

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

13 JUNE 2017

REPORT OF HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED – ALL

CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2016/17

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report sets out the financial outturn position for the Capital Programme for 2016/17.

2. Budget Outturn

- 2.1 For 2016/17 the approved revised Capital Programme totalled £55.093m, the actual expenditure for the year was £53.758m which represents approximately 98% delivery of the Programme. Members should note that the actual expenditure set out in this report has been included in the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2016/17 and forwarded to the external auditor for review.
- 2.2 A summary of this position can be found in Appendix 1 of this report with the main variations between budget and actual being:
- Ysgol Newydd Gymunedol Gymraeg North Campus and Ysgol Bae Baglan
The Council has invested £18.5m in these two new schools. £1.4m of this expenditure profiled for the 2017/18 financial year was actually incurred during 2016/17. The projects remain within the overall budgets allocated.

- Regeneration Capital Programme
Unforeseen delays in delivering some elements of the programme have resulted in an underspend of £705k which will be carried forward into 2017/18. An investment of £8.1m was undertaken in year.
- Vehicle Renewals Fund
Expenditure on vehicles funded from the renewals fund was £638k lower than anticipated. This sum remains within the fund for future purchases.
- Social Services – Closer to Home Project
The intention of this project was to purchase a property in order to offer residential placements to clients closer to home. The project was not completed due to the fact that the purchase could not be completed by the end of the financial year in line with grant conditions resulting in an underspend of £319k. The funding was re-distributed to Local Authority partners within the Western Bay region namely Bridgend County Borough Council and the City and County of Swansea.

2.3 This £54m expenditure represents significant investment within the County Borough which has led to community and service improvements. The Council places great emphasis on the importance of capital investment as a means of regenerating our Communities and providing modern, safe buildings and infrastructure. Capital investment does not only lead to improved facilities and services but creates jobs and economic benefits for the citizens of Neath Port Talbot. The following bullet points note some of the significant achievements during the year:

- Completion of Ysgol Bae Baglan, the £40m '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

3. 2017/18 Capital Programme

- 3.1 Work is ongoing to deliver the 2017/18 Capital Programme totalling £59.273m which was approved by Members as part of the Council's budget setting process in February 2017. This Programme will be continually updated and revised as changes to profiles and funding are identified. Updated information will be reported to Members as part of the 2017/18 budget monitoring cycle.

4. 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

5. Consultation

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

6. Recommendation

It is recommended that the 2016/17 Capital Programme outturn position be noted.

7. Reason for Proposed Decision

To agree the capital outturn position for 2016/17.

8. Implementation of Decision

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

9. List of Background Papers
Capital Programme Working Files

10. Appendices
Appendix 1 – Details of 2016/17 Capital Expenditure

11. Officer Contact

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Details of 2016/17 Capital Expenditure

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Ysgol Bae Baglan	10,675	11,067	392
Ysgol Newydd Gymunedol Gymraeg North Campus	6,432	7,439	1,007
Ysgol Newydd Briton Ferry	250	508	258
Ysgol Newydd Margam	1,480	1,409	-71
Ysgol Newydd Gymunedol Gymraeg South Campus	1,600	1,671	71
Schools Capital Maintenance	1,283	1,511	228
Highway and Engineering Maintenance	1,942	1,587	-355
Major Bridge Strengthening	1,593	1,594	1
Health and Safety	1,357	1,067	-290
Street Lighting Replacement including LED lights	3,705	3,872	167
Vehicle Replacement Programme	2,147	1,509	-638
Recycling Vehicles and Containers	689	583	-106
Port Talbot Regeneration	5,471	5,230	-241
Aberafan House Redevelopment	2,850	2,701	-149
Neath Town Centre Regeneration	545	230	-315
Port Talbot Integrated Transport Hub	1,400	1,404	4
Bus Priority Corridors	1,081	1,053	-28
Harbour Way – Land Compensation	652	281	-371
Safe Routes in Communities	400	400	0
Road Safety Grant	324	327	3
Social Services – Closer to Home Project	319	0	-319
Disabled Facility Grants	3,029	2,967	-62
Housing Renewal Area	920	960	40
Housing Energy Efficiency Projects	935	458	-477
Contingency	465	0	-465
Remaining Capital Programme	3,549	3,930	381
Total	55,093	53,758	-1,335