

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

1st March 2022

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 24th November 2021 to £82.410m.

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 £78.834m with the main changes proposed being:
 - 2021/22 grant approvals of £2.393m have been received predominantly relating to the City Deal and Coal Tip Safety.
 - The 2021/22 budget for the Abbey Primary 21st Century Schools project has been increased from £6.533m to £7.844m to reflect the progression of works on site. The £1.311m increase in budget has been re-profiled from 2022/23.
 - The 2021/22 budget for the Welsh Medium project at YGG Pontardawe has been increased by £500k to appoint a new

contractor. A variation request for additional funding has been submitted to Welsh Government.

- £800k of the £1.650m 2021/22 budget for Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station site improvements has been re-profiled to 2022/23 to reflect the works on site.
- The 2021/22 Disabled Facilities Grants budget of £4.4m has been reduced to £3m with the reduction of £1.4m being re-profiled in 2022/23 to reflect the works being carried out.
- A budget of £565k had been included in 2021/22 under Regeneration Other Match Funding Feasibility. This has now been fully re-profiled into 2022/23 for WG & UK Government Funding Streams

Note:

- In December 2021 Welsh Government announced grant allocations of £2.326m for schools capital maintenance and improving ventilation. This grant will displace Council funded projects in 2021/22 with a subsequent re-investment in new projects in 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 31st December 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 approve and commend to Council:

- The updated proposed 2021/22 budget totalling £78.834m including the budget changes as set out in Appendix 2.

Cabinet note:

- The position in relation to expenditure as at 31st December 2021.

Reason for Proposed Decision

14. To comply with the Councils 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 for immediate implementation.

Appendices

16. Appendix 1 – Details of Capital Expenditure to 31st December 2021.
Appendix 2 – Details of Budget Changes to 31st December 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 @ 31.12.21 £'000
Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning			
Abbey Primary	6,533	7,844	5,129
Cefn Saeson	4,898	4,898	2,583
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur (North Campus)	5,636	5,636	4,117
Ysgol Newydd Swansea Valley	0	100	24
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	1,383	1,245	529
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	1,090	743	501
Welsh Medium School Grant - YGG Pontardawe, YGG Cwmllynfell & YGG Tyle'r Ynn	1,422	1,922	1,370
Infant Class Sizes Grant - YGG Rhosafan	748	425	305
Childcare Offer Grant - Small Grants Pot, YGG Castell Nedd & Rhos Primary	1,300	1,000	603
Leisure Investment	142	68	40
Margam Orangery Upgrading Works	46	46	35
Margam Park Activity Investment	248	248	199
Margam Park Stonework Repairs	620	646	348
Schools & Leisure Maintenance - Additional Maintenance and Improvements	13	13	16
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	60	35	7
HWB IT for Schools	1,136	1,136	437
Flying Start - Health & Safety Compliance/IT Equipment/COVID Recovery (various childcare settings)	46	127	21
Furzemill Pond, Margam Park	102	102	151
Ysgol Hendrefelin - Cruyff Basketball Court	170	170	155
All Wales Play Opportunity	235	235	20
Music Support Resources	0	232	0
Other – Education & Leisure	82	82	63
Environment			

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 31.12.21 £'000
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	2,318	1,906	1,365
Additional Highway Works (Highways Refurbishment Grant)	754	776	776
Additional Highway Improvements	275	15	1
Additional Highway Works	452	157	148
Drainage Grants	1,825	1,838	780
Resilient Roads Fund - Castle Drive Cimla	0	100	0
Flood Recovery Bryn to Goytre Cycleway slips	0	217	1
Local Transport Fund (multiple locations)	653	653	121
Road Safety (multiple locations)	560	599	196
Safe Routes in Communities (multiple locations)	455	455	337
Active Travel Fund (multiple location)	916	916	168
Flood & Coastal Risk Projects - Aberavon & Brunel Dock	15	2	2
Flood Prevention Initiatives	59	0	0
Additional Recycling Initiatives	105	105	96
Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath	289	0	-6
Health & Safety	562	536	241
Neighbourhood Improvements	170	170	153
Pavilions	184	110	13
Disability Access	256	256	70
Street Lighting	1,347	1,247	891
Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station - site improvements	1,650	850	262
Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,500	1,725	1,176
Environment Street Scene Works	673	469	132
Maintenance - Structures and Council Owned Tips	137	8	0
Coal Tip Safety	0	552	80
Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure	3,603	3,253	2,037
Regeneration: Plaza Redevelopment	3,556	4,044	3,581
Regeneration: Port Talbot Magistrates Court	100	100	-30
Regeneration 6 Station Road	167	0	0
Regeneration: Mardon Park	0	90	0

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 31.12.21 £'000
Regeneration: Aberafan Seafront Aquasplash Upgrade (Phases 1 & 2)	567	527	327
Regeneration: Employment & Business Start Up Space	50	1	0
Regeneration: Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	11,352	11,652	7,818
Regeneration: 8 Wind Street – Conversion to Offices	696	696	614
Regeneration: Crown Buildings /Roofing Development	865	665	21
Regeneration: Neath Transport Hub	700	700	2
Regeneration: Property Enhancement Development Grant	927	927	570
Regeneration: Place Making Grant (Property Enhancement)	1,125	625	7
City Deal: The Technology Centre	5,417	5,547	4,570
City Deal: SWITCH Building at Harbourside	0	100	8
City Deal: Advanced manufacturing production facility at Harbourside	0	1	0
City Deal: Air Quality Monitoring	0	150	85
City Deal: Hydrogen Stimulus	0	0	0
City Deal: Homes as Power Stations	0	50	0
Regeneration: Afan Forest Park	459	459	486
Regeneration: Valleys Task Force	233	233	0
Regeneration: Gnoll Country Park	48	48	12
Regeneration: Commercial Property Grant	275	60	12
Regeneration: Community Self Build Housing	150	0	0
Regeneration: Other	1,172	320	118
Other - Environment	674	565	342
Social Services Health & Housing			
Capital Maintenance	332	182	93
Hillside Secure Unit Improvement Works	1,647	1,647	662
Efficiency & Warm Homes	548	548	215
Enable – Support for Independent Living	235	235	141
Disabled Facilities Grants	4,400	3,000	1,801

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 31.12.21 £'000
Other – Social Service & Housing	111	161	154
Other Services			
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	450	425	320
CCTV Replacement	246	246	29
Civic Accommodation Modernisation	250	0	0
Food Poverty Grant	58	58	14
Information Technology & Agile Working	74	74	133
Electrical Supply for the Quays and SRC	275	500	166
Income Generation Proposals	50	0	0
Council Chamber Ceiling Works	0	30	0
Contingency	533	300	0
Total	82,410	78,834	47,964

Proposed Capital Budget Changes for approval

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Approved Budget as at 30th September 2021	82,410	
Budget Changes		
Abbey Primary	1,311	Budget re-profiled from 2022/23 to reflect progress of works on site
Ysgol Newydd Swansea Valley	100	Project approved, new grant awarded
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	-138	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	-347	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Flying Start - Health & Safety Compliance/IT Equipment/COVID Recovery (various childcare settings)	81	Additional grant awarded
Infant Class Sizes Grant - YGG Rhosafan	-323	Reduction of budget to reflect cost of works on site
Leisure Investment	-74	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Margam Park Stonework Repairs	26	Budget re-profiled from Health & Safety
Music Support Resources	232	New grant awarded
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	-25	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Welsh Medium School Grant - YGG Pontardawe, YGG Cwmllynfell & YGG Tyle'r Ynn	500	Additional grant applied for, awaiting decision from WG
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	-440	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Additional Highway Improvement	-260	Re-profiled to 2022/23

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Additional Highway Works	-295	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Additional Highway Works (Highways Refurbishment Grant)	50	See above
Coal Tip Safety	552	New grant awarded
Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station - site improvements	-800	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Drainage Grants	13	Additional grant awarded
Environment Street Scene Works	-204	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Flood & Coastal Risk Projects - Aberavon & Brunel Dock	-13	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Flood Prevention Initiatives	-59	Reduction in requirement of match funding for drainage grant/re-profiled to 2022/23
Flood Recovery Bryn to Goytre Cycleway slips	217	New grant awarded
Health & Safety	-26	Budget re-profiled to Margam Park Stonework Repairs
Maintenance - Structures and Council Owned Tips	-129	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath	-289	Re-profiled to 2022/23 to reflect works
Pavilions	-74	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Resilient Roads Fund - Castle Drive Cimla	100	New grant awarded
Road Safety (multiple locations)	39	Additional grant awarded
Street Lighting	-100	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Vehicle Replacement Programme	225	Increase in budget to reflect vehicles being purchased
Regeneration 6 Station Road	-167	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Regeneration: Aberafan Seafront Aquasplash Upgrade (Phases 1 & 2)	-40	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Regeneration: Commercial Property Grant	-215	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Regeneration: Community Self Build Housing	-150	Re-profiled to 2022/23

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Regeneration: Crown Buildings /Roofing Development	-200	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Regeneration: Employment & Business Start Up Space	-49	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure	-350	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Regeneration: Mardon Park	90	New grant awarded
Regeneration: Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	300	Budget moved from below to fund the new childcare setting in the Neath Town Centre Development
Childcare Offer Grant - Small Grants Pot, YGG Castell Nedd & Rhos Primary	-300	See above
Regeneration: Place Making Grant (Property Enhancement)	-111	Budget allocated to Plaza Redevelopment for Property Enhancement works
Regeneration: Place Making Grant (Property Enhancement)	-389	Reduction of budget to reflect grants being awarded
Regeneration: Plaza Redevelopment	488	Additional grant awarded
Regeneration: Other (Heritage Works)	-65	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Regeneration: Other (Match Funding & Feasibility for WG & UK Government Funding Streams)	-565	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Regeneration: Other (Public Realm Boots)	-85	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Regeneration: Other (Sustainable Living Grant)	-138	Reduction in grant award
City Deal: Advanced manufacturing production facility at Harbourside	1	New grant awarded
City Deal: Air Quality Monitoring	150	New grant awarded
City Deal: Homes as Power Stations	50	New grant awarded
City Deal: SWITCH Building at Harbourside	100	New grant awarded
City Deal: The Technology Centre	130	New grant awarded
Other – Environment (Cymmer Viaduct)	-10	Re-profiled to 2022/23

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Other – Environment (Milland Road Footbridge)	-100	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Capital Maintenance Social Services Health & Housing	-150	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Disabled Facilities Grants	-1,400	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Other - Social Services (Intermediate Care Fund)	50	Additional grant awarded
Civic Accommodation Modernisation	-250	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Council Chamber Ceiling Works	30	New project
Electrical Supply for the Quays and SRC	225	Increase in budget to reflect works on site
Income Generation Proposals	-50	Re-profiled to 2022/23
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	-23	Reduction in budget to reflect IT equipment/vehicles being purchased
Contingency	-233	Re-profiled to 2022/23
Updated Budget	78,834	