

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE

28th July 2021

SECTION A – MATTERS FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED – ALL

CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2021/22

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Members with information in relation to delivery of the 2021/22 Capital Programme.

Background

2. On 8th March 2021 Council approved its Capital Programme for 2021/22; the report detailed planned Capital Expenditure totalling £80.170m for the financial year.

The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme as at 30th June 2021 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 – completing and opening of a new replacement 11-16 School in the Cimla area of the County Borough.

- Abbey Primary – progressing the construction of 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 (WMN) Phase 3 – progressing the addition of a new build block comprising six extra classrooms and 3G rugby pitch provision.
- Progress the regeneration programme including Harbourside, Neath Town Centre Redevelopment, Plaza, and the Technology Centre
 - 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.
 - Redevelopment works at Hillside Secure Unit.
 - Remodelling of the Council’s Waste Facility at Crymlyn Burrows as a Transfer Station with enhanced recycling capacity and facilities to accommodate the Council’s expanding recycling operation.

Changes to the approved Budget

4. The updated Capital Programme now totals £83.464m with the main changes proposed being:
 - Projects and funding carried forward from 2020/21 totalling £5.467m, the majority of which relate to Highways & Engineering Maintenance, Neath Town Centre & and schools.
 - Grant approvals received, after the original programme was set, of £4.609m predominantly relating to transport, flood/drainage works and highway refurbishment.
 - A £4.229m budget had been included in 2021/22 for capital maintenance at Schools. However, £1.318m will be invested

this year and £2.910m needs to be re-profiled into 2022/23 to reflect the profile of the works required.

- Budgets totalling £1.998m had originally been included in 2021/22 for the Childcare Offer Grant at Cwmavon and YGG Blaendulais. These budgets have now been re-profiled into 2022/23 to reflect the profile of the works required. The Council will be investing £1.13m in improvements during this financial year.
- In 2021/22 a budget of £5.138m had been included for the Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station site improvements. Following a review of the timetable for planned works the updated budget for 2021/22 is £1.65m with £3.488m re-profiled to 2022/23.

Further details of the Budget changes are shown at Appendix 2.

Impact of COVID

5. The Covid pandemic has resulted in increased costs for some contracts due to the requirement to provide increased facilities on sites i.e. additional welfare provision to facilitate social distancing. Currently these increased costs are being met from existing budget resources.

2021/22 Capital Expenditure

6. Details of Capital Expenditure as at 30th June 2021 is outlined in Appendix 1 of this report

Financial Impact

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

Valleys Communities Impact

8. The Capital Programme provides investment in assets across the County Borough.

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.

Recommendation

13. It is recommended that Cabinet approves and commends to Council:
 - The approval of the updated proposed 2021/22 budget totalling £83.464m;
 - And note the position in relation to expenditure as at 30th June 2021.

Appendices

14. Appendix 1 – Details of Capital Expenditure as at 30th June 2021
Appendix 2 – Details of Budget Changes as at 30th June 2021

List of Background Papers

Capital Programme working files

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Appendix 1

Capital Budget and Spend 2021/22 as at 30th June 2021

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 30 th June £'000
Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning			
Abbey Primary	6,023	6,533	1,058
Cefn Saeson	5,157	4,898	1,482
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur (North Campus)	5,158	5,636	1,010
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	1,365	1,383	16
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	4,229	1,318	221
Welsh Medium School Grant - YGG Pontardawe, YGG Cwmllynfell & YGG Tyle'r Ynn	1,450	1,222	406
Infant Class Sizes Grant - YGG Rhosafan, YGG Castell Nedd, Gnoll Primary	935	748	157
Childcare Offer Grant - Small Grants Pot, Cwmavon, YGG Castell Nedd, YGG Blaendulais, Wauncerich Primary & Rhos Primary	3,105	1,130	-16
Leisure Investment	150	142	87
Margam Orangery Upgrading Works	0	46	0
Margam Park Activity Investment	2,586	2,584	25
Margam Park Stonework Repairs	100	170	0
Schools & Leisure Maintenance - Additional Maintenance and Improvements	0	13	16
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	770	783	0
HWB IT for Schools	832	1,136	0
Flying Start - Health & Safety Compliance (various childcare settings)	0	36	0
Furzemill Pond	0	181	0
Other – Education & Leisure	0	3	21
Environment			
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	1,625	2,606	435
Additional Highway Works (Highways Refurbishment Grant)	0	754	39

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th June £'000
Additional Highway Improvements	275	275	0
Drainage Grants	0	865	131
Local Transport Fund (multiple locations)	0	653	1
Road Safety (multiple locations)	0	560	2
Safe Routes in Communities (multiple locations)	0	455	64
Active Travel Fund (multiple location)	0	771	0
Flood & Coastal Risk Projects - Aberavon & Brunel Dock	0	15	0
Flood Prevention Initiatives	250	179	0
Additional Recycling Initiatives	40	79	49
Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath	289	289	0
Health & Safety	1,100	1,012	80
Neighbourhood Improvements	150	254	24
Pavilions	100	184	1
Disability Access	200	256	5
Street Lighting	1,211	1,347	191
Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station - site improvements	5,138	1,650	48
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	100	100	0
Vehicle Replacement Programme	355	1,500	50
Environment Street Scene Works	535	808	18
Maintenance - Structures and Council Owned Tips	63	137	9
Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure	3,434	3,603	301
Regeneration: Plaza Redevelopment	3,556	3,556	784
Regeneration: Port Talbot Magistrates Court	100	100	-30
Regeneration 6 Station Road	167	167	0
Regeneration: Aberafan Seafront Aquasplash Upgrade	250	447	334
Regeneration: Employment & Business Start Up Space	485	486	0
Regeneration: Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	10,490	11,352	1,554
Regeneration 8 Wind Street – Conversion to Offices	100	446	189
Regeneration: Crown Buildings /Roofing Development	200	865	-73

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th June £'000
Regeneration: Neath Transport Hub	700	700	0
Regeneration: Property Enhancement Development Grant	800	927	97
Regeneration: The Technology Centre	5,268	5,417	1,154
Regeneration: Afan Forest Park	258	459	124
Regeneration: Community Self Build Housing	150	150	0
Regeneration: Neath Strategic Hub	250	250	0
Regeneration: Valleys Task Force	83	233	0
Regeneration: Gnoll Country Park	50	48	4
Regeneration: Commercial Property Grant	275	275	1
Regeneration: Other	1,455	1,422	9
Other - Environment	0	402	40
Social Services Health & Housing			
Capital Maintenance	305	332	59
Hillside Secure Unit Improvement Works	1,637	1,647	2
Efficiency & Warm Homes	426	548	72
Enable – Support for Independent Living	0	206	54
Disabled Facilities Grants	4,784	4,400	489
Other – Social Service & Housing	0	111	32
Other Services			
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	640	628	25
CCTV Replacement	150	246	-1
Civic Accommodation Modernisation	250	250	0
Food Poverty Grant	0	58	0
Information Technology & Agile Working	24	74	0
Income Generation Proposals	50	50	0
Contingency	542	898	0
Total	80,170	83,464	10,850

Capital Budget Changes to 30th June 2021

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Original Budget 1st April 2021	80,170	
Budget Changes		
2020/21 Funding Carried Forward to 2021/22	5,111	2020/21 funding carried forward to 2021/22
2020/21 Funding Carried Forward to 2021/22 Contingency	356	2020/21 funding carried forward to 2021/22 added to contingency
Capital Maintenance re Schools Previous Years Grants	-2,911	Re-profiled to 2022/23 to reflect planned spend
Childcare Offer Grant - Cwmavon & YGG Blaendulais	-1,998	Re-profiled to 2022/23 to reflect planned spend
Margam Park Stonework Repairs	70	Re allocated from leisure Investment
Flying Start - Health & Safety Compliance (various childcare settings)	36	New grant awarded
Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station - site improvements	-3,488	Re profiled to 2022/23 to reflect planned spend
Additional Highway Works (Highways Refurbishment Grant)	754	New grant awarded
Local Transport Fund (multiple locations)	653	New grant awarded
Road Safety (multiple locations)	560	New grant awarded
Safe Routes in Communities (multiple locations)	455	New grant awarded
Active Travel Fund (multiple locations)	771	New grant awarded
Drainage Grants	735	New grant awarded (15% match funded required)

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Flood Prevention Initiatives	-71	Allocated to match fund drainage grants per above
Regeneration: Crown Buildings /Roofing Development	400	Additional budget to facilitate re portioning of the Crown Building to be able to let
Regeneration: Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	250	New grant awarded
Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,145	Refuse vehicles being ordered but not delivered in 2020/21 due to delays as a result of COVID19 now being purchased in 2021/22
Other - Environment (Caru Cymru)	15	New grant awarded
Enable – Support for Independent Living	206	New grant awarded
Food Poverty Grant	58	New grant awarded
Other - SSHH (Intermediate Care Fund)	65	New grant awarded
Efficiency & Warm Homes	122	Additional grant and contributions
Updated Budget as at 30th June 2021	83,464	