

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE- Huw Jones

5th February 2020

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

On 30th October 2019 Council approved the current Capital Budget as at 30th September 2019, the report detailed planned Capital Expenditure totalling £43.976m for the financial year.

The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme as at 31st December 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 21st Century Schools programme;
 - Cefn Saeson - a new replacement 11-16 School in the Cimla area of the County Borough.

- Abbey Primary – a new primary school to replace the current Abbey Primary which is based across three sites in Neath Abbey, Skewen and Longford.
- 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.
- 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 £39.078m with the main changes proposed being:
 - A £2.207m budget had been included in 2019/20 in relation to the former Crown Building. However, £500k 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.
 - The £2m budget for the Plaza development has been reduced to £1m. Delays in obtaining listed building consent have led to delays in delivery of project. This has led to re-profiling the £1m into 2020/21.
 - Re-profiling of the regeneration budget amounting to £1.010m to reflect revised project delivery, timescales and funding.
 - Budgets for Infant Class Sizes, Welsh Medium and Childcare Provision projects totalling £1.761m have been re-profiled from 2019/20 to 2020/21 to reflect the profile of the works required on the site and the revised project proposal.

- £795k of the additional WG capital funding provided in March 2019 has been re profiled into 2020/21 as individual projects are being developed and designed.
- A £627k budget had been included in 2019/20 in relation to Abbey Primary as detailed above.
- A budget of £750k has been included in 2019/20 to fund the purchase of recycling equipment from NPT Recycling LTD.

Additional Capital Funding

5. As part of the 2018/19 Welsh Government settlement announcement, an additional £5m un-hypothecated funding was allocated over 3 years. Of this £5m, £915k is being spent in 2019/20 and the balance planned for 2020/21. See Appendix 1.

Additional Schools Capital Maintenance Grant

6. In March 2019 Welsh Government allocated an additional £1.9m to fund maintenance work on schools, £303k is being spent in 2019/20 and the balance planned for 2020/21. See Appendix 1.

In addition Welsh Government has recently announced a further allocation of £1.9m. Schemes are currently being developed and will be reported to members as part of the 2020/21 budget and monitoring process.

2019/20 Capital Expenditure

7. Details of Capital Expenditure as at 31st December 2019 is outlined in Appendix 1 of this report.

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 £39.078m;
 - And note the position in relation to expenditure as at 31st December 2019.

Appendices

14. Appendix 1 – Details of Capital Expenditure as at 31st December 2019.

List of Background Papers

Capital Programme working files

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Capital Budget and Spend 2019/20 as at 31st December 2019

| | Current Budget £'000 | Proposed Budget £'000 | Actual @ 31th Dec 2019 |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Ysgol Cwm Brombil | 1,973 | 1,973 | 1,877 |
| Cefn Saeson School | 5,524 | 5,524 | 3,059 |
| Abbey Primary School | 0 | 627 | 313 |
| Capital Maintenance - ELLL | 1,125 | 1,125 | 1,006 |
| Welsh Medium School Grant - YGG Pontardawe & YGG Tyle'r Ynn | 820 | 425 | 105 |
| Infant Class Sizes Grant - YGG Rhosafan, YGG Castell Nedd, Gnoll Primary | 1,241 | 546 | 437 |
| Childcare Offer Grant - Small Grants Pot, Baglan Primary, Blaenbaglan Primary & Rhos Primary | 1,088 | 417 | 247 |
| Cymmer Afan Site Clearance & Land Reclamation | 800 | 800 | 337 |
| Leisure Investment | 156 | 156 | 48 |
| Margam Orangery Improvement Works | 250 | 250 | 20 |
| Highways and Engineering Maintenance | 2,266 | 2,451 | 1,510 |
| Additional Highway Works (Highways Refurbishment Grant) | 1,496 | 1,496 | 1,126 |
| Local Transport Fund (multiple locations) | 480 | 525 | 40 |
| Road Safety Grant (multiple locations) | 407 | 407 | 285 |
| Safe Routes In Communities (multiple locations) | 333 | 157 | 29 |
| Active Travel Fund - Neath To Port Talbot; Fabian Way and Ffordd Amazon | 319 | 739 | 197 |
| Flood & Coastal Risk Projects - Aberavon & Brunel Dock (Feasibility) | 2,330 | 2,330 | 750 |
| Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath | 895 | 910 | 610 |
| Cymmer Viaduct Design | 220 | 220 | 33 |
| Health & Safety | 893 | 893 | 415 |
| Street Lighting | 663 | 663 | 0 |
| Vehicle Replacement Programme | 1,119 | 1,119 | 1,072 |
| Absorbent Hygiene Product Waste Grant | 110 | 110 | 58 |

| | Current Budget £'000 | Proposed Budget £'000 | Actual @ 31th Dec 2019 |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| NPT Recycling Ltd Equipment | 0 | 750 | 750 |
| Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure | 275 | 275 | 65 |
| Regeneration: Former Plaza Redevelopment | 2,000 | 1,000 | 343 |
| Regeneration: Former Magistrates Court | 732 | 732 | 783 |
| Regeneration: 6 Station Road | 100 | 100 | 2 |
| Regeneration: Seafront Regeneration | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Regeneration: Turbine House - Margam Park | 189 | 275 | 257 |
| Regeneration: Neath Town Centre Redevelopment | 500 | 250 | 14 |
| Regeneration 8 Wind Street | 177 | 177 | 24 |
| Regeneration: Former Crown Buildings Redevelopment | 2,207 | 1,707 | 669 |
| Regeneration: Commercial Property Grants | 75 | 10 | 4 |
| Regeneration: Property Enhancement Development Grant | 665 | 250 | 2 |
| Regeneration: Swansea Bay Technology Centre | 500 | 400 | 67 |
| Regeneration: Other | 2,169 | 599 | 153 |
| School IT/Vehicle Financing | 640 | 640 | 193 |
| Social Services Capital Maintenance | 216 | 216 | 49 |
| Warm Homes – Boiler Scheme | 799 | 395 | 285 |
| Disabled Facilities Grants | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,269 |
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| Additional £5m Allocation: | | | |
| Schools & Leisure Maintenance | 750 | 400 | 365 |
| Environment Projects | 1,120 | 265 | 72 |
| Agile Working | 250 | 250 | 180 |
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| Additional Schools Capital Maintenance Grant: | | | |
| Capital Maintenance for Schools | 0 | 303 | 119 |
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| Contingency | 471 | 222 | 0 |
| Other | 2,433 | 2,999 | 1,109 |
| Total | 43,976 | 39,078 | 21,348 |