



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

CABINET

22nd February 2023

Report of the Chief Finance Officer

Wards affected – All

Matter for Decision

Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2022/23 – As at end of December 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 31st December 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.
- 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 £54.122m with the main changes proposed being:

- Grant approvals received of £2.756m, predominantly relating to Transport and Welsh Medium.
- Budgets totalling £6.186m had originally been included in 2022/23 for Capital Maintenance for Schools (Previous Years Grants). £3.319m has now been re-profiled into 2023/24 to reflect the profile of the works required.
- In 2022/23 a budget of £1.362m had been included for Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema. Following a review of the timetable for planned works the updated budget for 2022/23 is now £0.062m with £1.300m re-profiled to 2023/24.
- In 2022/23 a budget of £2.666m had been included for Universal Primary School Meals. £1.555m has now been re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect the planned works.
- Budgets totalling £2.531m had originally been included in 2022/23 for the City Deal Homes as Power Stations Project. £2.351m has now been re-profiled into 2023/24 to reflect the profile of the works required.
- In 2022/23 a budget of £2.202m had been included for Neath Transport Hub. Following a review of the timetable for planned works the updated budget for 2022/23 is now £0.010m with £2.192m re-profiled to 2023/24.

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 31st December 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 £54.122m;
- And note the position in relation to expenditure as at 31st December 2022.

Reason for Proposed Decision

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 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 31st December 2022

Appendix 2 – Details of Budget Changes as at 31st December 2022

List of Background Papers

Capital Programme working files

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Appendix 1

Capital Budget and Spend 2022/23 as at 31st December 2022

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 31 st December £'000
Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning			
Abbey Primary	948	948	750
Cefn Saeson	1,253	1,253	1,153
Ysgol Gymraeg Ystalyfera Bro Dur (North Campus)	979	979	962
Ysgol Newydd Swansea Valley	500	500	259
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	1,429	1,302	628
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	6,186	2,867	2,623
Universal Primary Free School Meals	2,666	1,111	186
Supporting Learners with Additional Needs	889	889	0
Community Focused Schools	889	889	0
Childcare Offer Grant - Cwmavon, YGG Blaendulais & Small Grants	250	440	50
Welsh Medium - Mynachlog Nedd & YGG Trebannws	0	1,010	479
Hwb IT for Schools (Grant)	455	455	0
Leisure Investment	226	226	42
Margam Park Activity Investment	384	53	52
Margam Park Stonework Repairs	328	600	93
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	1,362	62	24
Music Support	209	209	202
Other – Education & Leisure	360	360	-10
Environment			
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	2,279	2,420	1,807
Match funding for grants (including flood prevention)	80	0	0
Additional major engineering works (Norton & Bevan Terrace)	250	64	21
Additional Highway Improvements Water Street	512	512	361
Drainage Grants	3,606	3,715	1,208
Additional Highway Works	342	222	89
Public Highway Works	750	753	753

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 31st December £'000
Additional Works - Other	0	210	0
Village Road – Road Safety	0	180	0
Resilient Roads Fund - Castle Drive Cimla	484	684	137
Local Transport Fund (multiple locations)	912	912	244
Road Safety (multiple locations)	432	1,337	208
Active Travel Fund (multiple location)	716	716	191
Decarbonisation Strategy (DARE)	250	0	0
Covid Recovery	1,029	1,029	249
Covid Recovery - Catch Up, Clean Up, Green Up Capital Works	750	0	0
Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath	295	11	1
Health & Safety	955	955	310
Neighbourhood Improvements	459	513	413
Pavilions	231	231	62
Disability Access	274	194	87
Street Lighting	345	345	59
Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station - site improvements	6,158	5,974	3,351
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	1,060	700	44
Vehicle Replacement Programme	794	1,029	560
Environment Street Scene Works	974	907	270
Coal Tip Safety	1,417	1,417	133
Regeneration: Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams	1,484	284	0
Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure	485	50	30
Regeneration: Margam Country Park EV Charging and Public Facilities	373	250	21
Regeneration 6 Station Road	167	167	0
Regeneration: Neath Town Centre Redevelopment	3,451	3,451	3,176
Regeneration: Community Self Build Housing	150	0	0
Regeneration: Crown Buildings	855	855	612
Regeneration: Neath Transport Hub	2,202	10	5
Regeneration: Place Making 2	250	80	1

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 31st December £'000
Regeneration: Employment & Business Start Up Space	484	20	0
Regeneration: Neath Strategic Hub	250	0	0
Regeneration: Valleys Task Force	132	132	125
Regeneration: Commercial Property Grant	232	232	21
Regeneration: Other	1,031	651	282
City Deal: The Technology Centre	383	383	194
City Deal: SWITCH Building at Harbourside	1,000	50	13
City Deal: Advanced manufacturing production facility at Harbourside	749	49	0
City Deal: Low Emission Vehicles (LEV)	500	25	0
City Deal: Air Quality Monitoring	415	211	78
City Deal: Hydrogen Stimulus	1,500	1,500	0
City Deal: Homes as Power Stations	2,513	162	36
Other - Environment	484	401	148
Social Services Health & Housing			
Capital Maintenance	318	318	66
Hillside Secure Unit Improvement Works	799	799	704
Supported Living New Build	1,266	0	0
Efficiency & Warm Homes	70	81	81
Enable – Support for Independent Living	281	281	233
Disabled Facilities Grants	4,230	3,300	2,163
Other – Social Service & Housing	116	115	8
Other Services			
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	300	50	19
CCTV Replacement	223	223	187
Civic Accommodation Modernisation	250	0	0
Other - Corporate Services	44	103	198
Contingency	886	706	0
Total	72,540	54,122	26,452

Capital Budget Changes to 31st December 2022

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Approved Budget as at 30th September 2022	72,540	
Budget Changes		
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	-127	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	-3,319	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Margam Park Activity Investment	-331	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	-1,300	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Universal Primary Free School Meals	-1,555	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Additional Highway Works	-120	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Additional major engineering works (Norton & Bevan Terrace)	-186	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Childcare Offer Grant - Cwmavon, YGG Blaendulais & Small Grants	190	Cwmavon, YGG Blaendulais - re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend. Small Grants – new grant awarded
Margam Park Stonework Repairs	272	New grant awarded
Welsh Medium - Mynachlog Nedd & YGG Trebannws	1,010	New grant awarded

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
City Deal: Advanced manufacturing production facility at Harbourside	-700	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
City Deal: Air Quality Monitoring	-204	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
City Deal: Homes as Power Stations	-2,351	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
City Deal: Low Emission Vehicles (LEV)	-475	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
City Deal: SWITCH Building at Harbourside	-950	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Covid Recovery - Catch Up, Clean Up, Green Up Capital Works	-750	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station - site improvements	-184	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Decarbonisation Strategy (DARE)	-250	Budget transferred to Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	-360	Part of budget transferred from Decarbonisation Strategy and re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Disability Access	-80	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Environment Street Scene Works	-67	Budget transferred to Highways and Engineering Maintenance to fund Carriageway Resurfacing schemes
Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath	-284	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Match funding for grants (including flood prevention)	-80	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Public Highway Works	3	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
Neighbourhood Improvements	54	Budget increased to reflect spend
Drainage Grants	109	Additional grant awarded
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	141	Budget increased to reflect additional spend on Carriageway Resurfacing and Drainage works
Village Road – Road Safety	180	New scheme funded from Contingency (see below)
Contingency	-180	Budget transferred to fund Village Road – Road Safety (see above)
Resilient Roads Fund - Castle Drive Cimla	200	Additional budget to fund scheme
Additional Works - Other	210	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
Vehicle Replacement Programme	235	Budget increased to reflect vehicle purchases
Road Safety (multiple locations)	905	New grant awarded
Regeneration: Community Self Build Housing	-150	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Regeneration: Employment & Business Start Up Space	-464	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure	-435	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Regeneration: Margam Country Park EV Charging and Public Facilities	-123	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Regeneration: Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams	-1,200	Re-profiled to 2023/24 for Match funding
Regeneration: Neath Strategic Hub	-250	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Regeneration: Neath Transport Hub	-2,192	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Regeneration: Place Making 2	-170	Budget reduced to reflect project schemes
Regeneration: Other	-380	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Other - Environment	-83	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Disabled Facilities Grants	-930	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Efficiency & Warm Homes	11	Budget increased to reflect spend
Supported Living New Build	-1,267	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
Civic Accommodation Modernisation	-250	Re-profiled to 2023/24 to reflect planned spend
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	-250	Budget reduced to reflect spend
Other - Corporate Services	59	Budget increased to reflect additional spend and additional grant awarded
Updated Budget as at 31st December 2022	54,122	