



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

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11TH September 2024

Report of the Director of Finance

Wards affected – All

Matter for Decision

Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2024/25 – As at end of June 2024

Purpose of Report

To provide Members with information in relation to delivery of the 2024/25 Capital Programme.

Background

On 7th March 2024 Council approved its Capital Programme for 2024/25; the report detailed planned Capital Expenditure totalling £81.901m for the financial year.

The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme as at 30th June 2024 and to seek approval for a further updated budget position.

Targeted Achievements

As Members are aware the following achievements are being targeted during this financial year:

- Continuation of the capital Universal Free School Meals Kitchen remodelling works.
- Progress with the regeneration programme including the next phase of the re-development of the former Crown Foods Site and re-development of Former Youth Offending Building at Harbourside.
- Continued investment in Disabled Facilities Grants.
- Investment in school buildings and ICT.

- City Deal – progression of the Homes as Power Stations and the remainder of the Supporting Innovation and Low Carbon Growth projects.
- Levelling up (LUF) – progression of the projects at Gnoll Country Park, Pontneddfechan and Princess Royal Theatre.
- Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) – progression of the seven capital schemes as detailed in Appendix 1.

Changes to the approved Budget

The updated Capital Programme now totals £77.979m with the main changes proposed being:

- Projects and funding carried forward from 2023/24 totalling £3.562m.
- Grant approvals received, after the original programme was set of £7.729m, predominantly relating to transport and sustainable communities for learning.
- In 2024/25 a budget of £1.850m had been included for YGG Rhosafan. The budget has been updated and reduced to £600k with the balance being re profiled into 2025/26 to reflect the updated design timetable which requires a greater level of consultation due to the grant funders requirements.
- A budget totalling £7.570m had originally been included in 2024/25 for Levelling Up Pontneddfechan. Following a review of the timetable for planned works the updated budget for 2024/25 is now £0.5m with the balance being re-profiled to 2025/26. This is as a result of ongoing discussions around land acquisition.
- In 2024/25 a budget of £11.179m had been included for Levelling Up Gnoll. £4.179m has now been re-profiled to 2025/26 to reflect the scope of works. Site works is now due to commence in August.
- A budget totalling £6m had originally been included in 2024/25 for the City Deal South Wales Industrial Transition from Carbon Hub SWITCH Project. £5.950m has now been re-profiled into future years to reflect the profile of the works required.

Further details of the Budget changes are shown at Appendix 3.

A capital programme of £78m represents a significant positive investment right across the County Borough.

2024/25 Capital Expenditure

Details of capital expenditure as at 30th June 2024 is outlined in Appendix 1 of this report.

Financial Impact

All relevant details are set out in the body of the report.

Valleys Communities Impact

The Capital Programme provides investment in assets across the County Borough.

Workforce Impacts

There are no workforce impacts arising from this report.

Legal Impacts

There are no legal impacts arising from this report.

Risk Management

The capital programme is actively managed by managers and the Capital Programme Steering Group to comply with all relevant planning conditions, legislation, regulations and health and safety.

Consultation

There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- Approves the updated proposed 2024/25 budget totalling £77.979m;
- Notes the position in relation to expenditure as at 30th June 2024.

Reason for Proposed Decision

To comply with the Council's constitution in relation to budget virement, re-profiling between financial years and to update the Council's Budget projections for 2024/25.

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Details of Capital Expenditure as at 30th June 2024

Appendix 2 – Analysis of 'Other' budgets as at 30th June 2024

Appendix 3 – Details of Budget Changes as at 30th June 2024

List of Background Papers

Capital Programme working files

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Capital Budget and Spend 2024/25 as at 30th June 2024

	Original Budget £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Actual @ 30 th June £'000	Comments
Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning				
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	1,100	1,411	236	
Capital Maintenance for Schools	500	924	0	Works progressing and spend anticipated in the next quarter.
Previous Years Grants				
Abbey Primary	380	452	1	Site works progressing.
Universal Primary Free School Meals (Kitchen Remodelling Works)	932	2,508	0	Project progressing well and on programme to complete by March 2025.
Supporting Learners with Additional Needs (Building works/Equipment)	0	896	0	Allocation agreed and spend to commence after the school summer holidays.
Childcare Offer Grant – Small Grants, Cwmavon & YGG Blaendulais	0	1,864	177	
Community Focused Schools (Various Locations)	1,744	3,110	86	
Sustainable Schools Challenge – YGG Rhosafan Replacement School	1,850	600	0	Design stage progressing.
Hwb IT for Schools	250	686	0	Goods due to be ordered.
Leisure Investment (including re-roofing works, window works and external fabric repairs)	172	252	89	

	Original Budget £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th June £'000	Comments
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	1,589	1,826	14	
Other – Education & Leisure (see Appendix 2 for further breakdown)	95	972	251	
Environment				
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	2,011	2,416	119	
Drainage Grants	70	588	135	
Match funding for grants (including flood prevention)	500	100	0	Awaiting a drainage grant offer letter and budget will then be allocated to match fund the scheme.
Additional major engineering works Norton/Bevan Terrace	949	988	0	On site on both projects.
Decarbonisation Strategy (DARE)	213	213	0	Projects to be identified.
Local Transport Fund – (multiple locations)	770	1,476	200	
Road Safety (multiple locations)	100	1,124	145	
Active Travel	0	716	0	Design works ongoing.
Covid Recovery	197	206	0	Various schemes, projects progressing.
Covid Recovery - Catch Up, Clean Up, Green Up Capital Works	2,274	2,702	310	Various projects, full spend anticipated by March 2025.
Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath	100	100	0	Discussions ongoing around project works.
Health & Safety	1,087	882	130	

	Original Budget £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th June £'000	Comments
Neighbourhood Improvements	168	193	15	
Pavilions	138	114	43	
Disability Access	150	134	0	Site works commenced on 3 projects and spend anticipated in the next quarter.
Port Talbot PDR 2 (Network Management Maintenance Works)	600	600	3	
Waste Fleet Relocation Works	5,850	5,905	532	
Godre'rgraig Site Clearance and Land Remediation	445	392	12	
Coal Tip Safety	5,544	5,631	1,148	
Vehicle Replacement Programme	0	1,115	338	
Environment Street Scene Works	694	859	2	
Regeneration: Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams	1,753	1,106	0	Spend dependant on grant received. Grants awarded to be to be reviewed as part of the Q2 budget monitoring process and budget updated if required.
Regeneration: Neath Abbey Visitors Parking	375	375	2	
Regeneration: Crown Buildings	423	391	40	
Regeneration: Place Making 4	810	750	5	
Regeneration: Commercial Property Grant	314	250	2	

	Original Budget £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th June £'000	Comments
Regeneration: Redevelopment of the Former Youth Offending Team	825	799	25	
Regeneration: Other (see Appendix 2 for further breakdown)	756	854	94	
City Deal: South Wales Industrial Transition from Carbon Hub (SWITCH) Building at Harbourside	6,000	50	65	
City Deal: Advanced manufacturing production facility at Harbourside	150	200	0	On going site discussions.
City Deal: Low Emission Vehicles (LEV)	250	311	0	Goods due to be ordered.
City Deal: Air Quality Monitoring	181	264	14	
City Deal: Hydrogen Stimulus	509	509	0	Awaiting correspondence from University of South Wales
City Deal: Property Development Fund	1,400	1,476	0	Applications being considered
City Deal: Homes as Power Stations	3,424	2,181	44	
Levelling Up: Gnoll Country Park	11,179	7,000	15	
Levelling Up: Pontneddfechan	7,570	500	42	
Levelling Up: Port Talbot Centre Regeneration	0	500	207	
Shared Prosperity Fund: Valley Industrial Units	3,428	3,456	152	
Shared Prosperity Fund: NPT Heritage, Culture & Tourism Fund	1,098	1,216	79	
Shared Prosperity Fund: Sustainable Communities Growth Fund	250	300	0	Projects now approved.

	Original Budget £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th June £'000	Comments
Shared Prosperity Fund: Open Call (Research Development & Innovation)	136	136	0	Grant agreements have been issued and projects are now at delivery stage.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Valleys & Villages	1,496	1,557	86	
Shared Prosperity Fund: Supporting Local Business	1,762	1,720	234	
Shared Prosperity Fund: Local Business Priority Fund	0	1,000	0	Applications being assessed.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Community Facilities Improvement Fund (CFIF)	0	500	0	Round 2 due to open in July.
Other – Environment (see Appendix 2 for further breakdown)	652	1,115	221	
Social Services Health & Housing				
Capital Maintenance	150	215	29	
NPT Rent Rescue Maintenance	75	181	21	
Homecare Electric Vehicles	0	55	55	
Enable – Support for Independent Living	281	281	24	
Disabled Facilities Grants	3,155	2,987	654	
Other – Social Service & Housing	0	242	0	Various projects, spend anticipated in next quarter.
Other Services				

	Original Budget £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th June £'000	Comments
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	790	790	676	
Software License	500	760	0	Invoice due to be paid in next quarter.
Civic Accommodation Modernisation	250	219	0	Spend dependant on accommodation strategy which is due to be finalised by the end of July.
Income Generation Proposals	250	250	0	Projects to be identified.
Other - Corporate Services	25	28	0	Goods due to be ordered.
Contingency	1,212	1,500	0	
Total	81,901	77,979	6,772	

Analysis of 'Other' Budgets as at 30th June 2024

	Original Budget £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Actual @ 30 th June £'000	Comments
Other Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning				
Margam Castle Stonework Repairs	0	106	76	
Margam Park Insurance Works	0	29	0	New project works to commence soon.
Margam Orangery Hot Water Boiler Plant Works	0	35	0	New project works to commence soon.
Margam Park Fire Protection Works	0	180	0	New project works to commence soon.
Margam Park Improvement Works	55	55	0	Works ongoing.
Racetrack at Cwrt Herbert	40	266	0	Site works commencing soon.
Tennis Court - Port Talbot Memorial Park	0	82	82	
Tennis Court - Parc Y Llyn Cwmavon	0	86	46	

	Original Budget £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th June £'000	Comments
Aberavon Leisure Centre Equipment	0	81	16	
Dyfed Road Site Clearance	0	0	31	
Direct Food Support Fund	0	52	0	Works ongoing.
Total	95	972	251	

	Original Budget £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th June £'000	Comments
Other Regeneration				
6 Station Road Renovation Works	167	167	0	Awaiting response from Welsh Government on spend.
Byass Works Site Investigation Works	0	7	0	Spend linked to innovation district master plan.
Aberavon Aquasplash Upgrade Phase 3	0	51	0	Project complete, final invoices due to be paid.
Public Realm Works Neath Town Centre	170	169	3	
Soar Maes Yr Haf Congregation Chapel - Phase 1 - Acquisition	0	91	4	
Employment & Business Start Up Space - Units at Sandfields Business Centre	174	183	0	Project at design stage.
The Cross Pontardawe - Repair Works	0	25	0	Repair works to commence shortly.
Mardon Park IT Infrastructure Works	0	90	87	
Heritage Works	245	71	0	Various projects at different stages of development.
Total	756	854	94	

	Original Budget £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th June £'000	Comments
Other Environment				
Ystalyfera Landslip	0	0	6	
Resilient Roads Fund Castle Drive Cimla	0	17	0	Project complete, final invoices due to be paid.
Electric Vehicle Charging Facility	0	33	0	Project complete, final invoices due to be paid.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Third Sector Growth Fund	10	0	0	
Additional Highway Improvements Water Street	0	4	8	
Additional Highway Works	83	83	0	Works ongoing.
Maintenance - Structures and Council Owned Tips	109	112	0	Works ongoing.
Safe Routes in Communities	0	50	0	Works to commence shortly.
Cymmer Viaduct	0	15	0	Works at planning stage.
Passenger Transport Vehicles	0	145	145	

	Original Budget £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th June £'000	Comments
Milland Road Footbridge	100	100	0	Negotiations ongoing around project.
Sports Wales – Lighting Programme	147	121	51	
Giants Grave Site Cabin Works	28	28	0	Works due to commence.
Cwmavon Landslip	0	150	0	Works due to commence.
Milland Road Car Park Retaining Wall	0	75	0	On site, works due to complete in September.
Waste Strategy - Digital in Cab Data System/Feasibility Works	175	182	11	
Total	652	1,115	221	

Capital Budget Changes to 30th June 2024

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Original Budget 1st April 2024	81,901	
Budget Changes		
2023/24 Funding Carried Forward to 2024/25	3,562	2023/24 funding carried forward to 2024/25.
Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning		
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	353	Additional 2023/24 grant received used to displace NPT Funding which is now to be spent in 2024/25.
Childcare Offer Grant – Small Grants, Cwmavon & YGG Blaendulais	1,683	New/additional grants awarded and confirmation from Welsh Government of ability to slip funding to 2024/25.
Community Focused Schools (Various Locations)	1,360	New grant awarded.
Supporting Learners with Additional Needs	896	New grant awarded.
Sustainable Schools Challenge – YGG Rhosafan Replacement School	-1,339	Re-profiled to 2025/26 to reflect planned spend.
Universal Primary Free School Meals (Kitchen Remodelling Works)	1,508	New grant awarded.
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	250	New grant awarded.

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Hwb IT for Schools	436	New grant awarded.
Other – Education & Leisure - Margam Castle Stonework Repairs	36	Additional 2023/24 grant received used to displace NPT Funding which is to part fund Margam Park Insurance Works and Margam Orangery Hot Water Boiler Plant Works.
Other – Education & Leisure Margam Park Insurance Works	29	New scheme funded from Other – Education & Leisure - Margam Castle Stonework Repairs.
Other – Education & Leisure Margam Orangery Hot Water Boiler Plant Works	35	New scheme funded from Other – Education & Leisure - Margam Castle Stonework Repairs.
Other – Education & Leisure Margam Park Fire Protection Works	181	New scheme funded from existing health and safety budget.
Other – Education & Leisure - Direct Food Support	29	New grant awarded.
Other – Education & Leisure - Run Track Race at Cwrt Herbert	225	New grant awarded.
Other – Education & Leisure - Tennis Court - Parc Y Llyn Cwmavon	86	New project funded by new grant awarded and NPT match.
Other – Education & Leisure - Tennis Court - Port Talbot Memorial Park	82	New project funded by new grant awarded and NPT match.

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Other – Education & Leisure - Aberavon Leisure Centre Equipment	81	Additional equipment to be purchased funded from revenue.
Environment		
Highways and Engineering Maintenance - Carriageway Resurfacing and Drainage Works	371	Additional highways work funded from revenue.
Drainage Grants - Caenant Terrace	45	Additional Grant Awarded.
Drainage Grants -Grandison Brook	18	Additional Grant Awarded.
Drainage Grants - Small Scales Fabian Way	50	New project funded by new grant awarded and NPT match as below.
Match funding for grants (including flood prevention)	-8	Match funding contribution for Drainage Grants - Small Scales Fabian Way as above.
Match funding for grants (including flood prevention)	-392	Re-profiled to 2025/26 to reflect planned spend.
Local Transport Fund – (multiple locations)	500	New grant awarded.
Active Travel	716	New grant awarded.
Road Safety	694	New grant awarded.
Other - Environment Safe Routes in Communities	50	New grant awarded.

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Health & Safety	-180	Budget re profiled to fund health and safety fire protection works at Margam Park.
Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,115	Reflects planned vehicle purchases in 2024/25.
Regeneration: Place Making 4	-60	Reflects planned spend in 2024/25.
Regeneration: Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams	-25	Funding The Cross Pontardawe as below.
Regeneration: Other - The Cross Pontardawe	25	New Scheme as above.
Regeneration: Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams	-552	Re-profiled to 2025/26 to reflect planned spend.
Regeneration: Other Heritage Works	-150	Re-profiled to 2025/26 to reflect planned spend.
City Deal: Homes as Power Stations	-1,243	Re-profiled to 2025/26 to reflect planned spend.
City Deal: South Wales Industrial Transition from Carbon Hub (SWITCH) Building at Harbourside	-6,021	Re-profiled to 2026/27 to reflect planned spend.
Levelling Up: Gnoll Country Park	-4,211	Re-profiled to 2025/26 to reflect planned spend.
Levelling Up: Pontneddfechan	-6,927	Re-profiled to 2025/26 to reflect planned spend.
Levelling Up: Up Port Talbot Town Centre Regeneration	508	New grant awarded.

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Shared Prosperity Fund: Community Facilities Improvement Fund (CFIF)	500	Realignment of revenue and capital budgets.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Local Business Priority Fund	1,000	Realignment of revenue and capital budgets.
Shared Prosperity Fund: NPT Heritage, Culture & Tourism Fund	118	Realignment of revenue and capital budgets.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Supporting Local Business	-45	Realignment of revenue and capital budgets.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Third Sector Growth Fund	40	Realignment of revenue and capital budgets.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Valleys & Villages	14	Realignment of revenue and capital budgets.
Contingency - Cwmavon Landslip	-150	To fund Cwmavon Landslip scheme as below.
Other - Environment - Cwmavon Landslip	150	New scheme funded from contingency as above.
Contingency - Milland Road Car Park Retaining Wall	-75	To fund Milland Road Car Park Retaining Wall scheme as below.
Other - Environment - Milland Road Car Park Retaining Wall	75	New scheme funded from contingency as above.

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Other - Environment - Passenger Transport Vehicles	145	New Scheme.
Social Services Health & Housing		
Homecare Electric Vehicles	55	New Scheme.
NPT Rent Rescue	175	Confirmation from Welsh Government of ability to slip funding to 2024/25.
Other Services		
Software License	260	Reflects new contract.
Updated Budget as at 30th June 2024	77,979	