

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

23rd MAY 2018

REPORT OF HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED – ALL

CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2017/18

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report sets out the financial outturn position for the Capital Programme for 2017/18.

2. Budget Outturn

- 2.1 For 2017/18 the approved revised Capital Programme totalled £75.513m, the actual expenditure for the year was £68.963m which represents in financial terms 91% delivery of the Programme.

- 2.2 This £69m 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 points note some of the significant achievements during the year:

- Ongoing construction of a new 3-16 School in Margam (Ysgol Cwm Brombil) to replace the Lower and Upper sites

of Dyffryn Comprehensive as well as Groes Primary School with a budget of £31m.

- Continuation of the construction and re-modelling works at the Welsh Medium 3-18 North Campus site in Ystalyfera (Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera). Also, commencement of the new Welsh Medium 11-16 South Campus (Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Dur) on the site of the former Sandfields Comprehensive School.
- Commencement of the construction of a £7.6m new primary school in Briton Ferry, 'Ysgol Carreg Hir', on the site of the former Cwrt Sart Comprehensive School. The project will see three primary schools (Brynhyfryd, Llansawel and Ynysmaerdy) with significant surplus capacity and backlog maintenance issues close and be replaced by a new 21st Century school.
- Completion of the Integrated Transport Hub in Port Talbot. The Hub will improve access to employment on strategic sites and integrate public transport connecting bus and rail services and will improve public transport's viability as a realistic alternative for commuting.
- Further investment of over £3m into Disabled Facility Grants to assist people to live at home and investment of c£3m in Schools Capital Maintenance and Highways and Engineering Maintenance improvements.

2.3 A summary of the outturn position can be found in Appendix 1 of this report with the main variations between budget and actual being:

- Former Crown Foods Site Acquisition
The purchase of the above was not completed by 31st March 2018 resulting in an underspend of £2.050m. This funding will be carried forward into 2018/19 so that the purchase can be completed during the new financial year.

- Ysgol Carreg Hir (formerly included as Ysgol Newydd Briton Ferry)
Expenditure on this project has been slower than budgeted resulting in a £1.1m underspend in 2017/18. The project remains within its overall budget and the school is anticipated to open in time for the 2018/19 academic year.
- Vehicle Replacement Programme
A combination of vehicles costing less than anticipated and also certain vehicles not requiring replacement resulted in a £534k underspend in this area. The earmarked funding will remain in the vehicles renewals reserve until required.
- Highways and Engineering Maintenance Programme
This programme was disrupted by inclement weather delaying work to be undertaken by both internal and external contractors. Also grant funded work was prioritised to ensure no loss of grant to the Council. These two factors resulted in an underspend of £517k which will be carried forward and projects delivered in 2018/19.
- Street Lighting
Initially the main contract for this work was due to end by March 2018 however some elements of the programme have slipped and are still being delivered during 2018/19 resulting in the 2017/18 underspend of £422k.

3. 2018/19 Capital Programme

- 3.1 Work is ongoing to deliver the 2018/19 Capital Programme totalling £43.608m which was approved by Members as part of the Council's budget setting process in February 2018. 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 2018/19 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 2017/18 Capital Programme outturn position be approved.
- 7. Reason for Proposed Decision**
To agree the capital outturn position for 2017/18.
- 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 2017/18 Capital Expenditure
- 11. Officer Contact**

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Details of 2017/18 Capital Expenditure

	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Ysgol Bae Baglan	1	56	55
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera (Welsh Medium North Campus)	4,025	3,700	-325
Ysgol Carreg Hir (formerly included as Ysgol Newydd Briton Ferry)	5,385	4,286	-1,099
Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Dur (Welsh Medium South Campus)	12,439	12,628	189
Ysgol Cwm Brombil (formerly included as Ysgol Newydd Margam)	16,000	15,951	-49
Schools Capital Maintenance	1,238	1,430	192
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	2,098	1,581	-517
Integrated Transport Hub	2,539	2,191	-348
Highways Infrastructure Investment	360	348	-12
Major Bridge Strengthening Projects	1,159	1,219	60
Retaining Edge Work – Afan Valley	300	191	-109
Bus Corridor Improvements	617	636	19
Bus Routes and Cycle Ways (LTF)	847	866	19
Road Safety Improvements	582	550	-32
Safe Routes in Communities	250	240	-10
PDR 2 – Land Compensation	500	126	-374
Street Lighting	1,851	1,429	-422
Vehicle Replacement Programme	2,413	1,879	-534
Health and Safety	1,080	990	-90
Regeneration	1,593	1,283	-310
Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	100	43	-57
Former Crown Foods Site Acquisition	2,050	0	-2,050
Harbourside Development	199	180	-19
Disabled Facilities Grants	3,063	3,119	56
Housing Energy Efficiency Works	477	407	-70
Residential Care Contract Contribution	10,000	10,000	0
Contingency	486		-486
Remaining Capital Programme	3,861	3,634	-227
Total	75,513	68,963	-6,550