

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

1st August 2018

SECTION A – MATTERS FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED – ALL

CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2018/19

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Members with information in relation to delivery of the 2018/19 Capital Programme.

Background

2. On 21st February 2018 Council approved its Capital Programme for 2018/19; the report detailed planned Capital Expenditure totalling £43.608m for the financial year.

The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme as at 30th June 2018 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 the Council's Band A 21st Century Schools programme with the following due to open during 2018:
 - Ysgol Cwm Brombil - a new 3-16 School in Margam to replace the Lower and Upper sites of Dyffryn Comprehensive as well as Groes Primary School.
 - Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera (Bro Dur) – A new primary school on the site of the North Campus and a 11-16,

provision on the South Campus, on the site of the former Sandfields Comprehensive School.

➤ Ysgol Carreg Hir- a new primary school in Briton Ferry, 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 close.

- Major bridge strengthening work is ongoing with work due to start on the A474 bridge between the A465 Saltings roundabout and the Neath Abbey Court Herbert roundabout.
- County Borough regeneration including the next phase of the Neath Town Centre redevelopment.
- Further investment of £3m into Disabled Facility Grants to assist people to live at home and investment of over £3m in Schools Capital Maintenance and Highways and Engineering Maintenance improvements.

Changes to the approved Budget

4. The updated Capital Programme now totals £41.048m with the main changes proposed being:
 - Projects and funding carried forward from 2017/18 totalling £4m, the majority of which relate to the 21st Century Schools Programme, Highways and Engineering Programme and Street Lighting Replacement.
 - Grant approvals received after the original programme was set of £2.4m relating to additional recycling initiatives, road safety projects and local transport network improvements.
 - Delays in progressing both the Harbourside Strategic Employment project and next phase of the Neath Town Centre redevelopment have resulted in expenditure being re-profiled into future financial years.
 - £700k has been included to fund capital works to repair the landslip in Cwmafan as set out in the 6th March 2018 report to the Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Board.

2018/19 Capital Expenditure

5. Details of Capital Expenditure as at 30th June 2018 is outlined in the table below:

Table 1 – Capital Budget and Spend 2018/19

| | Original Budget £'000 | Proposed Budget £'000 | Actual @ 30th June 2018 |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Ysgol Cwm Brombil | 12,549 | 12,946 | 3,424 |
| Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera (Bro Dur) – North Campus 11-16 | 217 | 685 | 668 |
| Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera (Bro Dur) – South Campus 11-16 | 5,000 | 5,017 | 2,628 |
| Ysgol Carreg Hir | 2,000 | 3,003 | 1,334 |
| Schools Capital Maintenance | 1,100 | 1,100 | 56 |
| Highways and Engineering Maintenance | 1,625 | 2,347 | 369 |
| Highways Infrastructure Investment | 769 | 769 | 14 |
| Street Lighting Replacement | | 422 | 75 |
| A474 Vale of Neath Bridge | 350 | 350 | 0 |
| Flood and Coastal Risk Projects | 1,300 | 118 | 8 |
| Cwmafan Emergency Landslip work | | 700 | 96 |
| Health and Safety | 850 | 850 | 79 |
| Road Safety Grant – Accident Reduction Measures | | 468 | 0 |
| Safe Routes in Communities | | 185 | 0 |
| Local Transport Network Improvements | | 445 | 157 |
| Recycling Initiatives | | 1,300 | 15 |
| Vehicle Replacement Programme | 1,463 | 1,463 | 51 |
| Neath Town Centre Redevelopment | 5,900 | 2,000 | 19 |
| Harbourside Strategic Employment Site | 5,096 | 120 | 56 |
| Social Services Capital Maintenance | 364 | 447 | 15 |
| Disabled Facilities Grants | 3,000 | 3,000 | 563 |
| Schools and Fleet – Asset Financing | 640 | 640 | 165 |
| Housing Energy Efficiency Works | | 206 | 8 |
| Contingency | 380 | 154 | |
| Remaining Capital Programme | 1,005 | 2,313 | 356 |
| Total | 43,608 | 41,048 | 10,156 |

6. **Financial Appraisal**

The Capital Programme as set out in this report can be funded via the use of several resources including capital grant, reserves and borrowing.

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.

9. **Equality Impact Assessment**

This report does not require an Equality Impact Assessment.

Recommendations

10. Cabinet commends to Council:
 - The approval of the proposed 2018/19 budget totalling £41.048m.
 - And note the position in relation to expenditure as at 30th June 2018.

Reason for proposed decisions

11. To update the capital programme for 2018/19 and inform Members of the current year spend to date.

Implementation of Decision

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

List of Background Papers

13. Capital Programme working files

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