



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

CABINET

19th October 2022

Report of the Chief Finance Officer

Wards affected – All

Matter for Decision

Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 – As at end of September 2022

Purpose of Report

To provide Members with information in relation to delivery of the 2022/23 Capital Programme.

Background

On 1st March 2022 Council approved its Capital Programme for 2022/23; the report detailed planned Capital Expenditure totalling £70.415m for the financial year.

The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme as at 30th September 2022 and to seek approval for a further updated budget position.

Targeted Achievements

As Members are aware the following achievements are being targeted during this financial year:

- Completion of the build of the new Primary school which will replace Abbey Primary.
- Completion of the build of the third phase of works at Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro-Dur, North campus.
- Continue with the development of the activity investment proposal at Margam Park.
- Progression with Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema.

- Progress with the regeneration programme including Neath Transport hub and the completion of the Neath Town Centre redevelopment.
- Continued investment in Disabled Facilities Grants.
- Investment in school buildings and ICT.
- The Council's Waste Facility at Crymlyn Burrows will be remodelled as a Transfer Station with enhanced recycling capacity and facilities to accommodate the Council's expanding recycling operation.
- City Deal – Commencement of the homes as power stations and the remainder of the supporting innovation and low carbon growth projects.

Changes to the approved Budget

The updated Capital Programme now totals £72.540m with the main changes proposed being:

- Projects and funding carried forward from 2021/22 totalling £4.190m.
- Grant approvals received after the original programme was set of £13.083m, predominantly relating to Transport, Drainage Works, Universal Primary Free School Meals and Coal Tip Safety.
- Grants received totalling £4.025m were received at the end of 2021/22 and were used to displace NPT funded expenditure with these budgets now been allocated to fund 2022/23 projects.
- A budget of £1.029m has now been included in 2022/23 to assist with Covid Recovery Projects.
- Budgets totalling £1.998m had originally been included in 2022/23 for the Childcare Offer Grant at Cwmavon and YGG Blaendulais. £1.728m has now been re-profiled into 2023/24 to reflect the profile of the works required.
- Budgets totalling £8.920m had originally been included in 2022/23 for the City Deal Projects – SWITCH Building at Harbourside and Property Development Fund. £7.920m has

now been re-profiled into 2024/25 and 2025/26 to reflect the profile of the works required.

- In 2022/23 a budget of £1.460m had been included for the Crown site Building Development. Following a review of the timetable for planned works the updated budget for 2022/23 is now £0.855m with £0.605m re-profiled to 2023/24.
- In 2022/23 a budget of £8.772m had been included for Ysgol Newydd Swansea Valley. £8.272m has now been re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect the planned works on site.

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

Impact of COVID

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.

2022/23 Capital Expenditure

Details of capital expenditure as at 30th September 2022 is outlined in Appendix 1 of this report

Financial Impact

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

Valleys Communities Impact

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

Workforce Impacts

There are no workforce impacts arising from this report.

Legal Impacts

There are no legal impacts arising from this report.

Risk Management

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

There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet approves and commends to Council:

- The approval of the updated proposed 2022/23 budget totalling £72.540m;
- And note the position in relation to expenditure as at 30th September 2022.

Reason for Proposed Decision

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 2022/23.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Details of Capital Expenditure as at 30th September 2022

Appendix 2 – Details of Budget Changes as at 30th September 2022

List of Background Papers

Capital Programme working files

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Appendix 1

Capital Budget and Spend 2022/23 as at 30th September 2022

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th September £'000
Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning			
Abbey Primary	674	948	722
Cefn Saeson	1,017	1,253	1,148
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur (North Campus)	716	979	976
Ysgol Newydd Swansea Valley	8,731	500	6
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	1,308	1,429	364
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	6,271	6,186	1,893
Universal Primary Free School Meals	0	2,666	76
Supporting Learners with Additional Needs	0	889	0
Community Focused Schools	0	889	0
Childcare Offer Grant - Cwmavon, YGG Blaendulais	1,998	250	38
Hwb IT for Schools	604	0	0
Hwb IT for Schools (Grant)	0	455	0
Leisure Investment	224	226	27
Margam Park Activity Investment	2,337	384	52
Margam Park Stonework Repairs	320	328	85
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	1,343	1,362	16
Music Support	222	209	192
Other – Education & Leisure	104	360	-129
Environment			
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	2,136	2,279	1,476
Match funding for grants (including flood prevention)	500	80	0
Additional major engineering works (Norton & Bevan Terrace)	250	250	0
Additional Highway Improvements Water Street	535	512	110
Drainage Grants	0	3,606	431
Additional Highway Works	295	342	82
Public Highway Works	0	750	0

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th September £'000
Resilient Roads Fund - Castle Drive Cimla	0	484	39
Local Transport Fund (multiple locations)	0	912	248
Road Safety (multiple locations)	0	432	18
Active Travel Fund (multiple location)	0	716	79
Decarbonisation Strategy (DARE)	250	250	0
Covid Recovery	0	1,029	112
Covid Recovery - Catch Up, Clean Up, Green Up Capital Works	750	750	0
Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath	289	295	1
Health & Safety	850	955	183
Neighbourhood Improvements	285	459	256
Pavilions	174	231	60
Disability Access	242	274	76
Street Lighting	100	345	59
Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station - site improvements	5,755	6,158	1,986
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	1,065	1,060	41
Vehicle Replacement Programme	588	794	203
Environment Street Scene Works	821	974	225
Coal Tip Safety	0	1,417	39
Regeneration: Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams	1,580	1,484	0
Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure	350	485	29
Regeneration: Margam Country Park EV Charging and Public Facilities	0	373	1
Regeneration 6 Station Road	167	167	0
Regeneration: Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	1,598	3,451	2,373
Regeneration: Community Self Build Housing	150	150	0
Regeneration: Crown Buildings	1,460	855	219
Regeneration: Neath Transport Hub	695	2,202	1
Regeneration: Place Making 2	0	250	1
Regeneration: Employment & Business Start Up Space	485	484	0
Regeneration: Neath Strategic Hub	250	250	0

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th September £'000
Regeneration: Valleys Task Force	74	132	0
Regeneration: Commercial Property Grant	215	232	1
Regeneration: Other	638	1,031	80
City Deal: The Technology Centre	0	383	176
City Deal: SWITCH Building at Harbourside	6,450	1,000	1
City Deal: Advanced manufacturing production facility at Harbourside	749	749	0
City Deal: Low Emission Vehicles (LEV)	500	500	0
City Deal: Air Quality Monitoring	415	415	0
City Deal: Hydrogen Stimulus	1,500	1,500	0
City Deal: Property Development Fund	2,385	0	0
City Deal: Homes as Power Stations	2,465	2,513	0
Other - Environment	346	484	118
Social Services Health & Housing			
Capital Maintenance	300	318	33
Hillside Secure Unit Improvement Works	100	799	657
Supported Living New Build	0	1,266	0
Efficiency & Warm Homes	0	70	78
Enable – Support for Independent Living	281	281	184
Disabled Facilities Grants	4,400	4,230	1,324
Other – Social Service & Housing	0	116	5
Other Services			
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	640	300	5
CCTV Replacement	31	223	183
Civic Accommodation Modernisation	250	250	0
Income Generation Proposals	274	0	0
Other - Corporate Services	0	44	30
Contingency	913	886	0
Total	70,415	72,540	16,689

Capital Budget Changes to 30th September 2022

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Original Budget 1st April 2022	70,415	
Budget Changes		
2021/22 Funding Carried Forward to 2022/23	4,190	2021/22 funding carried forward to 2022/23.
Universal Primary Free School Meals	2,666	Additional 2021/22 grant received used to displace NPT Funding which is now to be spent in 2022/23 and new grant awarded in 2022/23.
Childcare Offer Grant - Cwmavon, YGG Blaendulais	-1,728	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend.
Digital & Net Carbon Funding Plan	55	New grant awarded.
All Wales Play Opportunity	21	2021/22 grant received used to displace NPT Funding for 2021/22 which is now to be spent in 2022/23.
Community Focused Schools	889	New grant awarded.
Ysgol Newydd Swansea Valley	-8,272	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend.
Hwb IT for Schools	-625	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend.
Hwb IT for Schools (Grant)	455	New grant awarded.
Supporting Learners with Additional Needs	889	New grant awarded.

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Margam Park Activity Investment	-2,000	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend.
Makerspace at Port Talbot Library	80	New grant awarded.
Margam Orangery Improvement Works	40	Additional works required at Margam Orangery.
Other ENV (Cwmgors Roofing Works)	85	Re profiled to 2022/23 to reflect planned spend.
Margam Country Park EV Charging and Public Facilities	325	New grant awarded and NPT match.
Local Transport Fund - Neath Integrated Transport Hub	695	New grant awarded.
Resilient Roads Fund - Castle Drive Cimla Crown	462	New grant awarded.
	-600	Re profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend.
Active Travel Core Allocation	716	New grant awarded.
Road Safety - 20mph	432	New grant awarded.
Neath Transport Hub	1,512	New grant awarded.
Rock Street Construction	3,193	New grant awarded (85% grant 15% match).
Match funding for grants (including flood prevention)	-420	Match funding for Rock Street Construction as above.
Flood Prevention Initiatives	-59	Match funding for Rock Street Construction as above.
Drainage Grants (Caenant Terrace, Grandison Brooks, Cryddan Brook & Stanley Place)	175	Additional grant awarded.
Drainage Grants (Small Scales)	144	New grant awarded (85% grant 15% match).

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Flood Prevention Initiatives	-22	Match funding for Drainage Grants (Small Scales) as above.
Covid Recovery	1,029	New budget to assist with Covid Recovery.
Environment Street scene Works	25	Re profiled to 2022/23 to reflect planned spend.
Match Funding Regeneration	400	Additional grant received for Plaza reducing match funding required.
Health & Safety	174	Additional Health & Safety Schemes in 2022/23.
Members Community Fund Parc Glas Skewen	5	New scheme funded from Members Community Fund.
Vehicle Renewals	206	Increase in vehicle being purchased under the Vehicles Renewals Programme.
Highways and Engineering Maintenance (Drainage Fabian Way)	52	New scheme funded from Section 106.
Highways and Engineering Maintenance (L and A Centre Access Road - Remedial Road Repairs)	15	New grant awarded.
Place Making	-173	Additional grant spent in 2021/22.
Place Making	250	New grant awarded.
PEDG General	84	Budget to fund projects due to complete in 2022/23.
Neath Town Centre	1,042	Additional 2021/22 grant received used to displace NPT Funding which is now to be spent in 2022/23.
Neighbourhood Improvements	174	Transfer of capital spend from revenue to capital.
Coal Tip Safety	1,417	New grant awarded.

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
City Deal: SWITCH Building at Harbourside	-5,535	Re-profiled to 2024/25 and 2025/26 to reflect planned spend.
City Deal: Property Development Fund	-2,385	Re-profiled to 2024/25 and 2025/26 to reflect planned spend.
Public Highway Works	750	Part of the additional General Capital Grant received at the end of 2021/22 that the Authority was able to carry forward to future financial years.
Hillside Secure Unit Phase 2	480	Additional 2021/22 grant received used to displace NPT Funding which is now to be spent in 2022/23.
Warm Homes	70	Additional spend to take place in 2022/23.
Supported Living New Build	1,371	Additional 2021/22 grant received used to displace NPT Funding which is now to be spent in 2022/23.
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	-340	Budget reduced to reflect spend.
Income Generation Proposals	-284	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend.
Updated Budget as at 30th September 2022	72,540	