



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot  
Neath Port Talbot Council

## **CABINET**

**20<sup>TH</sup> September 2023**

### **Report of the Chief Finance Officer - H.Jones**

**Wards affected – All**

**Matter for Decision**

### **Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2023/24 – As at end of June 2023**

#### **Purpose of Report**

To provide Members with information in relation to delivery of the 2023/24 Capital Programme.

#### **Background**

On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 Council approved its Capital Programme for 2023/24; the report detailed planned Capital Expenditure totalling £118.053m for the financial year.

The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 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:

- Continuation of the capital Universal Free School Meals projects.
- Progress with the regeneration programme including the next phase of the re-development of the former Crown Foods Site.
- Continued investment in Disabled Facilities Grants.
- Investment in school buildings and ICT.

- City Deal – progression of the Homes as Power Stations and the remainder of the Supporting Innovation and Low Carbon Growth projects.
- Levelling up (LUF) – commencement of the projects at Gnoll Country Park and Pontneddfechan.
- Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) – commencement of the 8 capital schemes as detailed in Appendix 1.

### **Changes to the approved Budget**

The updated Capital Programme now totals £93.489m with the main changes proposed being:

- Projects and funding carried forward from 2022/23 totalling £4.967m.
- Grant approvals received, after the original programme was set of £5.396m, predominantly relating to transport, drainage works and sustainable schools challenge.
- In 2023/24 a budget of £20.998m had been included for Ysgol Newydd Swansea Valley. Following a consultation process Members decided not to progress with the current project therefore the budget has been removed from the capital programme. A report will be submitted to Members in the Autumn which will detail revised proposals to provide education for the pupils of the Godre'r graig catchment area.
- A budget totalling £3.325m had originally been included in 2023/24 for Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams. Part of this budget was to match our unsuccessful LUF projects in Port Talbot. Therefore, £2.831m has now been re-profiled into 2024/25 and will be used to match fund any future projects that come to fruition during the next financial year.
- Budgets totalling £5.467m had originally been included in 2023/24 for the City Deal Homes as Power Stations Project. £3.761m has now been re-profiled into 2024/25 to reflect the profile of the works required. The Financial Incentives Fund is soon to be released but payments will be subsequent to the completion of schemes and not on approval of funding as originally profiled.

Where projects have been re-profiled into subsequent years there has been no loss of funding.

Further details of the Budget changes are shown at Appendix 2. A capital programme of £90m represents a significant positive investment right across the County Borough.

Members should note that the delivery profile of some of the City Deal projects is currently being reviewed and may need to be re-profiled into 2024/25. This funding is not time limited so there is no risk of the funding being lost.

### **2023/24 Capital Expenditure**

Details of capital expenditure as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 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 2023/24 budget totalling £93.489m;
- Note the position in relation to expenditure as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### **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 2023/24.

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Appendix 2 – Details of Budget Changes as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### **List of Background Papers**

Capital Programme working files

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Capital Budget and Spend 2023/24 as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

	Original Budget £'000	Revised Budget £'000	Actual @ 30 <sup>th</sup> June £'000	Comments
<b>Education, Leisure &amp; Lifelong Learning</b>				
Ysgol Newydd Swansea Valley	20,998	0	0	
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	1,429	1,540	0	Works to commence in school summer holidays.
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	3,400	3,286	8	Works to commence in school summer holidays.
Universal Primary Free School Meals	1,555	1,432	17	Works to commence in school summer holidays.
Supporting Learners with Additional Needs	0	503	0	Allocation agreed, to be actioned.
Childcare Offer Grant – Small Grants, Cwmavon & YGG Blaendulais	1,879	2,315	0	Planning applications for the schemes in Cwmavon and YGG Blaendulais to be submitted in September.
Community Focused Schools Hubs 1-4	0	16	0	
Sustainable Schools Challenge – YGG Rhosafan	0	450	0	
Hwb IT for Schools	0	449	0	
Leisure Investment	283	289	44	
Margam Park Stonework Repairs	228	532	137	
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	1,306	591	10	

	<b>Original Budget £'000</b>	<b>Revised Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 30<sup>th</sup> June £'000</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Dyfed Road Site Clearance	0	650	0	Started on site week commencing 31st July.
Other – Education & Leisure	924	746	0	
<b>Environment</b>				
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	2,128	2,449	144	
Drainage Grants	0	1,853	547	
Match funding for grants (including flood prevention)	500	500	0	
Additional major engineering works Norton/Bevan Terrace	1,186	1,209	0	Majority of Norton Terrace works to be complete by October.
Decarbonisation Strategy (DARE)	250	0	0	
Resilient Roads Fund - Castle Drive Cimla	200	166	1	
Road Safety 20mph (multiple locations)	336	2,421	714	Scheme to be complete in Autumn and full spend likely by the end of the December.
Active Travel	0	1,206	1	Budget is made up of various schemes. Due to go out to tender the end of August on the largest scheme. The remainder of the schemes are at design stage/discussions ongoing with the relevant parties.
Covid Recovery	380	426	4	

	<b>Original Budget £'000</b>	<b>Revised Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 30<sup>th</sup> June £'000</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Covid Recovery - Catch Up, Clean Up, Green Up Capital Works	1,500	1,497	184	
Additional Works Programme	2,662	2,555	140	
Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath	284	294	0	
Health & Safety	1,300	1,207	55	
Neighbourhood Improvements	150	328	166	
Pavilions	256	252	70	
Disability Access	150	124	7	
Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station - site improvements	700	1,555	761	
Waste Fleet Relocation Works	3,400	1,750	0	Works to commence over the summer.
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	1,017	1,044	282	
Vehicle Replacement Programme	3,579	3,579	244	
Environment Street Scene Works	890	997	9	
Regeneration: Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams	3,325	494	0	Spend dependant on grant received. Grants awarded to be to be reviewed as part of the Q2 budget monitoring process and budget updated if required.
Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure	434	441	0	
Regeneration: Margam Country Park EV Charging and Public Facilities	153	198	0	
Regeneration: Crown Buildings	316	378	0	

	<b>Original Budget £'000</b>	<b>Revised Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 30<sup>th</sup> June £'000</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Regeneration: Neath Transport Hub	2,192	2,192	0	Site relocation works ongoing. Potentially, budget to be slipped to 2024/25.
Regeneration: Place Making 2 & 3	810	200	47	
Regeneration: Commercial Property Grant	296	316	0	
Regeneration: Other	1,635	581	0	
City Deal: The Technology Centre	0	64	0	Scheme now complete, some further staff costs likely in 2023/24.
City Deal: SWITCH Building at Harbourside	14,150	14,171	0	Successful contractor announced on 2 <sup>nd</sup> May with 12 month design process commencing immediately. Potentially, part of the budget to be slipped to 2024/25.
City Deal: Advanced manufacturing production facility at Harbourside	10,550	10,599	0	Ongoing discussions around land acquisition. Potentially, part of budget to be slipped to 2024/25.
City Deal: Low Emission Vehicles (LEV)	475	250	0	Goods due to be ordered.
City Deal: Air Quality Monitoring	190	190	0	Goods due to be ordered.
City Deal: Hydrogen Stimulus	926	926	0	Payment to University of South Wales imminent.
City Deal: Property Development Fund	1,500	498	0	Companies due to submit stage 2 applications.
City Deal: Homes as Power Stations	5,467	1,706	11	The Financial Incentives Fund is to be released soon.



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Levelling Up: Gnoll Country Park	6,453	6,442	89	Planning application to be submitted in September. Potentially, part of the budget to be slipped to 2024/25.
Levelling Up: Pontneddfechan	4,185	4,178	2	Contractor to be appointed by the end of August. Potentially, part of the budget to be slipped to 2024/25.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Valley Industrial Units	250	249	1	Due to go out to tender by end of September.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Aberavon Seafront Masterplan	50	49	0	Due to go out to tender for consultant middle of August.
Shared Prosperity Fund: NPT Heritage, Culture & Tourism Fund	250	250	0	Enquires received, eligible projects invited to submit applications - first panel 30th of August.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Sustainable Communities Growth Fund	350	350	0	Some projects being invited to submit full applications.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Third Sector Growth Fund	231	231	0	Expressions of interest taken to panel, round 2 now open.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Open Call (RD&I)	535	535	0	Projects to commence imminently.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Valleys & Villages	300	293	0	Projects actively in development, due to go to panel 30th August.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Supporting Local Business	800	400	0	Trial of live grant applications through online process.
Other - Environment	483	1,198	58	

	<b>Original Budget £'000</b>	<b>Revised Budget £'000</b>	<b>Actual @ 30<sup>th</sup> June £'000</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Social Services Health &amp; Housing</b>				
Capital Maintenance	350	354	52	
NPT Rent Rescue	0	825	0	Properties purchased in July. Maintenance works commenced.
Homecare Electric Vehicles	0	152	0	
Supported Living New Build	1,266	0	0	
Enable – Support for Independent Living	281	281	42	
Disabled Facilities Grants	4,085	3,568	776	
Other – Social Service & Housing	0	142	0	
<b>Other Services</b>				
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	1,090	1,090	424	
Civic Accommodation Modernisation	250	0	0	
Income Generation Proposals	534	0	0	
Other - Corporate Services	0	70	10	
Contingency	1,021	1,417	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>118,053</b>	<b>93,489</b>	<b>5,057</b>	

Capital Budget Changes to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
<b>Original Budget 1st April 2023</b>	<b>118,053</b>	
<b>Budget Changes</b>		
2022/23 Funding Carried Forward to 2023/24	4,967	2022/23 funding carried forward to 2023/24
Childcare Offer Grant – Small Grants, Cwmavon & YGG Blaendulais	410	New grant awarded
Ysgol Newydd Swansea Valley	-20,998	Scheme no longer going ahead. Revised proposals to be submitted to Welsh Government.
Community Focused Schools Hubs 1-4	16	New grant awarded
Dyfed Road Site Clearance	650	New scheme
Hwb IT for Schools	449	New grant awarded
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	-750	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend – no loss of funding
Sustainable Schools Challenge – YGG Rhosafan	450	New grant awarded
Universal Primary Free School Meals	-1,000	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Other – Education & Leisure Schools Core IT Infrastructure	-772	Re-profiled to 2026/27 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Highways and Engineering Maintenance Carriageway Surface Treatment (various)	352	Realignment of revenue and capital budgets
Highways and Engineering Maintenance - Former Schools	-28	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding

<b>Budget Changes</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Highways and Engineering Maintenance - Completion of 22/23 Schemes	-181	Realignment of budget to below scheme
Neighbourhood Improvements	181	Realignment of budget to above scheme
Additional Works Programme - Electricity Hook-up in event area	-30	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Additional Works Programme - Improvements to Public Toilets	-100	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Drainage Grants	492	New grant awarded
Road Safety 20mph (multiple locations)	2,393	New grant awarded
Active Travel	1,206	New grant awarded and realignment of part of below
Other Environment Village Road - Road Safety Measure	-178	Now part funded by the above grant
Contingency	158	As per above
Decarbonisation Strategy (DARE)	-250	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Waste Fleet Relocation Works	-1,650	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Environment Other - Waste Strategy	200	New scheme funded from contingency as below
Contingency	-200	To fund new Waste Strategy scheme as above
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	-14	Reduction in cost of scheme
Additional major engineering works Norton/Bevan Terrace	7	Realignment of budget to below scheme
Other - Environment Additional Highway Works Tonmawr Road Gabions (strengthening works)	-7	Realignment of budget to above scheme

<b>Budget Changes</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Other - Environment Additional Highway Works - Public Lighting Column RTA's - mitigation measures	-50	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Other - Environment - Dock Road Feeder Bridge	479	New scheme
Other - Environment Physical Regeneration	-73	Realignment of budget to below scheme
Regeneration: Crown Buildings	73	Realignment of budget to above scheme
Regeneration: Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams	-2,600	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Regeneration: Place Making 2 & 3	-610	Reduction in cost of scheme
Regeneration Other Former Port Talbot Magistrates Court Refurbishment	-79	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Regeneration Other Employment & Business Start Up Space	-474	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Regeneration Other Neath Strategic Hub	-250	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Regeneration Other Community Self Build Housing	-150	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Regeneration Other Heritage Works	-130	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
City Deal: Air Quality Monitoring	-9	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
City Deal: Low Emission Vehicles (LEV)	-250	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
City Deal: Homes as Power Stations	-3,761	Re-profiled to 2024/25 and 2025/26 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
City Deal: Property Development Fund	-1,000	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding

<b>Budget Changes</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Shared Prosperity Fund: Supporting Local Business	-380	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Environment Street Scene Works Gnoll Park Visitors Centre	-35	Realignment of budget to below scheme
Additional Works Programme Gnoll Adventure Playground	35	Realignment of budget to above scheme
NPT Rent Rescue	825	New Scheme
Supported Living New Build	-1,266	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Homecare Electric Vehicles	152	New Scheme
Civic Accommodation Modernisation	-250	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
Income Generation Proposals	-534	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend– no loss of funding
<b>Updated Budget as at 30th June 2023</b>	<b>93,489</b>	