

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE

13th February 2019

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 31st October 2018 Council approved the current Capital Budget as at 30th September 2018, the report detailed planned Capital Expenditure totalling £47.721m for the financial year.

The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme as at 31st December 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. This school opened in November 2018.

- 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 sees 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.
- County Borough regeneration including the commencement of 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 £44.821m with the main changes proposed being:
 - Former Port Talbot Magistrates Court – The £1.932m budget has now been reduced for 2018/19 to £1.265m, with the remaining £667k carried forward into 2019/20.
 - A £2.2m budget had been included in 2018/19 in relation to the former Crown Foods site, Neath. However, £600k of this has now been re-profiled into 2019/20 to reflect the profile of the works required on the site.
 - A £415k reduction in the Recycling Initiatives budget to reflect eligible grant funded expenditure previously incurred in 2017/18.

- A reduction of £297k in the Commercial/Property Enhancements and Heritage Works budget. These funds are required in 2019/20 and will be carried forward.
- A £550k reduction in the Port Talbot regeneration budget. This is due to the re-profiling of a number of projects into future years.
- £60k has been received from the Welsh Government for their Reducing Infant Class Sizes grant. This will be spent at YGG Rhos Afan, YGG Castell Nedd, and Gnoll Primary.

2018/19 Capital Expenditure

5. Details of Capital Expenditure as at 31st December 2018 is outlined in the table below:

Table 1 – Capital Budget and Spend 2018/19

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 31st Dec 2018
Ysgol Cwm Brombil	12,946	12,598	9,507
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera (Bro Dur) – North Campus 11-16	555	930	818
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera (Bro Dur) – South Campus 11-16	5,147	4,772	4,604
Ysgol Carreg Hir	3,048	3,396	3,292
YGG Rhos Afan/Castell Nedd/ Gnoll Primary – reducing infant class sizes	0	60	0
Schools Capital Maintenance	1,100	1,306	1,140
Leisure Investment	150	150	56
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	2,411	2,104	1,592
Highways Infrastructure Investment	769	807	807
Street Lighting Replacement	422	422	93
A474 Vale of Neath Bridge	447	50	10
Cwmafan Emergency Landslip work	700	775	651
Health and Safety	850	850	471
Road Safety Grant – Accident Reduction Measures	468	468	206
Safe Routes in Communities	185	185	35
Local Transport Network Improvements	810	810	303

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 31st Dec 2018
Recycling Initiatives	1,300	885	546
Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,529	1,529	201
Regeneration – Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	900	900	389
Regeneration – former Port Talbot Magistrates Court	1,932	1,265	530
Regeneration – Former Crown Foods site	2,200	1,600	0
Regeneration – Port Talbot	1,048	498	9
Commercial/Property/Heritage Regeneration projects	650	353	118
Margam Park – Turbine House	429	200	87
Harbourside Strategic Employment Site	266	120	100
Social Services Capital Maintenance	150	200	188
Disabled Facilities Grants	3,000	3,000	2,117
Schools and Fleet – Asset Financing	640	350	314
Housing Energy Efficiency Works	206	257	257
Active Travel Fund	540	540	71
Neighbourhood Improvements	150	150	85
Pavilions	100	100	11
Disability Access	150	150	96
Rapid Access Grant	0	350	6
Contingency	528	277	0
Remaining Capital Programme	1,995	2,414	1,263
Total	47,721	44,821	29,973

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

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

9. Integrated Impact Assessment

This report does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment.

Recommendations

10. Cabinet commends to Council:

- The approval of the proposed 2018/19 budget totalling £44.821m.
- And note the position in relation to expenditure as at 31st December 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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