

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE

31st October 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.

On 2nd August 2018 Council approved the current Capital Budget as at 30th June 2018, the report detailed planned Capital Expenditure totalling £41.048m for the financial year.

The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme as at 30th September 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. This opened at the beginning of September 2018 ready for the new school term.
- 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. This school opened at the beginning of September 2018 ready for the new school term.
- 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 £47.721m with the main changes proposed being:
 - A budget of £1.932m for Port Talbot Magistrates Court – the building is being refurbished through the Welsh Government Building for the Future programme. The refurbishment will result in 1,054 m2 of office floor space which will be let at market rate to businesses.
 - A £2.2m budget has been included in 2018/19 in relation to the Crown Building, Neath.

- A budget of £1.048m has been included for regeneration schemes in Port Talbot such as the redevelopment of the Plaza Cinema, and Green Park Riverside phase 2
- A £650k budget for Commercial/Property Enhancements and Heritage Works throughout the county borough has been included
- A £429k budget has been included for redevelopment work at Margam Park Turbine House, along with drainage works in the park.
- A £540k budget has been added as an Active Travel Fund. This looks at cycle path development/improvements across the county borough.

2018/19 Capital Expenditure

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

Table 1 – Capital Budget and Spend 2018/19

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th Sept 2018
Ysgol Cwm Brombil	12,946	12,946	7,230
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera (Bro Dur) – North Campus 11-16	685	555	881
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera (Bro Dur) – South Campus 11-16	5,017	5,147	4,500
Ysgol Carreg Hir	3,003	3,048	3,242
Schools Capital Maintenance	1,100	1,100	93
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	2,347	2,411	1,468
Highways Infrastructure Investment	769	769	797
Street Lighting Replacement	422	422	92
A474 Vale of Neath Bridge	350	447	3
Flood and Coastal Risk Projects	118	118	58
Cwmafan Emergency Landslip work	700	700	579
Health and Safety	850	850	301
Road Safety Grant – Accident Reduction Measures	468	468	28
Safe Routes in Communities	185	185	23

Local Transport Network Improvements	445	810	270
Recycling Initiatives	1,300	1,300	342
Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,463	1,529	84
Regeneration - Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	2,000	900	135
Regeneration - Port Talbot Magistrates Court	0	1,932	126
Regeneration - Crown Building	0	2,200	0
Regeneration – Port Talbot	0	1,048	321
Commercial/Property/Heritage Regeneration projects	0	650	7
Margam Park – Drainage/Turbine House	0	429	54
Harbourside Strategic Employment Site	120	266	81
Social Services Capital Maintenance	447	150	126
Disabled Facilities Grants	3,000	3,000	1,238
Schools and Fleet – Asset Financing	640	640	302
Housing Energy Efficiency Works	206	206	0
Active Travel Fund	0	540	0
Contingency	154	528	
Remaining Capital Programme	2,313	2,427	1,206
Total	41,048	47,721	23,587

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

- 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

- 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 £47.721m.
- And note the position in relation to expenditure as at 30th September 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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