

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

24th November 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 22nd September 2021 to £84.747m.

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 £82.410m with the main changes proposed being:
 - A budget of £2.584m had been included in 2021/22 for Margam Park Activity Investment. However, £2.336m has been re profiled into 2022/23 to reflect the profile of the works required.
 - 2021/22 grant approvals of £1.042m have been received predominantly relating to Childcare/Welsh Medium and All Wales Play Opportunity grant.
 - A budget of £486k had been included in 2021/22 for Employment & Business Start Up Space. However, £436k

has been re profiled into 2022/23 to reflect the profile of the works required.

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 September 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.
- 13.

Recommendations

14. It is recommended that:

Cabinet approve and commend to Council:

- The updated proposed 2021/22 budget totalling £82.410m including the budget changes as set out in Appendix 2.

Cabinet note:

- The position in relation to expenditure as at 30th September 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 30th September 2021.

Appendix 2 – Details of Budget Changes to 30th September 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 @ 30.09.21 £'000
Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning			
Abbey Primary	6,533	6,533	3,194
Cefn Saeson	4,898	4,898	2,021
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur (North Campus)	5,636	5,636	2,699
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	1,383	1,383	456
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	1,288	1,090	487
Welsh Medium School Grant - YGG Pontardawe, YGG Cwmllynfell & YGG Tyle'r Ynn	1,222	1,422	1,030
Infant Class Sizes Grant - YGG Rhosafan	748	748	281
Childcare Offer Grant - Small Grants Pot, YGG Castell Nedd & Rhos Primary	1,130	1,300	95
Leisure Investment	142	142	35
Margam Orangery Upgrading Works	46	46	4
Margam Park Activity Investment	2,584	248	162
Margam Park Stonework Repairs	170	620	220
Schools & Leisure Maintenance - Additional Maintenance and Improvements	13	13	16
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	60	60	2
HWB IT for Schools	1,136	1,136	437
Flying Start - Health & Safety Compliance/IT Equipment (various childcare settings)	36	46	2
Furzemill Pond, Margam Park	102	102	101
Ysgol Hendrefelin - Cruyff Basketball Court	170	170	142
All Wales Play Opportunity	0	235	0
Other – Education & Leisure	82	82	33
Environment			
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	2,606	2,318	799

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 30.09.21 £'000
Additional Highway Works (Highways Refurbishment Grant)	754	754	690
Additional Highway Improvements	275	275	0
Additional Highway Works	0	452	0
Drainage Grants	1,663	1,825	268
Local Transport Fund (multiple locations)	653	653	40
Road Safety (multiple locations)	560	560	38
Safe Routes in Communities (multiple locations)	455	455	182
Active Travel Fund (multiple location)	771	916	47
Flood & Coastal Risk Projects - Aberavon & Brunel Dock	15	15	2
Flood Prevention Initiatives	59	59	0
Additional Recycling Initiatives	79	105	96
Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath	289	289	0
Health & Safety	1,012	562	134
Neighbourhood Improvements	254	170	78
Pavilions	184	184	12
Disability Access	256	256	88
Street Lighting	1,347	1,347	780
Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station - site improvements	1,650	1,650	161
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	100	0	0
Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,500	1,500	1,158
Environment Street Scene Works	808	673	63
Maintenance - Structures and Council Owned Tips	137	137	14
Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure	3,603	3,603	1,183
Regeneration: Plaza Redevelopment	3,556	3,556	2,618
Regeneration: Port Talbot Magistrates Court	100	100	-30
Regeneration 6 Station Road	167	167	0
Regeneration: Aberafan Seafront Aquasplash Upgrade (Phases 1 & 2)	447	567	321
Regeneration: Employment & Business Start Up Space	486	50	0
Regeneration: Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	11,352	11,352	4,119

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 30.09.21 £'000
Regeneration: 8 Wind Street – Conversion to Offices	446	696	605
Regeneration: Crown Buildings /Roofing Development	865	865	-29
Regeneration: Neath Transport Hub	700	700	1
Regeneration: Property Enhancement Development Grant	927	927	395
Regeneration: Place Making Grant (Property Enhancement)	1,125	1,125	3
Regeneration: The Technology Centre	5,417	5,417	2,810
Regeneration: Afan Forest Park	459	459	344
Regeneration: Community Self Build Housing	150	150	0
Regeneration: Neath Strategic Hub	250	0	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	1,172	122
Other - Environment	446	674	53
Social Services Health & Housing			
Capital Maintenance	332	332	72
Hillside Secure Unit Improvement Works	1,647	1,647	58
Efficiency & Warm Homes	548	548	152
Enable – Support for Independent Living	235	235	81
Disabled Facilities Grants	4,400	4,400	1,117
Other – Social Service & Housing	111	111	131
Other Services			
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	628	450	312
CCTV Replacement	246	246	24
Civic Accommodation Modernisation	250	250	0
Food Poverty Grant	58	58	0
Information Technology & Agile Working	74	74	0
Electrical Supply for the Quays and SRC	0	275	125
Income Generation Proposals	50	50	0

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 30.09.21 £'000
Contingency	888	533	0
Total	84,747	82,410	30,660

Proposed Capital Budget Changes for approval

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Approved Budget as at 31st August 2021	84,747	
Budget Changes		
Margam Park Activity Investment	-2,336	Re-profiled to 2022/23 to reflect works on site
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	-199	Re-profiled to 2022.23 to reflect the profile of the works required
Flying Start - Health & Safety Compliance/IT Equipment (various childcare settings)	10	Additional grant awarded
Childcare Offer Grant - Small Grants Pot, YGG Castell Nedd & Rhos Primary	170	Additional grant awarded
Welsh Medium School Grant - YGG Pontardawe, YGG Cwmllynfell & YGG Tyle'r Ynn	200	Additional grant awarded
All Wales Play Opportunity	235	New grant awarded
Margam Park Stonework Repairs	450	Additional budget allocated from below to fund additional health and safety works
Health & Safety	-450	Funding Margam Park Stonework Repairs as above
Regeneration: Employment & Business Start Up Space	-435	Re-profiled to 2022/23 to reflect the profile of the works
Regeneration: Neath Strategic Hub	-250	Re-profiled to 2022/23 to reflect the profile of the works

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Regeneration: Aberafan Seafront Aquasplash Upgrade (Phases 1 & 2)	120	New grant awarded
Regeneration: Other	-250	Funding additional budget required for below scheme
Regeneration: 8 Wind Street – Conversion to Offices	250	Additional budget to reflect the works on site
Environment Street Scene Works (Fleet - Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure /SRC Switchgear upgrade)	-135	Re-profiled to 2022/23 to part fund the electric vehicle charging facility project
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	-100	Re-profiled to 2022/23 to part fund the electric vehicle charging facility project
Additional Recycling Initiatives	26	Increase budget to fund additional recycling equipment required
Active Travel Fund (multiple location)	145	Additional grant awarded
Drainage Grants	162	Additional grant awarded
Additional Highway Works	452	Re-allocation of Highway Capital Monies released by 2020/21 Grant Funding
Neighbourhood Improvements	-84	Re-allocation of Highway Capital Monies released by 2020/21 Grant Funding
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	-368	Re-allocation of Highway Capital Monies released by 2020/21 Grant Funding
Other – Environment (Southern Access Road & Ffordd Amazon Stage 2)	223	Additional costs funded by contributions from St Modwens
Other – Environment (Members Community Fund)	5	Contribution from revenue to fund capital Members Community Fund works
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	-178	Reflects purchase of IT/Vehicles
Contingency	-355	To fund new schemes below

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Highways and Engineering Maintenance (Ystalyfera Roundabout Carriageway Resurfacing)	80	Funded from above contingency
Electrical Supply for the Quays and SRC	275	Funded from above contingency
Updated Budget	82,410	