing	9,513	2,758	0
Urban Environment	23,605	16,631	13,230
Children's Services	22,562	5,003	67
Corporate Resources	2,916	1,651	920
Chief Executive's	1	228	0
TOTAL	94,338	56,110	45,078

Note that the capital programme for future years is in particular subject to Government grant allocations, some of which have not yet been announced.

5. In accordance with the requirements of the Council's Financial Regulations, details of progress with the 2012/13 Programme are given in Appendix A. It is proposed that the current position be noted, and that budgets be amended to reflect the reported variances.

Urban Environment

Priory Park Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Project

6. The finalisation of this project from the Stage 2 HLF submission through to implementation has led to increased costs associated with additional structural, drainage and disabled access requirements. Consequently additional funding of £90,000 is required to enable the project to proceed, with the HLF prepared to fund £45,000 and the remaining £45,000 to be found from capital resources available within the Directorate of the Urban Environment, principally from an underspend on the Liveability programme.

It is proposed that the Capital Programme be amended accordingly.

Children's Services

Short Breaks

7. The Council has been allocated £398,000 of grant for 2012/13 to fund capital expenditure on initiatives to provide short breaks for disabled children. It is proposed that the allocation be noted, and the associated expenditure included in the Capital Programme.

Finance

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

Law

9. 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

10. These proposals comply with the Council's policy on Equality and Diversity.
11. 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

12. That current progress with the 2012/13 Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix A, be noted and that budgets be amended to reflect the reported variances.
13. That the Capital Programme be amended in respect of the revised funding of the Priory Park project, as set out in paragraph 6.
14. That expenditure to be funded from the Short Break grant be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 7.



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Leader of the Council

2012/13 Capital Programme Progress to Date

Service	Budget £'000	Spend to 31 st August £'000	Forecast £'000	Variance £'000	Comments
Public Sector Housing	35,741	10,298	35,741	-	
Other Adult, Community & Housing	9,513	2,523	9,513	-	
Urban Environment	23,605	3,898	23,560	-45	See note 1
Children's Services	22,562	4,655	22,562	-	
Corporate Resources	2,916	1,071	2,916	-	
Chief Executive's	1	-	1	-	
TOTAL	94,338	22,445	94,293	-45	

Note 1: Minor underspends, mainly on the Liveability project, that can be used to fund extra costs of the Priory Park project, as set out in paragraph 6.