



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

CABINET

13th December 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 September 2023

Purpose of Report

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

Background

On 23rd September 2023 Council approved the revised Capital Programme for 2023/24; the report detailed planned Capital Expenditure totalling £93.5m.

The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme as at 30th September 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 £64.0m with the main changes proposed being:

- Grant approvals received of £7.2m, predominantly relating to transport, and coal tip safety.
- In 2023/24 a budget of £14.1m had been included for City Deal SWITCH (South Wales Industrial Transition from Carbon Hub) Building at Harbourside. Following a delay to the procurement process the updated budget for 2023/24 is now £1m with the balance being re-profiled to 2024/25. The successful contractor was announced on 2nd May 2023 with 12 month design process commencing immediately.
- A budget totalling £10.6m had originally been included in 2023/24 for City Deal Advanced Manufacturing Production facility at Harbourside, £10.5m has now been re-profiled into 2024/25 due to issues with land acquisition.
- A budget totalling £2.2m had originally been included in 2023/24 for Neath Transport Hub. All of this budget has now been re-profiled into 2024/25 due to site relocation issues.
- In 2023/24 a budget of £4.2m had been included for Levelling Up Pontneddfechan. Following a review of the timetable for planned works the updated budget for 2023/24 is now £0.7m with the balance being re-profiled to 2024/25. This is as a result of ongoing land acquisition issues.
- In 2023/24 a budget of £6.4m had been included for Levelling Up Gnoll Country Park. Following a review of the timetable for planned works the updated budget for 2023/24 is now £1m with

the balance being re-profiled to 2024/25. This is due to some amendments made to the project which has extended the planning stage, planning applications submitted.

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

2023/24 Capital Expenditure

Details of capital expenditure as at 30th September 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 £64.0m;
- Note the position in relation to expenditure as at 30th September 2023.

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 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 30th September 2023

Appendix 2 – Details of Budget Changes as at 30th September 2023

List of Background Papers

Capital Programme working files

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Capital Budget and Spend 2023/24 as at 30th September 2023

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 30 th September £'000	Comments
Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning				
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	1,540	1,000	81	Works took place in school summer holidays, awaiting invoicing.
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	3,286	3,575	1,758	Works took place in school summer holidays, awaiting invoicing.
Universal Primary Free School Meals	1,432	1,555	640	Works took place in school summer holidays, awaiting invoicing.
Supporting Learners with Additional Needs	503	1,386	60	Schemes now agreed.
Childcare Offer Grant – Small Grants, Cwmavon & YGG Blaendulais	2,315	2,315	148	Site works to commence in January.
Community Focused Schools Hubs 1-4	16	16	0	
Sustainable Schools Challenge – YGG Rhosafan	450	300	0	Tender document currently being prepared, out to tender end of October.
Hwb IT for Schools	449	449	0	Goods on order/due to be ordered.
Leisure Investment	289	289	93	
Margam Park Stonework Repairs	532	532	261	
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	591	301	37	

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th September £'000	Comments
Dyfed Road Site Clearance	650	650	120	
Godre Graig Primary School - Demountable Units	0	475	0	Goods to be purchased.
Other – Education & Leisure	746	820	218	
Environment				
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	2,449	2,789	1,190	Works progressing according to planned timetable.
Drainage Grants	1,853	2,735	973	Works progressing according to planned timetable.
Match funding for grants (including flood prevention)	500	0	0	
Additional major engineering works Norton/Bevan Terrace	1,209	600	10	Majority of Norton Terrace works to be complete by October.
Resilient Roads Fund - Castle Drive Cimla	166	366	137	
Road Safety 20mph (multiple locations)	2,421	2,421	1,124	Schemes to be complete in autumn and full spend likely by December 2023.

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th September £'000	Comments
Active Travel	1,206	1,206	49	Budget is made up of various schemes. Tenders are due back the beginning of October on the largest scheme. The remainder of the schemes are at design stage/discussions ongoing with the relevant parties.
Local Transport Fund (multiple locations)	0	1,457	13	Design works ongoing and negotiations continuing with relevant parties.
Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Transformation Fund	0	759	0	Working with National Grid regarding grid connection.
Covid Recovery	426	417	57	
Covid Recovery - Catch Up, Clean Up, Green Up Capital Works	1,497	1,459	254	Majority of works progressing according to planned timetable. To be reviewed as part of Q3 report.
Additional Works Programme	2,555	2,547	824	Works progressing according to planned timetable.
Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath	294	11	0	
Health & Safety	1,207	1,207	294	Works progressing according to planned timetable.
Neighbourhood Improvements	328	448	196	
Pavilions	252	252	81	

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Disability Access	124	124	27	
Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station - site improvements	1,555	1,313	1,146	Majority of work completed.
Waste Fleet Relocation Works	1,750	1,992	18	Works commenced over the summer.
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	1,044	944	684	Works progressing according to planned timetable.
Vehicle Replacement Programme	3,579	3,579	490	Awaiting outcome of transport fleet review.
Coal Tip Safety	0	2,843	58	Contract has been awarded for access to the site for the Dyffryn Rhondda scheme.
Environment Street Scene Works	997	537	28	
Regeneration: Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams	494	259	0	Spend dependant on grants received. Grants awarded to be reviewed as part of the Q3 budget monitoring process and budget updated if required.
Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure	441	441	0	
Regeneration: Margam Country Park EV Charging and Public Facilities	198	198	5	
Regeneration: Crown Buildings	378	408	0	Discussions ongoing around 2023/24 works programme.
Regeneration: Neath Transport Hub	2,192	0	0	

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Regeneration: Place Making 2 & 3	200	250	55	
Regeneration: Commercial Property Grant	316	316	14	
Regeneration: Other	581	861	51	
City Deal: The Technology Centre	64	64	0	Scheme now complete, some further staff costs likely in 2023/24.
City Deal: SWITCH Building at Harbourside	14,171	1,000	102	Successful contractor announced on 2 nd May with 12 month design process commencing immediately.
City Deal: Advanced manufacturing production facility at Harbourside	10,599	50	0	
City Deal: Low Emission Vehicles (LEV)	250	250	0	Goods due to be ordered.
City Deal: Air Quality Monitoring	190	190	14	Goods due to be ordered.
City Deal: Hydrogen Stimulus	926	926	0	Payment to University of South Wales imminent.
City Deal: Property Development Fund	498	200	5	Companies due to submit stage 2 applications.
City Deal: Homes as Power Stations	1,706	1,706	79	The Financial Incentives Fund has been launched.
Levelling Up: Gnoll Country Park	6,442	1,001	353	Contractor now appointed.
Levelling Up: Pontneddfechan	4,178	678	3	
Shared Prosperity Fund: Valley Industrial Units	249	249	4	Due to go out to tender by end of October.

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Shared Prosperity Fund: Aberavon Seafront Masterplan	49	49	1	Tenders currently being evaluated.
Shared Prosperity Fund: NPT Heritage, Culture & Tourism Fund	250	250	0	Enquires received waiting for full application forms to be submitted to panel.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Sustainable Communities Growth Fund	350	350	0	25 applications now received.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Third Sector Growth Fund	231	231	0	Applications being processed.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Open Call (RD&I)	535	535	0	Applications approved in September.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Valleys & Villages	293	293	2	Projects in development.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Supporting Local Business	400	400	0	Grant offer letters being drawn up.
Other - Environment	1,198	1,296	147	
Social Services Health & Housing				
Capital Maintenance	354	354	191	
NPT Rent Rescue	825	825	498	
Homecare Electric Vehicles	152	152	152	
Enable – Support for Independent Living	281	281	107	

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 30th September £'000	Comments
Disabled Facilities Grants	3,568	3,568	1,704	Works progressing according to planned timetable.
Other – Social Service & Housing	142	180	0	
Other Services				
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	1,090	1,100	487	
Other - Corporate Services	70	70	10	
Contingency	1,417	1,342	0	
Total	93,489	63,992	15,053	

Capital Budget Changes to 30th September 2023

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Approved Budget 30th June 2023	93,489	
Budget Changes		
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	-540	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	289	Re-profiled from 2024/25 to reflect planned spend
Universal Primary Free School Meals	123	Re-profiled to reflect planned spend
Supporting Learners with Additional Needs	883	New grant awarded
Sustainable Schools Challenge – YGG Rhosafan	-150	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	-290	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend
Godre Graig Primary School - Demountable Units	475	New Scheme
Other – Education & Leisure Margam Park Dam	74	New scheme funded from contingency (see below)
Contingency	-75	Funding Margam Park Dam (see above)
Highways and Engineering Maintenance Carriageway Surface Treatment	260	Funded from Environment Street Scene Works
Highways and Engineering Maintenance Renewal of Coloured Surfacing & High Friction Surfacing	80	Funded from Environment Street Scene Works

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Neighbourhood Improvements	120	Funded from Environment Street Scene Works
Environment Street Scene Works	-460	Funding Neighbourhood Improvements and Highways and Engineering Maintenance
Drainage Grants	882	New grant awarded
Match funding for grants (including flood prevention)	-500	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend
Additional major engineering works Norton/Bevan Terrace	-609	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend
Resilient Roads Fund - Castle Drive Cimla	200	New grant awarded
Local Transport Fund (multiple locations)	1,457	New grant awarded
Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Transformation Fund	759	New grant awarded
Covid Recovery Playgrounds - Victoria Gardens/Mount Pleasant	-14	Transferred to Covid Recovery - Catch Up, Clean Up, Green Up (see below)
Covid Recovery - Catch Up, Clean Up, Green Up Capital Works Replacement/improvements of playground equip	14	Transferred from Covid Recovery - (see above)
Covid Recovery Subway Lighting Replacement	5	Contribution from revenue
Covid Recovery - Catch Up, Clean Up, Green Up Capital Works Fencing works at parks	-52	Transferred to Additional Works Programme (see below)
Additional Works Programme Improved Cleanliness/ Improved Grass Cutting	52	Transferred from Covid Recovery - Catch Up, Clean Up, Green Up (see above)
Additional Works Programme Improvements to Public Toilets	-60	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend
Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath	-283	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend
Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station - site improvements	-242	Re-profiled to below scheme

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Waste Fleet Relocation Works	242	Re-profiled from above scheme
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	-100	Reduction in cost of scheme
Coal Tip Safety	2,843	New grant awarded
Regeneration: Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams	-235	Funding Aberavon Aquasplash Upgrade Phase 3 and Crown Buildings (see below)
Regeneration: Other Aberavon Aquasplash Upgrade Phase 3	280	Funded from Regeneration: Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams and Decarbonisation Strategy (DARE) brought forward from 2024/25
Regeneration: Crown Buildings	30	Funded from Regeneration: Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams
Regeneration: Neath Transport Hub	-2,192	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend
Regeneration: Place Making 2 & 3	50	Funded from grant
City Deal: SWITCH Building at Harbourside	-13,171	Re-profiled to future years to reflect planned spend
City Deal: Advanced manufacturing production facility at Harbourside	-10,549	Re-profiled to future years to reflect planned spend
City Deal: Property Development Fund	-298	Re-profiled to future years to reflect planned spend
Levelling Up: Gnoll Country Park	-5,441	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend
Levelling Up: Pontneddfechan	-3,500	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend
Other – Environment Flood Prevention Initiatives	-80	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Other – Environment Maintenance - Structures and Council Owned Tips	-60	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend
Other – Environment Safe Routes in Communities	50	New grant awarded
Other – Environment Godre'rgraig site clearance and land remediation	77	New scheme
Other – Environment PDR	40	New scheme
Other – Environment Giants Grave	71	New scheme
Other – Social Service & Housing	38	New grant awarded
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	10	Budget increased to reflect planned spend
Updated Budget as at 30th September 2023	63,992	