



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

CABINET

28th February 2024

Report of the Chief Finance Officer

Wards affected – All

Matter for Decision

Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2023/24 – As at end of December 2023

Purpose of Report

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

Background

On 13th December 2023 Council approved the revised Capital Programme for 2023/24; the report detailed planned Capital Expenditure totalling £63.9m.

The purpose of this report is to update Members as to the delivery of this Programme as at 31st December 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 £59.381m with the main changes proposed being:

- In 2023/24 a budget of £3.575m has been included for Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants. Following a review of the profile of works the updated budget for 2023/24 is now £2.942m with the balance being re-profiled to 2024/25.
- In 2023/24 a budget of £1.992m had been included for Waste Fleet Relocation Works. Following a delay to the start of main contract the updated budget for 2023/24 is now £0.75m with the balance being re-profiled to 2024/25.
- A budget totalling £4.006m had originally been included in 2023/24 for Covid Recovery - Catch Up, Clean Up, Green Up Capital Works, £1.234m has now been re-profiled into 2024/25. This is predominantly due to the following schemes.
 - Bus Shelter Renewal Programme - delays due to procurement of bus shelters.
 - Aberavon Seafront Playground - delay to start of full procurement exercise due to drainage issues. Procurement exercise now complete and contract awarded. Works on target to complete by end of May 2024.
 - Delivery issues with Waste Service Vehicles.
- In 2023/24 a budget of £1.207m had been included for Health & Safety. The updated budget for 2023/24 is now £0.84m with the balance being re-profiled to Margam Park Stonework Repairs.

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 31st December 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 £59.381m;
- Note the position in relation to expenditure as at 31st December 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 31st December 2023

Appendix 2 – Details of Budget Changes as at 31st December 2023

List of Background Papers

Capital Programme working files

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Capital Budget and Spend 2023/24 as at 31st December 2023

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 31 st December £'000	Comments
Education, Leisure & Lifelong Learning				
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	1,000	916	124	Site works anticipated to commence early February.
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	3,575	2,942	2,739	
Universal Primary Free School Meals	1,555	1,614	1,417	
Supporting Learners with Additional Needs	1,386	1,386	60	On site works progressing well.
Childcare Offer Grant – Small Grants, Cwmavon & YGG Blaendulais	2,315	2,315	224	Second stage tenders have been received and are currently being reviewed.
Sustainable Schools Challenge – YGG Rhosafan	300	100	1	First stage tenders received and are currently being evaluated.
Hwb IT for Schools	449	449	0	Majority of goods delivered, awaiting receipt of invoices.
Leisure Investment	289	267	152	
Margam Park Stonework Repairs	532	852	476	
Pontardawe Arts Centre Cinema	301	301	40	
Dyfed Road Site Clearance	650	650	516	
Godre Graig Primary School - Demountable Units	475	475	465	

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 31st December £'000	Comments
Other – Education & Leisure	836	1,005	432	
Environment				
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	2,789	2,596	1,968	Works progressing according to planned timetable.
Drainage Grants	2,735	2,695	1,618	Works progressing according to planned timetable.
Additional major engineering works Norton/Bevan Terrace	600	600	107	On site construction works ongoing.
Resilient Roads Fund - Castle Drive Cimla	366	266	247	
Road Safety 20mph (multiple locations)	2,421	2,221	1,581	
Active Travel	1,206	1,206	261	Budget is made up of various schemes. On site on the largest scheme.
Local Transport Fund (multiple locations)	1,457	1,457	34	Design works ongoing and negotiations continuing with relevant parties.
Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Transformation Fund	759	759	0	Working with National Grid regarding grid connection.
Covid Recovery	417	224	186	
Covid Recovery - Catch Up, Clean Up, Green Up Capital Works	4,006	2,772	1,593	Majority of works progressing according to planned timetable.

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Health & Safety	1,207	840	491	Works progressing according to planned timetable.
Neighbourhood Improvements	448	406	233	
Pavilions	252	214	128	
Crymlyn Burrows Transfer Station - site improvements	1,313	1,313	1,154	
Waste Fleet Relocation Works	1,992	750	123	
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	944	944	849	
Vehicle Replacement Programme	3,579	3,579	669	Awaiting outcome of transport fleet review.
Coal Tip Safety	2,843	2,843	306	Dyffryn Rhondda works anticipated to commence early February.
Environment Street Scene Works	537	343	129	
Regeneration: Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams	259	32	0	Spend dependant on grants received.
Regeneration: Harbourside Infrastructure	441	441	0	
Regeneration: Margam Country Park EV Charging and Public Facilities	198	237	230	
Regeneration: Crown Buildings	408	408	10	Discussions ongoing around 2023/24 works programme.
Regeneration: Place Making 2 & 3	250	91	83	
Regeneration: Commercial Property Grant	316	316	42	

	Current Budget £'000	Proposed Budget £'000	Actual @ 31st December £'000	Comments
Regeneration: Other	861	785	168	
City Deal: SWITCH Building at Harbourside	1,000	1,000	233	Designs and specification works in progress.
City Deal: Low Emission Vehicles (LEV)	250	250	0	Salary recharge to be actioned in January. Internal project to be undertaken showcasing different charging technologies.
City Deal: Hydrogen Stimulus	926	926	0	Payment to University of South Wales imminent following signing of funding agreement on 23/11/2023.
City Deal: Homes as Power Stations	1,706	1,706	130	First round of the Financial Incentives Fund has been finalised, supporting 16 schemes across the region.
City Deal: Other	504	337	39	Property Development Fund - Companies due to submit stage 2 applications.
Levelling Up: Gnoll Country Park	1,001	1,001	585	Contractor now appointed expecting to receive second stage tenders early next financial year.
Levelling Up: Pontneddfechan	678	678	13	Contractor progressing designs.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Valley Industrial Units	249	101	6	Out to tender, tenders due to be received middle of February.

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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	Fund now closed, applications being evaluated.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Third Sector Growth Fund	231	231	0	Fund now closed and budgets committed.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Open Call (RD&I)	535	535	0	Grant agreements have been issued and projects are now at delivery stage. Claims are due the end of January.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Valleys & Villages	293	293	74	Fund now closed. Projects being evaluated.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Supporting Local Business	400	400	58	Grant agreements have been issued and project delivery is commencing.
Other - Environment	1,480	1,359	888	
Social Services Health & Housing				
Capital Maintenance	354	354	257	
NPT Rent Rescue	825	825	506	
Homecare Electric Vehicles	152	152	152	
Enable – Support for Independent Living	281	281	197	

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Disabled Facilities Grants	3,568	3,723	2,598	Works progressing according to planned timetable.
Other – Social Service & Housing	180	204	29	
Other Services				
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	1,100	1,054	859	
Microsoft License	0	504	504	
Other - Corporate Services	70	45	24	
Contingency	1,342	1,212	0	
Total	63,992	59,381	26,008	

Capital Budget Changes to 31st December 2023

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Approved Budget 30th September 2023	63,992	
Budget Changes		
Capital Maintenance - ELLL	-84	£24k re-profiled to Universal Primary Free School Meals and £60k re-profiled to Other – Education & Leisure Welsh Medium YGG and Welsh Medium Mynachlog Nedd to reflect planned spend.
Capital Maintenance for Schools Previous Years Grants	-633	£90k re-profiled to Universal Primary Free School Meals, £43k re-profiled to Other – Education & Leisure Welsh Medium Mynachlog Nedd, £120k re-profiled to Other – Education & Leisure Abbey Primary and the balance re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Universal Primary Free School Meals	59	£24k re-profiled from Capital Maintenance Education & Leisure, £90k re-profiled from Capital Maintenance for Schools previous year grants and balance re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Sustainable Schools Challenge – YGG Rhosafan	-200	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
Leisure Investment	-22	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Margam Park Stonework Repairs	320	£220k Additional grant and £100k re profiled from the Health & Safety budget.
Other – Education & Leisure Welsh Medium YGG Trebannws	57	Budget re profiled from Capital Maintenance Education & Leisure.
Other – Education & Leisure Welsh Medium Mynachlog Nedd	47	Budget re profiled from Capital Maintenance for Schools previous year grants and Capital Maintenance Education & Leisure.
Other – Education & Leisure Abbey Primary	120	Budget re profiled from Capital Maintenance for Schools previous year grants.
Other – Education & Leisure Margam Park Improvement Works	-55	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Highways and Engineering Maintenance	-193	£40k re-profiled from Contingency for Individual Disabled Parking Places, £24k re-profiled from Neighbourhood Improvements for Carriageway Surface Treatment and balance re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Contingency	-40	Re-profiled to Highways and Engineering Maintenance for Individual Disabled Parking Places.
Drainage Grants	-40	Budget reduced to reflect planned spend.
Resilient Roads Fund - Castle Drive Cimla	-100	Budget reduced to reflect planned spend.

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Road Safety 20mph (multiple locations)	-200	£100k re-profiled to 2024/25 and budget reduced by balance to reflect planned spend.
Covid Recovery	-193	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Covid Recovery - Catch Up, Clean Up, Green Up Capital Works	-1,234	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Health & Safety	-367	£237k re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend, £30k re-profiled to Disability Access budget and £100k re-profiled from the Health & Safety budget.
Neighbourhood Improvements	-42	£23k re-profiled to Highways and Engineering Maintenance for Carriageway Surface Treatment and the balance re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Pavilions	-38	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Waste Fleet Relocation Works	-1,242	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Environment Street Scene Works	-194	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Regeneration: Match Funding for WG & UK Government Funding Streams	-227	£28k re-profiled to Margam Country Park EV Charging and Public Facilities, £10k re-profiled to the new Byass works site project, £27k budget re-profiled to the new Soar Maes Yr Haf Congregation Chapel project, £17k budget re-profiled to

Budget Changes	£'000	Comment
		Resolven Canal Car Park, £15k re-profiled to the Masterplan Gnoll, £30k re-profiled from Crown and the balance re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Regeneration: Margam Country Park EV Charging and Public Facilities	39	£28k re-profiled from Match Funding & Feasibility for WG & UK Government Funding Streams and £11k re-profiled from Destination Management Plan - Gnoll Country Park to reflect planned spend.
Regeneration: Place Making 2 & 3	-159	Budget reduced to reflect planned spend.
Regeneration: Other	-76	£10k new budget for Neath Library Refurbishment, £10k new budget for Byass works site, £91k new budget for Soar Maes Yr Haf Congregation Chapel, £17k additional budget for Resolven Canal Car Park, £15k additional budget Masterplan The Gnoll Neath, £12k re-profiled from Destination Management Plan - Gnoll Country Park, £167k budget for 6 Station Road reduced and balance Re-profiled to future years to reflect planned spend .
City Deal Other: Air Quality Monitoring and Property Development Fund	-167	Re-profiled to future years to reflect planned spend.
Shared Prosperity Fund: Valley Industrial Units	-148	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Other - Environment Shared Prosperity Fund: Aberavon Seafront Masterplan	-49	Budget realigned to revenue accounts.

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Other - Environment Gadlys Terrace and Pleasant View, Glyncorrwg	-91	New scheme funded from Contingency.
Contingency	-90	Budget re profiled to fund Gadlys Terrace and Pleasant View, Glyncorrwg.
Other - Environment Major Bridge Strengthening - A474 Neath	-11	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Other - Environment Disability Access	30	Re-profiled from the Health and Safety budget.
Disabled Facilities Grants	155	New grant awarded.
Other – Social Service & Housing Supported Accommodation	24	New scheme.
School IT/ Vehicle Financing	-46	Budget decreased to reflect planned spend.
Microsoft License	504	Budget realigned from revenue accounts.
Other - Corporate Services CCTV Replacement	-25	Re-profiled to 2024/25 to reflect planned spend.
Updated Budget as at 31st December 2023	59,381	