



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

21st MAY 2020

REPORT OF HEAD OF FINANCE – H.JONES

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED – ALL

CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2019/20

Purpose of Report

1. This report sets out the financial outturn position for the Capital Programme for 2019/20.

Budget Outturn

2. For 2019/20 the approved revised Capital Programme totalled £39.078m, actual expenditure for the year was £38.019m which represents in financial terms 97% delivery of the Programme.

This £38m expenditure represents significant investment within the County Borough which has led to community and service improvements. The Council places great emphasis on the importance of capital investment as a means of regenerating our Communities and providing modern, safe buildings and infrastructure. Capital investment does not only lead to improved facilities and services but creates jobs and economic benefits for the citizens of Neath Port Talbot.

The following points note some of the significant achievements during the 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 of £1.996m in a flood and coastal risk prevention project at Aberavon Seafront.
- Progression of County Borough regeneration projects;
 - Commencement of the next phase of the Neath Town Centre redevelopment.
 - Development works of £3.2m on the former Crown building.
 - Redevelopment works of £0.8m the former Plaza cinema in Port Talbot.
 - Completion of works at the Former Port Talbot Magistrates Court.
- Further investment of over £3m into Disabled Facility Grants to assist people to live at home and investment of £2.8m in Schools Capital Maintenance and Highways and Engineering Maintenance improvements.

A summary of the outturn position can be found in Appendix 1 of this report with the main variations between budget and actual being:

- 21st Century Schools projects
The total overspend of £1.2m is due to the variances in the profile of the delivery of these projects. The majority relates to work on the Cefn Saeson site progressing ahead of schedule, the overspend will be funded from resources earmarked in 2020/21.

- Regeneration – Former Crown Building Redevelopment
The overspend of £1.54m is due to works progressing on site ahead of schedule. Additional grant funding has been received to fund part of the overspend with the balance being funded from the 2020/21 budget.

- Schools IT
Welsh Government grant funding (HWB) has resulted in the Authority spending £447k less of its own finances on Schools IT during 2019/20.

- Street Lighting
The total underspend of £462k is due mainly to the variance in the profile of the delivery of the Salix Street Lighting project. This project was anticipated to start in 2019/20 but now will commence in 2020/21.

- Highways and Engineering Maintenance
The underspend of £747k is due to the Authority receiving additional grant funding in 2019/20 which was used to fund Highways and Engineering Maintenance works. The underspend will be carried forward into 2020/21.

- Other
The overspend of £496k is mainly due to works on the Margam Park tourism project commencing earlier than anticipated and works at Hillside Secure Unit also starting ahead of schedule. These works are on-going and further expenditure will be incurred in 2020/21.

2020/21 Capital Programme

3. Work is ongoing to deliver the 2020/21 Capital Programme totalling £87.920m which was approved by Members as part of the Council's budget setting process in March 2020. This Programme will be continually updated and revised as changes to profiles and funding are identified. Updated information will be reported to Members as part of the 2020/21 budget monitoring cycle.

Financial Impact

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

Integrated Impact Assessment

5. 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

6. No implications.

Workforce Impacts

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

Legal Impacts

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

Risk Management

9. 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

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

Recommendation

11. It is recommended that the 2019/20 Capital Programme outturn position be approved.

Reason for Proposed Decision

12. To agree the capital outturn position for 2019/20.

Implementation of Decision

13. The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

14. Appendix 1 – Details of 2019/20 Capital Expenditure.

List of Background Papers

Capital Programme working files

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Details of 2019/20 Capital Expenditure

	Revised Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variance £'000
Ysgol Cwm Brombil	1,973	1,994	21
Cefn Saeson School	5,524	7,117	1,593
Abbey Primary School	627	515	-112
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	1,125	1,111	-14
Welsh Medium School Grant - YGG Pontardawe & YGG Tyle'r Ynn	425	401	-24
Infant Class Sizes Grant - YGG Rhosafan, YGG Castell Nedd, Gnoll Primary	546	523	-23
Childcare Offer Grant - Small Grants Pot, Baglan Primary, Blaenbaglan Primary & Rhos Primary	417	307	-110
Cymmer Afan Site Clearance & Land Reclamation	800	892	92
Leisure Investment	156	64	-92
Margam Orangery Improvement Works	250	142	-108
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	2,451	1,703	-748
Additional Highway Works (Highways Refurbishment Grant)	1,496	1,497	1
Local Transport Fund (multiple locations)	525	323	-202
Road Safety Grant (multiple locations)	407	408	1
Safe Routes In Communities (multiple locations)	157	163	6
Active Travel Fund - Neath To Port Talbot; Fabian Way and Ffordd Amazon	739	521	-218
Flood & Coastal Risk Projects - Aberavon & Brunel Dock (Feasibility)	2,330	1,996	-334
Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath	910	613	-297
Cymmer Viaduct Design	220	128	-92
Health & Safety	893	693	-200
Street Lighting	663	201	-462
Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,119	1,305	186
Absorbent Hygiene Product Waste Grant	110	113	3
NPT Recycling Ltd Equipment Purchase	750	750	0

	Revised Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variance £'000
Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure	275	155	-120
Regeneration: Former Plaza Redevelopment	1,000	799	-201
Regeneration: Former Magistrates Court	732	797	65
Regeneration: 6 Station Road	100	29	-71
Regeneration: Turbine House - Margam Park	275	332	57
Regeneration: Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	250	152	-98
Regeneration 8 Wind Street	177	53	-124
Regeneration: Former Crown Buildings Redevelopment	1,707	3,251	1,544
Regeneration: Commercial Property Grants	10	27	17
Regeneration: Property Enhancement Development Grant	250	11	-239
Regeneration: Swansea Bay Technology Centre	400	240	-160
Regeneration: Other	599	244	-355
School IT/Vehicle Financing	640	193	-447
Social Services Capital Maintenance	216	164	-52
Warm Homes – Boiler Scheme	395	362	-33
Disabled Facilities Grants	3,000	3,084	84
Additional £5m Allocation:			
Schools & Leisure Maintenance	400	406	6
Environment Projects	265	241	-24
Agile Working	250	233	-17
Additional Schools Capital Maintenance Grant:			
Capital Maintenance for Schools	303	270	-33
Contingency	222	0	-222
Other	2,999	3,496	497
Total	39,078	38,019	-1,059