

# NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CABINET

### REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2016

#### SECTION A – MATTERS FOR DECISION

#### WARDS AFFECTED – ALL

#### CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2015/16

##### **Purpose of Report**

1. To provide Members with information in relation to delivery of the 2015/16 Capital Programme.

##### **Background**

2. On 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 Council approved its Capital Programme for 2015/16, the report detailed planned Capital Expenditure totalling £66.821m for the financial year. This programme was updated as part of the second quarter budget monitoring cycle during which Members approved an updated programme totalling £73.627m.
3. The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 and to seek approval for a further updated budget position.

##### **Targeted Achievements**

4. As Members are aware the following achievements are being targeted during this financial year:
  - Progressing with the building of Ysgol Bae Baglan, the £40.7m '3-16' new build school at Western Avenue, Baglan Bay.
  - Construction and re-modelling works at the existing Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera Comprehensive School site.

- The completion of a replacement leisure facility at Aberafan Seafront.
- Completion of the first phase of the re-development of Neath Town Centre which includes the construction of a new multi storey car park and the first 23,000 square feet of retail space.

### **Changes to the approved Budget**

5. The approved budget shown in the table below includes changes to the programme approved by Council in November. The main changes proposed for the updated budget are:
- A major re-profiling of the Regeneration Programme which has seen circa £4m of expenditure re-profiled from 2015/16 into subsequent financial years. The Regeneration programme remains volatile and largely reliant on funding approvals from outside bodies. The programme is subject to monthly monitoring arrangements which involve Finance and Regeneration Officers and is reported to Capital Programme Steering Group on a quarterly basis.
  - Re-profiled expenditure in relation to:
    - Ysgol Newydd Bae Baglan which has reduced the 2015/16 budget from £23.036m to £22.020m with a subsequent increase in 2016/17.
    - Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera 3-18 project where £0.95m has been re-profiled from 2015/16 into 2016/17.
    - Bont Fawr Aqueduct where, due to the requirement to re-tender, £0.4m has been re-profiled into 2016/17.

### **2015/16 Capital Expenditure**

6. Details of Capital Expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 is outlined in the table on the following page:

**Table 1 – Capital Budget and spend 2015/16**

	<b>Latest Approved Budget £'000</b>	<b>Proposed Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2015</b>
Ysgol Newydd Bae Baglan	23,036	22,020	15,350
Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera 3-18	6,003	4,971	2,862
Schools Capital Maintenance	1,044	1,044	1,071
School Re-organisation – transportation works	152	152	144
Aberavon Leisure & Fitness Centre	6,600	6,600	6,285
Highways and Engineering – Maintenance Programme	1,679	1,724	1,184
PDR – Land Compensation Claims	649	649	107
Bus Corridor Improvements	988	400	257
Port Talbot Integrated Transport Hub	1,080	1,080	103
Road Safety Grant / Safer Routes – Various Projects	743	743	212
Gypsy and Traveller Grant – Caegarw Site Pitch Extension	1,500	1,500	503
Major Bridge Strengthening	1,040	640	38
Bryn Road Embankment Failure	375	375	13
Afan Valley A4107 retaining edge protection	375	375	6
Neath Town Centre – Phase 1	2,568	2,869	2,654
Physical Regeneration	6,211	2,146	1,975
Vibrant and Visible Places (VVP)*	4,162	3,754	610
Street Lighting Replacement	4,100	4,100	2,749
Recycling Collection Vehicles	804	804	886
Health and Safety	1,027	1,072	909
Disabled Facilities Grants	3,000	3,000	2,121
Housing Renewal Areas	920	920	227
Contingency	382	360	0
Remaining Capital Programme	5,189	5,431	2,449
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,627</b>	<b>66,729</b>	<b>42,715</b>

## **Risk Management**

7. 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**

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

## **Recommendations**

9. It is recommended that Members:
  - As outlined in Table 1, approve and commend to Council the proposed 2015/16 budget of £66.729m.
  - Note the position in relation to expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

## **Reasons for proposed decisions**

10. To update the capital programme for 2015/16 and inform Members of the current year spend to date.

## **Implementation of Decisions**

11. The decisions are proposed for implementation after consultation with the Scrutiny Committee and approval by Council.

## **List of Background Papers**

12. Capital Programme working files
13. Grant notifications

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