

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE

22nd September 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. This was updated at the Cabinet Meeting of 28 July 2021 to £83.464m.

The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme 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. The school was opened to pupils in June 2021.

- 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 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 £84.747m with the main changes proposed being:
 - A budget of £783k had been included in 2021/22 for Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema. However, £723k has been re profiled into 2022/23 to reflect the profile of the works required.
 - 2021/22 grant approvals of £1.941m have been received predominantly relating to drainage works and a Place Making grant of £1.125m which will be mainly available to support property development enhancements.

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 31st August 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.

Recommendations

13. It is recommended that Cabinet approves and commends to Council:
 - The approval of the updated proposed 2021/22 budget totalling £84.747m including the budget changes as set out in Appendix 2;
 - And note the position in relation to expenditure as at 31st August 2021.

Reason for Proposed Decision

14. To comply with the Council's constitution in relation to budget virement, re-profiling between financial years and to update the Council's Budget projections for 2021/22.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

16. Appendix 1 – Details of Capital Expenditure to 31st August 2021.
Appendix 2 – Details of Budget Changes to 31st August 2021.

List of Background Papers

Capital Programme working files

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Appendix 1

Capital Budget and Spend 2021/22 to date

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 31.08.21 £'000
Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning			
Abbey Primary	6,533	6,533	2,414
Cefn Saeson	4,898	4,898	2,012
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur (North Campus)	5,636	5,636	2,019
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	1,383	1,383	215
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	1,318	1,288	376
Welsh Medium School Grant - YGG Pontardawe, YGG Cwmllynfell & YGG Tyle'r Ynn	1,222	1,222	1,025
Infant Class Sizes Grant - YGG Rhosafan, YGG Castell Nedd, Groll Primary	748	748	255
Childcare Offer Grant - Small Grants Pot, Cwmavon, YGG Castell Nedd, YGG Blaendulais, Wauncerich Primary & Rhos Primary	1,130	1,130	94
Leisure Investment	142	142	188
Margam Orangery Upgrading Works	46	46	4
Margam Park Activity Investment	2,584	2,584	116
Margam Park Stonework Repairs	170	170	16
Schools & Leisure Maintenance - Additional Maintenance and Improvements	13	13	16
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	783	60	2
HWB IT for Schools	1,136	1,136	437
Flying Start - Health & Safety Compliance (various childcare settings)	36	36	2
Furzemill Pond, Margam Park	181	102	101
Ysgol Hendrefelin - Cruyff Basketball Court	0	170	0
Other – Education & Leisure	3	82	34
Environment			
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	2,606	2,606	681

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 31.08.21 £'000
Additional Highway Works (Highways Refurbishment Grant)	754	754	690
Additional Highway Improvements	275	275	0
Drainage Grants	865	1,663	169
Local Transport Fund (multiple locations)	653	653	40
Road Safety (multiple locations)	560	560	33
Safe Routes in Communities (multiple locations)	455	455	123
Active Travel Fund (multiple location)	771	771	35
Flood & Coastal Risk Projects - Aberavon & Brunel Dock	15	15	2
Flood Prevention Initiatives	179	59	0
Additional Recycling Initiatives	79	79	82
Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath	289	289	0
Health & Safety	1,012	1,012	102
Neighbourhood Improvements	254	254	78
Pavilions	184	184	0
Disability Access	256	256	49
Street Lighting	1,347	1,347	566
Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station - site improvements	1,650	1,650	96
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	100	100	0
Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,500	1,500	1,049
Environment Street Scene Works	808	808	63
Maintenance - Structures and Council Owned Tips	137	137	14
Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure	3,603	3,603	827
Regeneration: Plaza Redevelopment	3,556	3,556	2,139
Regeneration: Port Talbot Magistrates Court	100	100	-30
Regeneration 6 Station Road	167	167	0
Regeneration: Aberafan Seafront Aquasplash Upgrade	447	447	321
Regeneration: Employment & Business Start Up Space	486	486	0
Regeneration: Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	11,352	11,352	4,119
Regeneration: 8 Wind Street – Conversion to Offices	446	446	459

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 31.08.21 £'000
Regeneration: Crown Buildings /Roofing Development	865	865	-29
Regeneration: Neath Transport Hub	700	700	1
Regeneration: Property Enhancement Development Grant	927	927	382
Regeneration: Place Making Grant (Property Enhancement)	0	1,125	3
Regeneration: The Technology Centre	5,417	5,417	2,808
Regeneration: Afan Forest Park	459	459	343
Regeneration: Community Self Build Housing	150	150	0
Regeneration: Neath Strategic Hub	250	250	0
Regeneration: Valleys Task Force	233	233	0
Regeneration: Gnoll Country Park	48	48	5
Regeneration: Commercial Property Grant	275	275	1
Regeneration: Other	1,422	1,422	87
Other - Environment	402	446	42
Social Services Health & Housing			
Capital Maintenance	332	332	69
Hillside Secure Unit Improvement Works	1,647	1,647	46
Efficiency & Warm Homes	548	548	129
Enable – Support for Independent Living	206	235	52
Disabled Facilities Grants	4,400	4,400	904
Other – Social Service & Housing	111	111	97
Other Services			
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	628	628	255
CCTV Replacement	246	246	17
Civic Accommodation Modernisation	250	250	0
Food Poverty Grant	58	58	0
Information Technology & Agile Working	74	74	0
Income Generation Proposals	50	50	0
Contingency	898	888	0
Total	83,464	84,747	26,245

Proposed Capital Budget Changes for approval

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Approved Budget as at 30th June 2021	83,464	
Budget Changes		
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	-723	Re profiled to 2022/23 to reflect planned spend
Furzemill Pond, Margam Park	-79	Transferred budget over provision to Other – Education & Leisure
Other – Education & Leisure	79	See above
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	-30	NPT allocation for below scheme
Ysgol Hendrefelin - Cruyff Basketball Court	170	£75k new grant awarded, £65k contribution from Cruyff Foundation & £30k NPT funding
Flood Prevention Initiatives	-120	Allocated to match fund specific projects – as per below
Drainage Grants	798	New grant awarded (15% match funded from Flood Prevention Initiatives)
Regeneration: Place Making Grant (Property Enhancement)	1,125	New grant awarded
Other – Environment (Allotment Support Grant)	34	New grant awarded
Other – Environment (New Lift PT Multi Storey Car Park)	10	Additional cost of scheme
Enable – Support for Independent Living	29	Additional grant awarded

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Contingency	-10	To fund additional costs of New Lift PT Multi Storey Car Park
Updated Budget	84,747	