



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot  
Neath Port Talbot Council

## **CABINET**

**11<sup>TH</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Appendix 2 – Analysis of 'Other' budgets as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Appendix 3 – Details of Budget Changes as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### **List of Background Papers**

Capital Programme working files

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

	Original Budget £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Actual @ 30 <sup>th</sup> June £'000	Comments
<b>Education, Leisure &amp; Lifelong Learning</b>				
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	

	<b>Original Budget £'000</b>	<b>Revised Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 30<sup>th</sup> June £'000</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	1,589	1,826	14	
Other – Education & Leisure (see Appendix 2 for further breakdown)	95	972	251	
<b>Environment</b>				
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	

	<b>Original Budget £'000</b>	<b>Revised Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 30<sup>th</sup> June £'000</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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	

	<b>Original Budget £'000</b>	<b>Revised Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 30<sup>th</sup> June £'000</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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.



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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	
<b>Social Services Health &amp; Housing</b>				
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.
<b>Other Services</b>				

	<b>Original Budget £'000</b>	<b>Revised Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 30<sup>th</sup> June £'000</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,901</b>	<b>77,979</b>	<b>6,772</b>	

Analysis of 'Other' Budgets as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

	Original Budget £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Actual @ 30 <sup>th</sup> June £'000	Comments
<b>Other Education, Leisure &amp; Lifelong Learning</b>				
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	

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

	<b>Original Budget £'000</b>	<b>Revised Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 30<sup>th</sup> June £'000</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Other Regeneration</b>				
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.
<b>Total</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>94</b>	

	<b>Original Budget £'000</b>	<b>Revised Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 30<sup>th</sup> June £'000</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Other Environment</b>				
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	

	<b>Original Budget £'000</b>	<b>Revised Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 30<sup>th</sup> June £'000</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>221</b>	

Capital Budget Changes to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
<b>Original Budget 1st April 2024</b>	<b>81,901</b>	
<b>Budget Changes</b>		
2023/24 Funding Carried Forward to 2024/25	3,562	2023/24 funding carried forward to 2024/25.
<b>Education, Leisure &amp; Lifelong Learning</b>		
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.



<b>Budget Changes</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>Comment</b>
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.

<b>Budget Changes</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Other – Education & Leisure - Aberavon Leisure Centre Equipment	81	Additional equipment to be purchased funded from revenue.
<b>Environment</b>		
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.

<b>Budget Changes</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>Comment</b>
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.

<b>Budget Changes</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>Comment</b>
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.

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