

# Capital Programme Monitoring 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015-16

**Cabinet**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

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Wards: All

Locality Affected: All

Parishes Affected: All

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## **1. Purpose and Reasons**

- 1.1 This report sets out the 2015/16 Capital Programme position as at the end of December 2015.
- 1.2 The effective management of financial resources through robust financial management processes underpins the Council's ability to achieve its plans and priorities.

## **2. Recommendations**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the latest 2015/16 Capital Programme position;
- 2.2 Note the positions on the schemes detailed at paragraph 3.2;
- 2.3 Approve the additions to the Capital Programme detailed in paragraph 3.3;
- 2.4 Note the changes to the Disabled Facilities Grant detailed in paragraph 3.4.

## **3. Detail**

Capital Programme 2015/16

- 3.1 Table 1 below provides a summary of the forecast out-turn position of the Capital Programme compared with the remaining scheme budgets, as at the start of the financial year. The projected out-turn position represents the expected total expenditure for the scheme to completion over all remaining years.

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Table 1 – Budget Forecasts and Variances

<b>Group</b>	<b>Remaining Budget 15/16 £000s</b>	<b>Forecast Spend to completion £000s</b>	<b>Forecast Variance £000s</b>
Community Works	4,285	4,134	(150)
Corporate Projects	40,973	41,053	80
Section 106 (S106)	13,822	13,822	0
Schools	19,280	19,382	102
Social Care	2,154	2,154	0
Transport	19,351	19,351	0
<b>GF Services</b>	<b>99,865</b>	<b>99,896</b>	<b>31</b>
Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	36,982	36,982	0
<b>Service Totals</b>	<b>136,847</b>	<b>136,878</b>	<b>31</b>

3.2 Appendix 1 provides a full scheme-by-scheme breakdown of variances by project. There are a number of issues with current schemes that Cabinet is asked to note also that the following have been reported to Cabinet for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter and have not changed:

3.2.1 Savings of £150k have been achieved for the replacement of cremators completed under budget. (Appendix 1 Line No. 4)

3.2.2 Overspend for the Thamesdown Transport Project (purchase of Thamesdown Transport Depot) is for stamp duty costs that were not included in the budget approval. (Appendix 1 Line No. 42)

3.2.3 An overspend of £152k relating to the refurbishment at Crowdy's Hill School – part of the new buildings were changed to accommodate Sport England requirements which resulted in additional ground works being required to provide the necessary foundations for the school. (Appendix 1 Line No. 129)

3.2.4 Savings of £50k have been achieved on the scheme at Haydon Leigh School – the saving is as a result of negotiations with the contractor around the settlement of the final account to reflect the value engineering undertaken during the construction process. (Appendix 1 Line No. 135)

## Changes to the Programme

3.3 Cabinet is asked to approve the following changes to the programme:

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- 3.3.1 A budget of 77k for Refurbishment to the Wroughton War Memorial funded from S106 contributions. The refurbishments need to be completed ahead of the organised event of the unveiling of the Victoria Cross Stone in April 2017.
- 3.3.2 A budget of 20k for a School Safety Zone at the entrance of St. Francis School, Taw Hill, to be funded by S106 contributions.
- 3.3.3 A budget of 25k for HGV Redirection Signs (part of the planning conditions) on the entrance to Europa Business Park, Stratton, to be funded by S106 contributions.
- 3.3.4 A budget of £42k to improve the highways at Kingsdown Crossroads, by repairing and widening of footways, to be funded by S106 contributions.
- 3.3.5 A budget of £67k for Cycle improvement to Dorcan Way & Eldene Drive in the vicinity of the Morrison's Store, to be funded by S106 contributions.
- 3.3.6 A budget of £16k for bus service improvements of a shelter to the bus stop on Eldene Drive, to be funded by S106 contributions.
- 3.4 The Government announced a change to the Disabled Facilities Grant for 2016/17 on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016. The grant for 2016/17 has been confirmed at £897k (budget had assumed a grant of £498k), however the Adult Social Care Capital grant has been removed (2015/16 grant £426k). Officers are awaiting detailed guidance on how the 2016/17 Disabled Facilities Grant can be used.
- 3.5 Table 2 below shows how the current approved programme identified at Table 1 is being funded:

Table 2: Capital Programme funding

	Current Budget Requirement £000s	New Additions £000s	Future Budget Requirement £000s
<b>Budget to be financed:</b>	<b>137,692</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>137,940</b>
Capital Receipts	5,551		
S106 Deposits	24,230	247	
Grant Funding	38,933	1	
Revenue Contributions	4,148		
HRA balances	36,499		
Borrowing Requirement – CFR increase	28,331		
<b>Total</b>	<b>137,692</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>137,940</b>

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## 4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 Any alternative options for specific areas are set out within the report.

## 5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

### Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 These have been reflected in the body of the report.

### Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 All legal and human rights considerations have been taken fully into account in compiling this report. It is considered that the recommendations of this report are compatible with Convention rights.

### All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 There are no such direct implications.

### Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA)

- 5.4 A Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA) on the scheme noted at 3.3.1 of this report have not been completed because the nature of the projects do not materially change any existing provision.

- 5.5 Highways schemes developed under the Local Transport Plan are designed in accordance with the appropriate national accessibility standards taking account local circumstances. The schemes to improve access and safety for pedestrians, cyclists and bus users reflect the priority given in the Local Transport Plan to prioritise interventions that benefit non car users as they tend to be over represented amongst diversity groups compared to car users.

### Risk Management

- 5.6 There are no direct risks arising from this report.

## 6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

## 7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None

## 8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Capital Monitoring scheme forecast detail

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## **9. Key Decision/Decision in Cabinet Work Programme and Forward Plan**

- 9.1 This is not a key decision and is included in the Cabinet Work Programme / Forward Plan for March 2016.