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**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE
EXECUTIVE**

07 February 2011

Dear Councillor

EXECUTIVE - TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2011

Please find attached the following reports for the above meeting that was marked as being 'to follow' on the main Agenda:-

7. Capital Programme 2011/12

To consider the Capital Programme for 2011/12.

**[Members are asked to retain the report for consideration at
Council on 24 February 2011]**

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact Sandra Hobbs on Tel: 0300 300 5257.

Yours sincerely

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Meeting: Executive
Date: 15 February 2011
Subject: Capital Programme
Report of: Cllr Maurice Jones, Portfolio Holder for People, Finance and Governance
Summary: The report proposes the Capital Programme for 2011/12 to 2014/15.

Advising Officer: Richard Ellis, Director of Customer & Shared Services
Contact Officer: Matt Bowmer, Assistant Director Financial Services (Chief Finance Officer)
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Executive
Key Decision Yes
**Reason for urgency/
exemption from call-in
(if appropriate)** N/A

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

Financial:

As set out in the report, subject to agreement to the recommendations, there will be a 30% reduction in the original borrowing requirement envisaged in the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy to fund the 2011/12 programme of schemes. The proposed Capital Programme 2011/12 has planned gross expenditure of £68.3M supported by £47.1M of external funding (grants, S106 contributions etc) leaving a net cost to the Council of £21.2M.

The net cost will be met through the use of previously unapplied capital receipts resources carried forward from the previous financial year and £7.7M borrowing.

Legal:

The Capital Programme forms part of the Council's budget as defined in the Constitution and must therefore be approved by the full Council. It includes funding that is required to enable the authority to discharge its legal obligations and a failure to approve the capital programme may therefore have implications on the Council's ability to comply with these obligations.

Risk Management:

The affordability and sustainability of the proposed Capital Programme is dependent on the generation of new capital receipts and external grants and contributions.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None

Equalities/Human Rights:

None

Community Safety:

Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Council has a duty to consider community safety issues across all of its functions. In developing and implementing the detailed business case for each project, implications will be carefully considered to ensure compliance with the Community Safety Partnership's priorities and plans as endorsed by this Council.

Sustainability:

Schemes include works to promote more sustainable modes of travel and improve the lifespan of assets and reduce energy consumption.

Summary of Overview and Scrutiny Comments:

The Capital Programme was considered by Customer and Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 17 January 2010. Additional information in respect of schemes within the ICT and Property Block budgets was recommended by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The detail of these schemes is incorporated within the detailed appendices to the report.

The Programme was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in the January cycle of meetings, a number of clarification questions were answered and the programme was formally noted by the committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Executive

- a. **Recommends to Council to approve the 2011/12 to 2014/15 Capital Programme (as per Appendix A).**
- b. **Note that the level of borrowing associated with the 2011/12 Capital Programme has been reduced to £7.7M to minimise the impact on the Council's future Revenue Budgets.**
- c. **Recommends to Council to approve the 2011/12 to 2014/15 Capital Programme – Housing Revenue Account (as per Appendix B).**

<i>Reason for Recommendations:</i>	<i>Agree schemes to commence in 2011/12 and reduce the Authority's new borrowing requirement in line with the request by Council in February 2010.</i>
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Executive Summary

Government spending plans mean that there are fewer resources available for both revenue and capital activities and Central Bedfordshire needs to respond to this in its own spending plans.

The Capital Programme has been reviewed and provides proposals that reduce the Authority's additional borrowing from the £11.000M envisaged in the Medium Term Financial Strategy to £7.7M in 2011/12.

Introduction

1. Government spending plans mean that there are fewer resources available for both revenue and capital activities and Central Bedfordshire needs to respond to this in its own spending plans.
2. In February 2010, Council approved the 2010/11 to 2014/15 Capital Programme subject to an in year review to reduce the commitment to new borrowing. The review was undertaken at the end of the second quarter of the financial year and Council agreed a revised Programme for the current year in November 2010, resulting in an 11% reduction in new borrowing.
3. Further, Council agreed a set of guiding principles to enable it to deliver an affordable and sustainable Capital Programme. Key amongst these was:
'New borrowing should be kept to a minimum to reduce pressure on the revenue budget'.
4. The principle of a reduced commitment to borrowing has gained greater importance with the Spending Review proposals. As previously reported, the cost of new borrowing from Public Works Loan board (PWLb) is now broadly 1% above the previously available rates. This increase puts greater pressure on revenue resources.
5. A draft Capital Programme for 2011/12 was approved for consultation with Overview and Scrutiny and other stakeholders following the 11 January 2011 Executive. The programme was based on gross capital expenditure of £55.513M with a residual financing requirement of £8.600M that will be met through external borrowing or the use of internal resources. The Capital Programme assumptions included in the January report did not include final school capital grant assumptions announced in December 2010.

Draft 2011/12 Capital Programme

6. The starting point for developing the Draft 2011/12 Capital Programme, as presented to the January Executive, was the second year of the Programme covering the period up to 2014/15 agreed at Council in February 2010. Existing priorities have been reviewed and proposed new schemes included and also some existing schemes deleted.

7. Table 1 shows the original 2011/12 programme as agreed at the 25 February 2010 Full Council. After allowing for external grants and contributions, the draft 2011/12 Capital Programme had a residual financing requirement of £18.8M that was to be met by additional borrowing of £11M, new capital receipts of £5M and existing capital receipts of £2.8M. The programme was established on the basis that the authority would receive external grants and contributions of £17.9M.

Table 1 - 2010/11 Medium Term Financial Plan Capital Programme

	2010/11 £M	2011/12 £M	2012/13 £M	2013/14 £M	2014/15 £M
Gross Expenditure	62.874	36.681	32.595	19.227	12.556
Funded by:					
Grants and Contributions	40.308	17.933	11.403	7.224	6.774
New Capital Receipts	0.000	5.000	10.000	12.003	5.782
Existing Capital Receipts	11.566	2.748	0.000	0.000	0.000
Borrowing	11.000	11.000	11.192	0.000	0.000
Total Funding:	62.874	36.681	32.595	19.227	12.556

8. The draft 2011/12 Programme has been updated for slippage from 2010/11. As part of the 2010/11 Capital Programme Review, £2.832M of slippage was identified to be carried forward into the 2011/12 financial year. A further £3.326M of slippage from the 2010/11 Capital Programme was subsequently identified. This slippage of £6.158M does not have an impact on the 2011/12 financing requirement, as this has been assumed in the previous year's financing assumptions.
9. Further evaluation of the slippage identified that in certain instances there is a reduced financial commitment. This amounts to £2.880M and reduces the overall level of residual financing requirements against the 2011/12 programme.
10. Directors reviewed the capital commitments included in the original 2011/12 Capital Programme against current priorities. This review identified a reduction in capital commitments totalling £3.802M. This figure is net of external financing through grants and contributions. The key changes are:
- Rephasing of Roecroft Lower from future year's programme £2M
 - Reconsideration of Flitwick Leisure Centre; Phase One (£4.8M)
 - Reduction in the Affordable Housing programme (£0.9M)
 - Revisions to the Luton and Dunstable Busway programme (£0.4M)

11. Directors considered the draft 2011/12 capital proposals in the context of continuing financial pressures on capital and revenue resources. Priorities have changed over the past twelve months and a number of new schemes were put forward for consideration. The total of these schemes, net of external financing through grants and contributions, is £7.280M. The key additions are:
 - Provision for the Mandatory Disabled Facilities grant in excess of Government support £1.7M
 - ICT projects within Children's Services including Training Manager Pro £0.5M
 - Stotfold Community Leisure and Football Development £0.5M
 - Provision for the purchase of a stake in the Quadrant Shopping Centre in Dunstable £1.5M
 - Highways Contract Lump Sums for Contracted Services £0.9M.
12. To accommodate these new schemes and achieve the objective of a reduced commitment to new borrowing, it was necessary to identify schemes to be removed from the Programme. The total of these schemes, net of external financing through grants and contributions, is £4.284M. The key schemes proposed for deletion are the general provision to avoid the use of temporary accommodation and undersized hall at Campton Lower School and Job Investment Schemes.
13. Directors reviewed their capital commitments to identify schemes that could be slipped to future financial years. This exercise has resulted in a total of £0.893M being re-phased into future years from the 2011/12 capital programme.
14. The forecast of new capital receipts has been revised and the original figure of £5.000M has been increased to £5.500M.
15. The programme was based on gross capital expenditure of £55.513M with a residual financing requirement of £8.600M that will be met through external borrowing or the use of internal resources.
16. The January Executive considered proposals regarding the Flitwick Leisure Centre. It was decided that the leisure facility in Flitwick should be retained and officers are to come forward with proposals for a leisure strategy options for the maintenance of the existing facility and options for rephasing the reprovision of a leisure facility within the current financial envelope.

Consultation on Draft Capital Programme

17. The Draft Capital Programme was approved for consultation at the January Executive. This included the review by each respective Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The findings of the Committees are set out in detail at Appendix C. The main points from the Committees are highlighted below:
18. **Social Care, Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Members discussed the proposals contained within the Capital Programme, in particular Disabled Facilities Grant Scheme, Renewal Assistance, NHS Campus Closure, Timberlands & Chiltern View Gypsy and Traveller Sites, Empty Homes and Schemes under the Housing Revenue Account. It was recommended to the Executive that all proposals be endorsed.

19. **Children's Services Committee**

Members considered those elements of the revised capital programme for 2011/12 to 2014/15 relating to Children's Services and apart from seeking clarification and further information on a number of specific items, were content to note it.

20. **Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The Committee discussed the withdrawal of the Football Foundation grant for football pitches at Flitwick Leisure Centre and the apparent absence of provision for maintenance costs for Flitwick Leisure Centre. The capital programme does include for the leisure centre stock condition/asset management plan provisions which are anticipated to be sufficient to carry out essential 'health and safety' works at Flitwick Leisure Centre. The Executive has commissioned more work on options in relation to the redevelopment of Flitwick Leisure Centre and the re-provision of football facilities.

21. The Committee also queried the use of capital funding to upgrade street lighting to EU standards. Due to previous underinvestment the inherited stock of 21,000 streetlights, Central Bedfordshire has been experiencing increased rates of failure. The continuing capital programme provision for street lighting would remedy problems with the stock over a seven year period. The outcomes will be a safe well maintained stock, greatly reduced levels of failed lights, removal of a revenue pressure and revenue savings.

22. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the Capital Programme.

23. **Customer & Central Services Committee**

Members referred to an item included within the capital programme for Customer and Shared Services entitled "CBC Corporate Property Block Budget", which had a budget of £4M in 2011/12. The sum is made up of a number of individual projects, some of which are substantial in cost terms (i.e. over £100k).

24. The Committee has sought more detail over the provision for "ICT Infrastructure" Members were advised that there is no financial threshold within the capital programme above which items were required to be identified separately (rather than contained within block or rolling programmes). The Committee feels that in future the capital programme should list all individual projects above £100k.

25. The Committee recommended to the Executive that consideration be given to revisiting the capital programme to ensure that all items contained within it are essential, affordable and sustainable.

26. The Committee discussed that recently the Council has received notification of capital grant of £18M from the Department for Education for schools capital funding. This has now been included in the capital programme, in line with the Committee's recommendations and is discussed below.

Final 2011/12 Capital Programme

27. The Draft Capital Programme was approved for consultation at the January Executive. Following the consultation and review process, the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny have been incorporated within the final Capital Programme. Other changes, those being chiefly in respect of school grant assumptions, have also been incorporated in the final 2011/12 Capital Programme. The amendments to the Draft Capital Programme are set out below.
28. Final details of the schools capital funding were announced in December 2010. The authority compiled an excellent bid and as a result the allocations were considerably in excess of the estimated levels of grant included in the Draft Capital Programme. These are as follows:
- £7.791M Basic Need
 - £6.314M Schools Capital Maintenance
 - £0.976M Devolved Formula Capital
- The grant funding for 2011/12 includes a £7.971M allocation for basic need funding for extra school places. The criteria for application of this grant have been considered against schemes within the Draft Capital Programme. Following this review, it has been established that the grant could be applied to the Rolecroft Lower Relocation scheme that is scheduled in the draft 2011/12 programme. The net expenditure commitment of £2M that was previously scheduled to be met through borrowing, will now be met through the basic need grant allocation. This reduces the overall borrowing requirement.
29. The other Schools Capital Funding allocations are being reviewed against future scheme requirements. Commitments had been identified in the draft Capital Programme and have been revised to reflect the final allocations. Outline Business Cases will be prepared to identify schemes to enable utilisation of the funds available.
30. Overview and Scrutiny recommended that greater details were to be provided in respect of the ICT and Property Block budgets. These have been analysed further to provide details of the chief components of the budgets and these are set out in Appendix A to the report.
31. Further revisions have been made to the Draft Capital Programme to reflect the need to establish a General Maintenance Contingency of £1.000M. Minor amendments have also been required in the Sustainable Communities Capital Programme where the reprofiling of the Car Park Improvement and Ticket Machines scheme has increased the 2011/12 borrowing requirement. However, the reprofiling of the Car Park Improvement and Ticket Machines scheme reduces the need to borrow by an equivalent amount in the Medium Term Capital Programme. These changes represent an additional requirement to borrow in 2011/12 and increases the borrowing requirement from the £6.6M reported to January Executive by £1.1M to £7.700M.

32. Table 2 sets out the final position to include the full impact of all of these changes compared to the original capital programme. The Final Capital Programme is set out in detail in Appendix A. This leaves a borrowing requirement of £7.700M. This represents a reduction of £3.3M against the original external financing requirement assumptions contained within the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy. Further consideration should be given to the scope for further reductions in the borrowing requirement in the current and future financial years in order to minimise the impact on the revenue budget from capital financing costs.

Table 2 - 2011/12 Capital Programme

	<u>£M</u>
Revised 2011/12 Capital Programme (Net)	21.163
Original Funding:	
• Slippage Funded Through Previous Years' Capital Programmes	(6.158)
• Slippage To Future Years' Capital Programmes	0.943
• Existing capital receipts	(2.748)
• 2011/12 Capital receipts	(5.000)
Revised Funding Assumptions:	
• Additional 2011/12 Capital receipts	(0.500)
Borrowing Requirement	7.700

33. The January Executive considered proposals regarding the Flitwick Leisure Centre. It was decided that the leisure facility in Flitwick should be retained and officers are to come forward with proposals for a leisure strategy options for the maintenance of the existing facility and options for rephrasing the re-provision of a leisure facility within the current financial envelope.

Medium Term Implications

34. Table 3 sets out the final position over the medium term. Although there is less certainty in determining accurate future spend and financing assumptions, the table shows that the Capital Programme is dependent on the generation of new capital receipts and external grants and contributions in order to support the levels of expenditure proposed. This constitutes a risk to the sustainability and affordability of the Capital Programme across the medium term.

Table 3 – Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2014/15

	2011/12 £M	2012/13 £M	2013/14 £M	2014/15 £M
Gross Expenditure	68.291	26.727	24.775	24.346
Funded by:				
Existing Resources	5.215	(0.943)	0.000	0.000
Grants and Contributions	47.128	13.984	11.610	11.081
New Capital Receipts	5.500	10.300	12.003	5.782
Existing Capital Receipts	2.748	0.000	0.000	0.000
Residual Financing Requirement	7.700	3.386	1.162	7.483
Total Funding:	68.291	26.727	24.775	24.346

Housing Revenue Account

35. The 2011/12 to 2014/15 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme is attached in Appendix B.
36. The programme as set out below is fully financed by the HRA by utilising the Major Repairs Allowance and contributions from revenue. This is set out in Table 4 below.

Table 4 – HRA Capital Programme 2011/12 to 2014/15

	2011/12 £M	2012/13 £M	2013/14 £M	2014/15 £M
Gross Expenditure	4.713	5.099	5.099	4.949
Funded by:				
Major Repairs Allowance	3.849	3.953	3.953	3.953
Revenue Contributions	864	1.146	1.146	996
Total Funding	4.713	5.099	5.099	4.949

Appendices:

Appendix A: Final 2011/12-2014/15 Capital Programme

Appendix B: Final Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme 2011/12-2014/15.

Appendix C: Overview and Scrutiny Comments – Capital Programme

Background Papers:

Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2014/15 – Council, February 2010.

Capital Programme 2010/11 Review – Council, November 2010.

Draft Capital Programme- Executive January 2011.

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/2012 to 2014/15

Appendix A 2011/12 Capital Programme
Summary

Title and Description of the Scheme	2011..12 Capital Programme to be approved.			2012/13			2013/14			2014/15		
	Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s
Social Care, Health and Housing	6,669	(4,461)	2,208	2,901	(970)	1,931	2,901	(970)	1,931	2,851	(920)	1,931
Children's Services	28,040	(26,131)	1,909	4,387	(2,806)	1,579	4,387	(2,806)	1,579	4,387	(2,806)	1,579
Sustainable Communities												
Community Safety & Public Protection Infrastructure	255	0	255	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leisure & Culture Infrastructure	2,672	(959)	1,713	3,817	(4,683)	(866)	3,816	(2,390)	1,426	4,866	(800)	4,066
Regeneration & Affordable Housing	2,170	(300)	1,870	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport Infrastructure	20,985	(15,062)	5,923	10,452	(5,523)	4,929	10,931	(5,442)	5,489	10,052	(6,553)	3,499
Waste Infrastructure	390	0	390	390	0	390	140	0	140	140	0	140
Total Sustainable Communities	26,472	(16,321)	10,151	14,659	(10,206)	4,453	14,887	(7,832)	7,055	15,058	(7,353)	7,705
Customer and Shared Services	7,110	(215)	6,895	4,780	0	4,780	2,600	0	2,600	2,050	0	2,050
Total excluding HRA	68,291	(47,128)	21,163	26,727	(13,984)	12,743	24,775	(11,610)	13,165	24,346	(11,081)	13,265

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/2012 to 2014/15

Appendix A 2011/12 Capital Programme
Social Care Health and Housing

Title and Description of the Scheme	2011.12 Capital Programme to be approved.			2012/13			2013/14			2014/15		
	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Disabled Facilities Grants Scheme The project is the provision of mandatory Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG's) funding, to adapt homes of people with disabilities to meet their specific needs. The provision of DFG's is prescribed in the Housing Grants, Co	2,551	(880)	1,671	2,551	(880)	1,671	2,551	(880)	1,671	2,551	(880)	1,671
Renewal Assistance The project is the provision of grant or loan assistance in accordance with Central Bedfordshire Council's Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy, to help the most vulnerable people in the area to repair or improve their homes to make th	210	(50)	160	150	(50)	100	150	(50)	100	150	(50)	100
NHS Campus Closure The NHS Campus Closure Programme is a Government initiative backed with NHS Capital funding, to provide up to date and future proofed accommodation for people with severe Learning Disabilities who are currently living in substandard Care Homes under the responsibility of the Local Authority.	2,745	(2,745)	0			0			0			0
Timberlands and Chiltern View Gypsy and Traveller Sites Timberlands is in poor condition; there are public health issues and refurbishment is long overdue resulting in tensions relating to site management. Grant has been secured for 75% of proposed costs.	963	(746)	217			0			0			0
Empty Homes The project is the provision of funding to undertake capital works to long term empty properties that are subject to enforcement action by the Council. The enforcement action would be compulsory purchase or empty dwelling management orders.	200	(40)	160	200	(40)	160	200	(40)	160	200	(40)	160
Total Social Care, Health and Housing:	6,669	(4,461)	2,208	2,901	(970)	1,931	2,901	(970)	1,931	2,851	(920)	1,931

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/2012 to 2014/15

Appendix A 2011/12 Capital Programme
Children's Services

Title and Description of the Scheme	2011-12 Capital Programme to be approved.			2012/13			2013/14			2014/15		
	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Etonbury Middle School additional places The project is to provide additional pupil places in response to recent housing developments in the area, utilising the approved S106 planning obligations funding.	696	(696)	0			0			0			0
Tithe Farm Lower The use of Primary capital funding to transform the "tired" and unsuitable accommodation at Tithe Farm Lower School to provide a C21st environment capable of providing accommodation fit to meet the needs of teaching and Learning.	1,095	(1,095)	0			0			0			0
Schools Access Initiative There is a programme to enable the Council to meet its Statutory obligations. There is a Statutory duty on the Council to have an agreed accessibility strategy to enable local pupils to attend (local) school.	579	0	579	579		579	579		579			579
Arnold Middle School (H&S part of larger phase 3 project) The project will meet the needs, first identified in 2003, to improve the administration and music facilities for Arnold Middle School as part of the overall enlargement of the School to 600 permanent students.	182	18	200			0			0			0
Schools Capital Maintenance (Formerly New Deal for Schools Modernisation) Modernisation funding is currently the only funding available to address the highest priority Repair and Maintenance needs across the schools estate. It would also be expected to be used to address the highest priority.	6,314	(6,314)	0	2,808	(2,808)	0	2,808	(2,808)	0	2,808	(2,808)	0
Basic Need The funding is given to enable us to manage the pressures of population growth by providing new permanent capacity in our growth areas.	7,791	(7,791)	0									

Children's Services

Title and Description of the Scheme	2011-12 Capital Programme to be approved.			2012/13			2013/14			2014/15		
	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Rocroft Lower Relocation This project is to provide Rocroft Lower School in stotfold with a new school on a new site from sept 2011, in response to increased population from the local growth area, meeting the Council's statutory obligations.	5,967	(5,967)	0			0						0
Temporary Accommodation The purpose of this rolling programme is to enable the council to meet "unforeseen" or short term accommodation needs as a result of increased intakes into schools or as a result of organisational changes to meet KS1 class size legislation.	500	0	500	500		500	500			500		500
All Saints Academy The project includes the rebuild and refurbishment of buildings previously comprising of the former Northfields Technology College, now All Saints' Academy, Dunstable, as part of the previous Government's Academy programme.	2,450	(2,502)	(52)			0				0		0
Teaching / Learning Practical Food Skills at KS3 at Gilbert Ingfield and Parkfields Middle Schools. Gilbert Ingfield and Parkfields Middle Schools are to be provided with a new purpose-built practical Food room. The new facilities will enable the Schools to meet a compulsory entitlement that every 11-14 year old pupil in all maintained schools across the country be able to cook a range of simple, nutritious meals from basic ingredients from September 2011.	126	(94)	32			0				0		0
Asbestos / Health & Safety Programme of asbestos removal in schools and various Health & Safety related improvements including a programme of fire alarm upgrades in schools, gas safety shut off systems in school kitchens, electrical safety issues, glazing upgrades and bunding for oil tanks. These programmes are informed by results of stock condition surveys and fire authority inspections.	(67)	67	0	500		500	500			500		500

Children's Services

Title and Description of the Scheme	2011.12 Capital Programme to be approved.			2012/13			2013/14			2014/15		
	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
<p>Schools Devolved Formula Capital This funding is for schools to use on capital condition / improvement work on their buildings in line with the priorities in their School Improvement Plan (SIP) and within the context of the School's Asset Management Plan (AMP). The grant is fully devolved to the schools through a national formula.</p>	938	(938)	0			0						0
<p>Children's Centres (General Sure Start Grant) - Non School Children's Centres projects: 8 new phase 3 centres, major extension to a phase one centre (The Farm Lower School), improvements to 2 phase two centres. A small proportion of the grant is directed for use on 'strategic maintenance', this includes invest to save through boiler replacement. Childcare Projects: 7 new preschools, small capital grants awarded by multi-agency panel to preschools and childminders.</p>	61	(61)	0			0						0
<p>Short Breaks (AHDG) This is ring fenced capital funding which is provided through the Sure Start Grant. It is specifically to support the transformation of services to disabled children and their families, in particular the provision of short breaks. From April 2011 it will be a duty on the Local Authority to provide short breaks for carers of disabled children.</p>	373	(373)	0			0						0

Children's Services

Title and Description of the Scheme	2011/12 Capital Programme to be approved.			2012/13			2013/14			2014/15		
	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Standards Fund for Extended Schools A new preschool at Maple Tree Lower School. Funding has been withdrawn for other projects but may be reinstated. CBC have yet to be advised.	140	(140)	0			0						0
Holmehead School ASD Provision The re-provisioning of the Library and ICT Suite in new build attached to the Sports Hall, and a refurbishment of the existing library and ICT Suite to become the ASD Provision and ancillary areas. It includes an extension to the car park to allow a pick up and drop off area for the pupils attending the provision.	150	0	150			0						0
Youth Capital Fund - Non School Create/enhance facilities for young people and provide equipment to enable positive activities.	61	(61)	0			0						0
Various Children's ICT projects unfunded by the Yourspace programme including Training Manager Pro. Candidate achievement system/Gizwear. Sheep Dip and SimplyCollect. SimplyCollect enables the collection of census data directly from early years (EY) set.	500	0	500			0						0
Integrated Youth Support Services Co-location of the Authorities Youth Support Services with the front line delivery services from the third sector in Dunstable/Houghton Regis to ensure that young people receive the appropriate service much speedier in line with Team around the Child and Family.	184	(184)	0			0						0
Total Children's Families and Learning-Schools	28,040	(26,131)	1,909	4,387	(2,808)	1,579	4,387	(2,808)	1,579	4,387	(2,808)	1,579

(R)= Rolling Programme

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/2012 to 2014/15

Appendix A 2011/12 Capital Programme
Sustainable Communities

Group	Title and Description of the Scheme	2011/12 Capital Programme to be approved.				2012/13				2013/14				2014/15			
		Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s		Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s		Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s		Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	
Community Safety & Public Infrastructure	Community Safety Initiatives CCTV etc. Integrate all Council owned cameras into the Dunstable Control Room, following Executive 28.09.10 subject to further clarification. Includes £75k slipped from 2010/11.	100	0	100			0				0					0	
Community Safety & Public Infrastructure	Integrated Environmental Management System (Slippage only) Procurement of a single ICT business application for Community Safety, Public Protection (Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Licensing), Waste, Private Sector Housing and Customer Services.	155	0	155			0				0					0	
Leisure & Culture Infrastructure	Astral Park, Leighton Buzzard Development of football facilities. Stage 1 includes car parks funded by existing s106 contributions (2012). Stage 2 includes changing facilities and toilets funded by future s106 receipts.	297	(297)	0			0	(600)			0					0	
Leisure & Culture Infrastructure	Dunstable Community Football Development Centre Increased provision of community football pitches, BMX track, stadium, changing and community use facilities. Projects mainly funded by section 106 developer contributions and Football Foundation Grant.	40	(307)	(267)		(663)	(683)	(340)			(340)					0	
Leisure & Culture Infrastructure	Leisure Centre Stock Condition/Asset Management Plan Council has contractual obligation to maintain facilities to safe standard. Need to comply with Health & Safety legislation.	330	0	330		250	250	310			310			500			
Leisure & Culture Infrastructure	Historic Building Grant Aid Scheme To restore or maintain over 1,900 listed buildings and structures in Central Bedfordshire. Scheme closed to new applicants. Amount to cover existing commitments only.	50	0	50			0	0			0					0	
Leisure & Culture Infrastructure	Stotfold Community Leisure and Football Development Centre Phase 1 Development of outdoor open space including relocation and redevelopment of football ground. Funded through section 106 developer contributions and the sale of third party land.	500	0	500		(3,000)	(500)				0					0	
Leisure & Culture Infrastructure	Stotfold Community Leisure and Football Development Centre Phase 2 Construction of a local leisure facility.	0	0	0			0				0		3,500			3,500	
Leisure & Culture Infrastructure	Swiss Garden Heritage Lottery Fund Project To restore and develop Swiss Garden, a Regency Garden linked to the Shuttleworth Collection. Proposal funded by Heritage Lottery Fund.	455	(355)	100		1,067	67	(800)			67		866	(800)		66	

Group	Title and Description of the Scheme	2011/12 Capital Programme to be approved.			2012/13			2013/14			2014/15		
		Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure
Leisure & Culture Infrastructure	Saxon Pool & Sports Centre Extension for a 4 court sports hall, Changing facilities, Modifications to front foyer to improve energy efficiency partly funded by developer contributions.	0	0	0			0	2,039	(650)	1,389			0
Leisure & Culture Infrastructure	General Leisure Enhancement Contingency	1,000	0	1,000									
Regeneration & Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing Capital Programme (Slippage only) This is a slippage scheme to which the Council is committed to support the provision of affordable housing at Old Warden.	370	0	370			0			0			0
Regeneration & Affordable Housing	Cranfield Technology Park Acceleration - Acquisition of land to enable off site highway improvements in advance of future phases of the Technology Park. 100% externally funded.	300	(300)	0			0			0			0
Regeneration & Affordable Housing	Dunstable Town Centre Regeneration The project will provide a land assembly solution which will greatly assist in the delivery of the Dunstable Town Centre Masterplan.	1,500	0	1,500			0			0			0
Transport Infrastructure	Car Park Improvements & Ticket Machines The replacement of existing car park ticket machines in off street car parks and general improvements.	105	0	105			0			0			0
Transport Infrastructure	Dunstable A5M1 Link Road Strategic Infrastructure Projects Funding allocated to assist the Highways Agency deliver on a new strategic road link, critical to new growth proposals around Dunstable and Houghton Regis.	5,000	(5,000)	0			0	0		0			0
Transport Infrastructure	Fleet replacement programme Ensures that vehicles required to support services to the community are safe and reliable and that expenditure for maintenance is kept to a minimum.	150	0	150			0			0			0
Transport Infrastructure	Highways Bridge Assessment and Maintenance (R) CBC is required to assess highway structures and strengthen any that are sub-standard. There is risk of un-assessed structures failing. At £570k p.a. the programme will take eight years to complete. Quicker progress would reduce any risks arising from sub-standard structures.	570	0	570			570	570		570			570
Transport Infrastructure	Highways Contract Lump Sums (R) There is a contractual commitment to pay the Highways Service provider, Amey, a lump sum for a number of contracted services. If the lump sums are not separately funded then actual expenditure on capital schemes will have to be reduced, in order to fund this contractual commitment.	964	0	964			964	964		964			964

Group	Title and Description of the Scheme	2011/12 Capital Programme to be approved.			2012/13			2013/14			2014/15		
		Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure
Transport Infrastructure	Highways Flooding & Drainage (R) CBC is required, by law, to mitigate the risk and impact of flooding. Following severe damage from highways flooding in 2007-08 a programme of improvements has been drawn up to improve drainage and prevent flooding. Improving highway drainage will improve highway safety, reduce traffic disruption and reduce flooding damage.	340	0	340	340		340	340		340		340	
Transport Infrastructure	Highways Integrated Schemes (R) The draft Local Transport Plan 3 sets out a programme of improvement works such as "shared space" road layouts to deliver the Council's priorities for managing growth, reducing congestion, creating safer communities and promoting healthier lifestyles. Government grant is available to almost cover the entire cost of this programme.	1,265	(1,255)	10	1,348	(1,338)	10	1,343	(1,338)	5	1,887	(1,882)	5
Transport Infrastructure	Highways Street Lighting Maintenance Backlog (R) All corroded lighting columns in danger of collapse will be replaced. In addition, the lanterns on sound columns will begin to be replaced with more reliable, efficient and longer lasting varieties. This will reduce the Council's exposure to risk and allow savings on maintenance and energy costs.	1,054	0	1,054	1,130		1,130	1,100		1,100		1,100	
Transport Infrastructure	Highways Structural Maintenance Block (R) - Option 1 Allocate Government Grant Only. This proposal will maintain the condition of A, B, C roads at a median level compared to other Councils, fund half the necessary works to maintain unclassified roads in their current condition and enable footways to be resurfaced every 70 years. 2015/16 figures matched to 2014/15 as DTT has not advised allocation for that year yet.	3,857	(3,857)	0	3,920	(3,920)	0	4,004	(4,004)	0	3,571	(3,571)	0
Transport Infrastructure	Integrated Transport Unit (IT System) Implement over multiple phases a passenger data and route management performance system. This will replace legacy databases created in different applications that are not linked and replicates data entry. The multiple phases is to increase automation and interfaces with other CBC systems progressively.	65	0	65	75		75	30		30		0	
Transport Infrastructure	Land Drainage Works (non-highways) The budget is used to design and construct flood alleviation schemes. Potential schemes are ranked in order of flooding severity and cost effectiveness.	0	0	0	60		60	60		60		60	

Group	Title and Description of the Scheme	2011/12 Capital Programme to be approved.			2012/13			2013/14			2014/15		
		Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure
Transport Infrastructure	Leighton Buzzard Western Bypass Residual Costs. The Linslade Western bypass scheme was promoted to relieve congestion in the villages Stoke Hammond and to a lesser extent in Soulbury.	400	0	400			0			0		0	
Transport Infrastructure	Luton Dunstable Busway Dunstable / Houghton Regis Bus Route Improvement Works Strategic Infrastructure Projects Scheme is to enable Busway size buses to penetrate the dense urban areas in Dunstable and Houghton Regis such as Downside.	0	0	0	60		60			0		0	
Transport Infrastructure	Luton Dunstable Busway Dunstable Town Centre Bus Loop - Church Street Strategic Infrastructure Projects	230	0	230			0			0		0	
Transport Infrastructure	Luton Dunstable Busway Dunstable Town Centre Bus Loop - Court Drive Strategic Infrastructure Projects	450	0	450	50		50			0		0	
Transport Infrastructure	Luton Dunstable Busway The Luton Dunstable busway scheme comprises a mainly guided busway between Blackburn Road in Houghton Regis and London Luton Airport with on street bus priority measures in the centres of Luton and Dunstable and on Kimpton Road.	1,380	(350)	1,030	1,185	(165)	1,020	1,950		1,950		0	
Transport Infrastructure	Luton Northern Bypass Strategic Infrastructure Projects To significantly improve traffic congestion; road safety and road base accessibility condition in the northern part of Luton and Central Bedfordshire area.	10	0	10	10		10	10		10		10	
Transport Infrastructure	Outdoor Access and Greenspace Improvement Projects To improve and enhance access to the countryside under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. The Council also has a statutory requirement to prepare and deliver an Outdoor Access Improvement Plan (OAI). The Council is currently responsible for managing (or managing in partnership) some 60 Countryside and Heritage sites across its area.	250	(100)	150	250	(100)	150	250	(100)	150	250	(100)	
Transport Infrastructure	Rights of Way Network and Countryside and Heritage Sites - Structural Renewal and Improvement Works Option 1 The Council has a statutory responsibility and duty of care under the Highways Act 1980 to protect and maintain the public rights of way network. It also has duties to meet DDA requirements. Ongoing funding is needed for major works and to replace some of the 1400 bridges which form part of the network and for the structural renewal of paths themselves. Option 1: Undertake only critical renewal of the network. Any individual schemes that arise with a cost of more than £100K would be bid for separately.	250	0	250	250		250	250		250		250	

Group	Title and Description of the Scheme	2011/12 Capital Programme to be approved.				2012/13			2013/14			2014/15		
		Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure		Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure
Transport Infrastructure	Safer Routes to School	0	0	0	160		160			0				0
Transport Infrastructure	Section 278 Schemes Delivery of highway works required under planning permissions of various developments throughout Central Bedfordshire.	4,500	(4,500)	0	0		0			0				0
Transport Infrastructure	Woodside Connection - Strategic Infrastructure Projects Road link from the proposed M1 J11a to Porz Avenue providing traffic relief to the town centres of Dunstable and Houghton Regis and enabling the development north of Houghton Regis.	145	0	145	80		80	60		60	1,050	(1,000)		50
Waste Infrastructure	Sundon / Bluewater Landfill Sites To comply with statutory requirements in the restoration of the site.	250	0	250	250		250			0				0
Waste Infrastructure	Waste & Recycling Containers Provision of replacement bins and containers.	140	0	140	140		140	140		140	140			140
	Total Sustainable Communities	26,472	(16,321)	10,151	14,709	(10,206)	4,503	14,887	(7,832)	7,055	15,058	(7,353)		7,705

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/2012 to 2014/15

Appendix A 2011/12 Capital Programme
Customer and Shared Services

Title and Description of the Scheme	2011/12 Capital Programme to be approved.			2012/13			2013/14			2014/15		
	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	External Funding	Net Expenditure
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
CBC Corporate Property Rolling Programme (R) includes improvement and development of the corporate estate and capital maintenance. The requirement for 2011/12 is calculated to be c. £3m, of which £1m will be covered by additional slippage from 2010/11.	2,764	0	2,764	3,420		3,420	1,550		1,550	1,000		1,000
Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre (Originally shown in the Corporate Property Block) - paths and car parking	676	0	676			0			0			0
Priority House (Originally shown in the Corporate Property Block) - car parking	360	0	360			0			0			0
ICT Infrastructure (R)	856	0	856	1,000		1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000		1,000
Enterprise Content Management (KEY ECM) Implementation To deliver a single Enterprise Content Management (KEY ECM) system for Central Bedfordshire that will: • create a central secure records management storage repository for all business critical electro CBC Network (NEW)	350	0	350	100		100			0			0
Move of 1000 users off BBC network	264	0	264			0			0			0
Data Centre Migration (NEW) To provide CBC with a data centre that is not susceptible to power outages	125	0	125			0			0			0
ICT Time Recording System (NEW) To enable effective project charging	200	0	200			0			0			0
SAP Optimisation- Financial Forecasting	200		200			0			0			0
SAP Optimisation- Implementation of Manager & Employee Self Service	280	0	280			0			0			0
Integrated Asset Management System (NEW) - This single platform will be accessible cross service, resolving the current issues of multiple databases.	300	0	300			0			0			0
Customer Relationship Management (CRM) - Combination of two capital projects from the 2010/11 programme: Mid and South Beds T-Government Partnership and Partnership of Beds District Councils (combined budget 2010/11 of £343k).	305	0	305	260		260	50		50	50		50
Community Hubs- Total Place	430	(215)	215			0			0			0
Total Customer and Shared Services	7,110	(215)	6,895	4,780	0	4,780	2,600	0	2,600	2,050	0	2,050

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Appendix B

CAPITAL PROGRAMME - CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL 2011/12 TO 2014/15

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

Title and Description of the Scheme	Capital Programme for 2011/12 to be approved			2012/13 Provisional Programme (including slippage from 2011/12)			2013/14 Provisional Programme (including slippage from 2011/12)			2014/15 Provisional Programme (including slippage from 2011/12)		
	Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s
General Enhancements (formerly Minor Works) Various one-off projects required on an ad hoc basis and not identified in a specific capital project, eg defective damp-proof.	250	0	250	250		250	250	0	250		0	250
Drainage & Water Supply A programme of improvements to water supplies and water mains systems where these systems have deteriorated due to age	0	0	0	175		175	175	0	175		0	75
Stock Remodelling Various projects that have been identified to enhance the stock: eg. improve insulation, convert bedsits to flats, convert flat to pitch roofs, construct lift shafts, etc.	200	0	200	450		450	450	0	450		0	450
Garage Refurbishment To ensure our garage block sites are in a safe and secure condition.	50	0	50	50		50	50	0	50		0	50
Paths & Fences siteworks Identification of defects and design, plan and install improvements.	60	0	60	60		60	60	0	60		0	60
Estate Improvements Improvement to the amenities and appearance of our neighbourhood.	250	0	250	250		250	250	0	250		0	250
Energy Conservation Improve the energy efficiency of the housing stock	250	0	250	250		250	250	0	250		0	250
Roof Replacement A programme of replacement where the roof covering is inadequate.	234	0	234	240		240	240	0	240		0	240

Title and Description of the Scheme	Capital Programme for 2011/12 to be approved				2012/13 Provisional Programme (including slippage from 2011/12)				2013/14 Provisional Programme (including slippage from 2011/12)				2014/15 Provisional Programme (including slippage from 2011/12)			
	Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s		Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s		Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s		Gross Expenditure £000s	External Funding £000s	Net Expenditure £000s	
Central Heating Installation Delivery of affordable warmth and improvement to thermal comfort while reducing harmful emissions.	1,100	0	1,100		1,050		1,050		1,050		1,050		1,000	0	1,000	
Rewiring Improvement to wiring for efficiency and safety reasons.	340	0	340		340		340		340		340		340	0	340	
Kitchens and Bathrooms Identify properties that will fail the Decent Home Standard and institute remedial action.	1,100	0	1,100		1,100		1,100		1,100		1,100		1,100	0	1,100	
Central Heating communal To deliver affordable warmth and improve thermal comfort while reducing harmful emissions.	172	0	172		176		176		176		176		176	0	176	
Secure door entry Replacement of front and rear doors with quality composite doors.	350	0	350		350		350		350		350		350	0	350	
Structural repairs Correction of structural defects arising from subsidence.	150	0	150		150		150		150		150		150	0	150	
Aids and adaptations Where it is not possible to relocate to adapted properties this resource enables us to adapt the clients current property.	150	0	150		150		150		150		150		150	0	150	
Asbestos management Identify, monitor, and dispose of asbestos correctly.	57	0	57		58		58		58		58		58	0	58	
Total	4,713	0	4,713		5,099	0	5,099		5,099	0	5,099		4,949	0	4,949	
Funding																
Major Repairs Allowance	0	(3,849)				(3,953)					(3,953)				(3,953)	
Supported Borrowing	0	0														
Capital Receipts	0	0														
Revenue Contributions	0	(864)				(1,146)					(1,146)				(996)	
Total Funding	-	(4,713)	-		-	(5,099)		-	-	-	(5,099)		-	-	(4,949)	

Appendix C

Social Care, Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee: 24 January 2011

Comments Regarding the Capital Programme as presented to Executive on 11 January 2011

At its meeting of 24 January 2011 the Social Care, Health and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered the capital programme for 2011/12 to 2014/15 and the statutory review of fees and charges for 2011/12. Detailed below are the comments and recommendations from this meeting, which the Executive is asked to consider.

1. *Capital Programme*

1.1 Members discussed the proposals contained within the Capital Programme, in particular:

- a. Disabled Facilities Grant Scheme
- b. Renewal Assistance
- c. NHS Campus Closure
- d. Timberlands & Chiltern View Gypsy and Traveller Sites
- e. Empty Homes
- f. Schemes under the Housing Revenue Account

RECOMMENDED to the Executive

- (i) that all proposals be endorsed.**

Children's Services Committee: 17 January 2011

**Comments Regarding the Capital Programme & Statutory Review of Fees & Charges
as presented to Executive on 11 January 2011**

At its meeting of 25 January 2011 the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered the capital programme for 2011/12 to 2014/15 and the statutory review of fees and charges for 2011/12. Detailed below are the comments and recommendations flowing from this meeting, which the Executive is asked to consider today.

1. *Capital Programme*
- 1.1 Members considered those elements of the revised capital programme for 2011/12 to 2014/15 relating to Children's Services and apart from seeking clarification and further information on a number of specific items, were content to note it.

Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 18 January 2011

Comments Regarding the Draft Budget, Capital Programme & Statutory Review of Fees & Charges as presented to Executive on 11 January 2011

At its meeting of 18 January 2011 the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the draft budget proposals for 2011/12 to 2013/14, together with the capital programme for 2011/12 to 2014/15 and the statutory review of fees and charges for 2011/12. Detailed below are the comments and recommendations flowing from this meeting, which the Executive is asked to consider:-

1. *Capital Programme*
 - 1.1 The meeting had before it the Capital Programme Review report which had originally been considered by the Executive on 11 January 2011. The meeting was aware that this item was being taken as a matter of urgency.
 - 1.2 The Committee queried how the Football Foundation grant that had been obtained for football pitches at Flitwick Leisure Centre had been lost. It was further queried why there appeared to be no maintenance costs for Flitwick Leisure Centre in the revenue or the capital budgets.
 - 1.3 In response to questions from Members the Director of Sustainable Communities stated that funds outlined in the capital programme for the leisure centre stock condition / asset management plan were sufficient to carry out essential 'health and safety' works at Flitwick Leisure Centre. The Executive report set out four options in relation to the redevelopment of Flitwick Leisure Centre and the re-provision of football facilities. If it was recommended to proceed with this scheme the Council would have to identify further savings elsewhere in the capital programme. Should the Council decide not to proceed with the scheme at this time, then the report recommended that an up to date condition survey be undertaken to determine essential works required to maintain the leisure centre in a satisfactory operational condition. The Chairman agreed to address these concerns with the Portfolio Holder outside of the meeting.
 - 1.4 The Committee also queried the use of capital funding to upgrade street lighting to EU standards and queried whether such work was essential. It was suggested that, for example, lighting columns should only be replaced in circumstances where they were unsafe and should not be replaced unnecessarily. The Director of Sustainable Communities advised that the Council had inherited responsibility for 21,000 streetlights. Due to previous underinvestment the stock was aged and suffering from increased rates of failure. The continuing capital programme for street lighting would remedy all problems with the stock over a seven year period. This was based on a survey of all street lamps in 2009/10. The issues to be dealt with included replacement of street lighting columns as they became dangerous, progressively replacing electrical components in otherwise safe columns with high efficiency lanterns and modern control gear. The outcomes will be a safe well maintained stock, greatly reduced levels of failed lights, removal of a revenue pressure and revenue savings.

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the Capital Programme

Customer & Central Services Committee: 17 January 2011

Comments Regarding the Draft Budget, Capital Programme & Statutory Review of Fees & Charges as presented to Executive on 11 January 2011

At its meeting of 17 January 2011 the Customer & Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered the draft budget proposals for 2011/12 to 2013/14, together with the capital programme for 2011/12 to 2014/15 and the statutory review of fees and charges for 2011/12. Detailed below are the comments and recommendations flowing from this meeting, which the Executive is asked to consider today.

1. *Capital Programme*

a) Block/Rolling Budgets

Members referred to an item included within the capital programme for Customer and Shared Services entitled "CBC Corporate Property Block Budget", which had a budget of £4M in 2011/12. In response to queries Members were informed that the sum was made up of a number of individual projects, some of which were substantial in cost terms (i.e. over £100k).

Members also referred to an item entitled "ICT Infrastructure" which had a budget of £1M over the same period and expressed concern over the absence of any detail on the constituent projects for this item.

Following further comment Members were advised that there was no financial threshold within the capital programme above which items were required to be identified separately (rather than contained within block or rolling programmes).

It was Members opinion that this arrangement was unsatisfactory and that in future the capital programme should list all individual projects above £100k rather than, as was the case now, being contained within block and/or rolling programmes.

RECOMMENDED to the Executive

that consideration be given to amending the presentation of the capital programme to ensure that all projects above £100k are listed individually.

b) Affordability and Sustainability

The issue at (a) above led Members to discuss whether the review of the capital programme had been sufficiently robust and whether there was further opportunity to remove items not deemed a priority. Whilst acknowledging that many of the Council's intended savings were dependent on investment to enable changes to processes the Committee felt that, in some cases, the amounts stated appeared substantially larger than had been anticipated. Members therefore felt the capital programme should be revisited to ensure its affordability and sustainability.

RECOMMENDED to the Executive

that consideration be given to revisiting the capital programme to ensure that all items contained within it are essential, affordable and sustainable.

c) Optionality: Schools Capital Funding

Members briefly discussed the recently received capital grant of £18M from the Department for Education for schools capital funding and requested that this item be included in the Council's capital programme, together with details of the optionality that exists regarding this grant, such that Members are able to review education spending in light of the Council's full budget.

RECOMMENDED to the Executive

That consideration be given to including the schools capital funding grant of £18M in the Capital Programme, together with details of the optionality that exists regarding this grant.