

# NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CABINET

### REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE – H.JONES

31 July 2019

#### SECTION A – MATTERS FOR DECISION

#### WARDS AFFECTED – ALL

#### CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2019/20

##### **Purpose of Report**

1. To provide Members with information in relation to delivery of the 2019/20 Capital Programme.

##### **Background**

2. On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Council approved its Capital Programme for 2019/20; the report detailed planned Capital Expenditure totalling £44.816m for the financial year.

The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 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:
  - Progression of the Council's Band B 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools programme;
    - Cefn Saeson - a new replacement 11-16 School in the Cimla area of the County Borough.
  - Investment in a flood and coastal risk prevention project at Aberavon Seafront.

- County Borough regeneration including the commencement of the next phase of the Neath Town Centre redevelopment. Development works on the former Crown building and redevelopment work of the former Plaza cinema in Port Talbot along with the Harbourside infrastructure project.
- 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 £52.212m with the main changes proposed being:
  - Projects and funding carried forward from 2018/19 totalling £3.768m, the majority of which relate to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme, Highways & Engineering Maintenance and Street Lighting.
  - Grant approvals received after the original programme was set of £6.993m predominantly relating to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools (Cefn Saeson), additional recycling initiatives, road safety projects and local transport network improvements.
  - A £5.466m budget had been included in 2019/20 in relation to the redevelopment of Neath Town Centre. However, £4.966m of this has now been re-profiled into 2020/21 to reflect the profile of the works required on the site and the revised project proposal.
  - A budget of £220k has been allocated to fund detailed design work for works relating to Cymmer Bridge, Maesteg Road/Afon St realignment.
  - A grant application was made to Welsh Government of £605k to fund three Road Safety Capital Schemes for 2019/20. The Council was awarded funding of £407k for two of the schemes with the unsuccessful scheme being A48 – Margam J38 to County boundary. The Capital Programme includes £71k to fund this A48 work as it is considered essential.

- The Welsh Government made available additional General Capital Grant for towards the end of 2018/19. This was carried forward and is planned to be spent in 2019/20 and 2020/21. In 2019/20 £750k has been earmarked for Maintenance works within schools and leisure. £1.430m is earmarked for multiple projects which include Aberavon seafront Aquasplash upgrade; Cefn Coed Valley Landscape Park; Employment business start-up space in the valleys communities; maintenance of structures and council-owned tips.

### 2019/20 Capital Expenditure

5. Details of Capital Expenditure as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 is outlined in the table below:

**Table 1 – Capital Budget and Spend 2019/20**

	<b>Current Budget £'000</b>	<b>Proposed Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 30<sup>th</sup> Jun 2019</b>
Ysgol Cwm Brombil	450	1,973	30
Cefn Saeson	1,000	5,524	496
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	1,100	1,125	209
Welsh Medium School Grant - YGG Pontardawe & YGG Tyle'r Ynn	800	820	3
Infant Class Sizes Grant - YGG Rhosafan, YGG Castell Nedd, Gnoll Primary	1,181	1,241	1
Childcare Offer Grant - Small Grants Pot, Baglan Primary, Blaenbaglan Primary & Rhos Primary	810	1088	2
Leisure Investment	150	156	0
Margam Orangery Upgrading Works	160	250	6
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	1,625	1,885	84
Additional Highway Works (Highways Refurbishment Grant)	1,496	1,496	96
Local Transport Fund (multiple locations)	0	480	1
Road Safety Grant (multiple locations)	0	407	0
Safe Routes In Communities (multiple locations)	0	333	0

Active Travel Fund - Neath To Port Talbot; Fabian Way and Ffordd Amazon	0	319	0
Flood & Coastal Risk Projects - Aberavon & Brunel Dock	3,616	3,616	5
Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Tesco	800	895	0
Cymmer Viaduct Design	0	220	0
Health & Safety	850	893	32
Street Lighting	0	663	0
Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,119	1,119	493
Sustainable Waste Management Grant	0	766	0
Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure	4,887	4,887	0
Regeneration: Plaza Redevelopment	2,500	2,500	111
Regeneration: Magistrates Court	667	792	388
Regeneration 6 Station Road	502	502	1
Regeneration: Seafront Regeneration	250	250	0
Regeneration: Turbine House - Margam Park	77	189	27
Regeneration: Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	4,783	500	0
Regeneration 8 Wind Street	757	757	1
Regeneration: Crown Buildings Development	4,680	4,680	0
Regeneration: Valleys Task Force	250	250	0
Regeneration: Commercial Property Grants	300	300	0
Regeneration: Property Enhancement Development Grant	1,070	1,070	0
Regeneration: Other	180	206	78
School/Vehicle Asset Financing	640	640	68
Capital Maintenance - SSHH	150	216	0
Efficiency & Warm Homes	876	799	0
Disabled Facilities Grants	3,000	3,000	592
Additional WG capital grant - Maintenance Schools & Leisure	750	750	30
Additional WG capital grant - various projects	0	1,430	0
Contingency	665	615	0
Other	2,675	2,610	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,816</b>	<b>52,212</b>	<b>2,754</b>

## Financial Impact

6. All relevant details are set out in the body of the report.

### **Integrated Impact Assessment**

7. No requirement for this as information set out in the report summarises the Council's financial commitment to fund capital projects in year.

### **Valleys Communities Impact**

8. No implications.

### **Workforce Impacts**

9. There are no workforce impacts arising from this report.

### **Legal Impacts**

10. There are no legal impacts arising from this report.

### **Risk Management**

11. 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**

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

### **Recommendations**

13. Cabinet commends to Council:
- The approval of the proposed 2019/20 budget totalling £52.212m;
  - And note the position in relation to expenditure as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

### **Appendices**

14. None.

### **List of Background Papers**

Capital Programme working files

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