

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

2 June 2021

REPORT OF HEAD OF FINANCE – HUW JONES

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED – ALL

CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2020/21

Purpose of Report

1. This report sets out the financial outturn position for the Capital Programme for 2020/21.

Budget Outturn

2. For 2020/21 the approved revised Capital Programme totalled £65.387m, actual expenditure for the year was £58.769m which represents in financial terms 90% delivery of the Programme.

This £58.769m expenditure represents significant investment within the County Borough which has led to community and service improvements. This is especially significant as this work has been completed during the Covid19 pandemic. 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 highlight some of the significant achievements during the year:

- Progression of the Council's Band B 21st Century Schools programme;

- Cefn Saeson – progression of a new replacement 11-16 School in the Cimla area of the County Borough which is due to open three months ahead of schedule at the end of May 2021.
 - Abbey Primary – work has commenced on a new primary school to replace the current Abbey Primary which is based across three sites in Neath Abbey, Skewen and Longford.
 - Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Phase 3 – commencing work on a new build block comprising six extra classrooms and 3G rugby pitch provision.
- Investment of £1.052m to complete the flood and coastal risk prevention project at Aberavon Seafront.
 - Progression of various County Borough regeneration projects:
 - Commencement on site of the next phase of the Neath Town Centre redevelopment.
 - Development works of £2.9m on the former Crown building site.
 - Redevelopment works of £3.1m to the former Plaza cinema in Port Talbot.
 - Development works of £2.8m at the Technology Centre
 - Further investment of over £1.5m into Disabled Facility Grants to assist people to live at home and investment of £3.1m 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 underspend of £730k across a number of projects is due to the variances in the spend profile on the delivery of these projects. The majority relates to work on the Abbey Primary school site, this work is on-going and further expenditure will be incurred in 2021/22.

- Regeneration – Property Enhancement Development Grant
The total underspend of £597k is due to delays in works on properties as a result of COVID19. Welsh Government have allowed this funding to be carried forward and spent in 2021/22.
- Vehicle Replacement Programme
The total underspend of £1.127m is due to refuse vehicles being ordered but not delivered in 2020/21 due to delays as a result of COVID19. The earmarked funding will remain in the Vehicle Renewals reserve until required.
- Highways and Engineering Maintenance
The underspend of £613k is in part due to the Authority receiving additional grant funding in 2020/21 which was used to fund Highways and Engineering Maintenance works. The underspend will be carried forward into 2021/22.
- Capital Maintenance - Schools
The total underspend of £614k is mainly due to variances in the profile of the delivery of these projects. These works are on-going and further expenditure will be incurred in 2021/22, the budget will be carried forward.

2021/22 Capital Programme

3. Work is ongoing to deliver the 2021/22 Capital Programme totalling £80.170m which was approved by Members as part of the Council's budget setting process in March 2021. 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 2021/22 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 2020/21 Capital Programme outturn position be approved.

Reason for Proposed Decision

12. To finalise the capital outturn position for 2020/21.

Implementation of Decision

13. The decision is proposed for immediate implementation, subject to the consent of the relevant Scrutiny Chair (and is therefore not subject to the call-in procedure).

Appendices

14. Appendix 1 – Details of 2020/21 Capital Expenditure.

List of Background Papers

Capital Programme working files

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Appendix 1

Details of 2020/21 Capital Expenditure

	Revised Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variance £'000
Abbey Primary	3,000	2,490	-510
Cefn Saeson	16,500	16,759	259
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur (North Campus)	3,327	2,848	-479
Capital Maintenance – Education and Leisure	934	916	-18
Welsh Medium School Grant - YGG Pontardawe, YGG Cwmllynfell & YGG Tyle'r Ynn	1,963	2,191	228
Infant Class Sizes Grant - YGG Rhosafan, YGG Castell Nedd, Gnoll Primary	433	622	189
Childcare Offer Grant - Small Grants Pot, Baglan Primary, Blaenbaglan Primary, Cwmavon, YGG Castell Nedd, YGG Blaendulais, Wauncerich Primary & Rhos Primary	742	800	58
HWB IT for Schools	1,049	745	-304
All Wales Play Opportunity	140	138	-2
Leisure Investment	462	400	-62
Furzemill Pond	119	17	-102
Margam Orangery Improvement Works	105	62	-43
Margam Park Activity Investment	121	122	1
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	1,975	1,362	-613
Additional Highway Works (Highways Refurbishment Grant)	916	916	0
Drainage Grants	1,198	1,323	125
Local Transport Fund (multiple locations)	1,028	908	-120
Active Travel Fund (multiple locations)	1,198	1,157	-41
Road Safety	255	215	-40
Flood & Coastal Risk Projects - Aberavon & Brunel Dock	1,067	1,052	-15
Flood Recovery – various projects	930	931	1
Trade Waste Recycling Investment	60	21	-39
Health & Safety	580	668	88
Neighbourhood Improvements	194	174	-20

	Revised Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variance £'000
Pavilions	141	56	-85
Disability Access	167	111	-56
Street Lighting	724	588	-136
Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station - Site Improvements & Equipment	298	36	-262
Vehicle Replacement Programme	2,555	1,428	-1,127
Environment Street Scene Works	465	192	-273
Physical Regeneration	137	60	-77
Port Talbot PDR 2 Land Claims	1,072	1,188	116
Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure	722	571	-151
Regeneration: Plaza Redevelopment	3,300	3,142	-158
Regeneration: Former Port Talbot Magistrates Court Refurbishment	200	243	43
Regeneration: Aberafan Aquasplash	350	153	-197
Regeneration: Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	2,500	2,138	-362
Regeneration 8 Wind Street	760	502	-258
Regeneration: Former Crown Buildings Development	3,200	2,924	-276
Regeneration: Property Enhancement Development Grant	850	253	-597
Regeneration: The Technology Centre, Baglan Bay	2,992	2,843	-149
Regeneration: Afan Forest	70	58	-12
Regeneration: Other	913	462	-451
School IT & Vehicle Financing	190	202	12
Capital Maintenance – Social Services	121	99	-22
Hillside Secure Unit Improvement Works	100	90	-10
Efficiency & Warm Homes	211	155	-56
Disabled Facilities Grants	1,400	1,668	268
ENABLE - Support for Independent Living	188	189	1
Capital Maintenance – Schools (previous year grants)	1,518	904	-614
Maintenance - Unadopted structures and Council owned Tips	245	199	-46
Information Technology and Agile Working	243	193	-50

	Revised Budget £'000	Actual £'000	Variance £'000
Other	1,105	1,285	180
Contingency	354	0	-354
Total	65,387	58,769	-6,618