

# NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CABINET

31 JANUARY 2017

### REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES DAVE REES

#### SECTION A – MATTERS FOR DECISION

#### WARDS AFFECTED – ALL

#### CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2016/17

##### Purpose of Report

1. To provide Members with information in relation to delivery of the 2016/17 Capital Programme.

##### Background

2. On 3rd February 2016 Council approved its Capital Programme for 2016/17, the report detailed planned Capital Expenditure totalling £40.631m for the financial year. This programme was updated as part of the second quarter budget monitoring cycle with Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 approving an updated budget of £54.469m.

The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 and to seek approval for a further updated budget position.

##### Targeted Achievements

3. As Members are aware the following achievements are being targeted during this financial year:
  - Completion of Ysgol Bae Baglan, the £40.7m '3-16' new build school at Western Avenue, Port Talbot which opened at the start of the Autumn Term in September 2016.
  - Continuation of the construction and re-modelling works at the Welsh Medium 3-16 School Site in Ystalyfera, Ysgol Newydd Gymunedol Gymraeg.

- Ongoing improvements to the Council's Street Lighting Infrastructure.
- Major bridge strengthening works on the Bont Fawr Aqueduct, A474 River Bridge and Alltwen Hill into Pontardawe.
- Further investment of £3m into Disabled Facility Grants to assist people to live at home.
- Investment of £3m in Schools Capital Maintenance and Highways and Engineering Maintenance improvements.

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

4. The updated Capital Programme now totals £55.093m with the main changes proposed being:
  - Final grant approval has been received from the Welsh Government for the new 3-16 School in Margam, Ysgol Newydd Margam and also the South Campus of the new Welsh Medium 3-16 School Ysgol Newydd Gymunedol Gymraeg at the site of the former Sandfields Comprehensive School. The projects will be delivered in time for an opening date of September 2018. This year's programme has been increased by £1.5m and £1.6m respectively.
  - Expenditure in relation to the Port Talbot Integrated Transport Hub (£1.1m), Ysgol Newydd Briton Ferry (£1m), Town Centre Regeneration (£1m) and Street Lighting Programme (£0.750m) has been re-profiled into future years.
  - Inclusion of £935k in relation to funding provided by the Welsh Government to undertake various energy efficiency projects in individual homes.
  - An increase of £650k in the value/number of vehicles to be funded from the Vehicle Renewals Fund.

## 2016/17 Capital Expenditure

5. Details of Capital Expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 is outlined in the table below:

**Table 1 – Capital Budget and Spend 2016/17**

|   | <b>Current<br/>Budget<br/>£'000</b> | <b>Proposed<br/>Budget<br/>£'000</b> | <b>Actual @<br/>31<sup>st</sup><br/>December<br/>2016</b> |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Ysgol Bae Baglan                                    | 10,505                              | 10,675                               | 10,267  |
| Ysgol Newydd Gymunedol Gymraeg<br>North Campus      | 6,432                               | 6,432                                | 6,361   |
| Ysgol Newydd Briton Ferry                           | 1,400                               | 250                                  | 135   |
| Ysgol Newydd Margam                                 |                                     | 1,480                                | 402   |
| Ysgol Newydd Gymunedol Gymraeg<br>South Campus      |                                     | 1,600                                | 318   |
| Schools Capital Maintenance                         | 1,283                               | 1,283                                | 1,260   |
|   |                                     |                                      |   |
| Highway and Engineering<br>Maintenance              | 1,942                               | 1,942                                | 1,206   |
| Major Bridge Strengthening                          | 1,923                               | 1,593                                | 832   |
| Health and Safety                                   | 1,357                               | 1,357                                | 416   |
| Street Lighting Replacement<br>including LED lights | 4,455                               | 3,705                                | 2,057   |
| Vehicle Replacement Programme                       | 1,497                               | 2,147                                | 1,309   |
| Recycling Vehicles and Containers                   | 689                                 | 689                                  | 130   |
| Port Talbot Regeneration                            | 5,921                               | 5,471                                | 543   |
| Aberafan House Redevelopment                        | 2,700                               | 2,850                                | 0   |
| Neath Town Centre Regeneration                      | 1,600                               | 545                                  | 32  |
| Port Talbot Integrated Transport Hub                | 2,439                               | 1,400                                | 451   |
| Bus Priority Corridors                              | 1,081                               | 1,081                                | 406   |
| Harbour Way – Land Compensation                     | 652                                 | 652                                  | 87  |
| Safe Routes in Communities                          | 400                                 | 400                                  | 312   |
| Road Safety Grant                                   | 324                                 | 324                                  | 207   |
|   |                                     |                                      |   |
| Disabled Facility Grants                            | 3,029                               | 3,029                                | 1,849   |
| Housing Renewal Area *                              | 920                                 | 920                                  | 0   |
| Housing Energy Efficiency Projects*                 |                                     | 935                                  | 0   |
|   |                                     |                                      |   |
| Contingency   | 632                                 | 465                                  | 0   |
| Remaining Capital Programme                         | 3,288                               | 3,868                                | 2,246   |
|   |                                     |                                      |   |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>54,469</b>                       | <b>55,093</b>                        | <b>30,826</b>   |

\*Delivery of the Housing Renewal Area programme has been delayed due to late notification from the Welsh Government of the availability of match funding. This notification has now been received and the projects will be delivered by the end of the financial year.

### **Risk Management**

6. 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**

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

### **Recommendations**

8. It is recommended that Members:
  - As outlined in Table 1, approve and commend to Council the proposed 2016/17 budget totalling £55.093m
  - Note the position in relation to expenditure as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

### **Reason for proposed decisions**

9. To update the capital programme for 2016/17 and inform Members of the current year spend to date.

### **Implementation of Decision**

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

### **List of Background Papers**

11. Capital Programme working files

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