
Meeting: Customer & Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date: 28th November 2011
Subject: Capital Programme Review
Report of: Cllr Maurice Jones, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources
Summary: The report allows Members the opportunity to review the Council's revised Capital Programme for 2011/12 which was presented to Executive on 15 November 2011.

Advising Officer: John Unsworth, Assistant Chief Executive Resources
Contact Officer: Charles Warboys, Chief Finance Officer
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Executive

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

1. The capital programme impacts upon all Council priorities.

Financial:

2. The proposed Capital Programme Review has planned gross expenditure of £78.187M (excluding the HRA) supported by £52.335M of external funding (grants, S106 contributions etc) leaving a net cost to the council of £25.852M.
3. The proposed HRA programme will be planned expenditure of £5.056M supported by the Major Repairs Allowance, Housing Revenue Account capital receipts and revenue contributions from the Housing Revenue Account.

Legal:

4. The Capital Programme forms part of the Council's budget as defined in the Constitution. 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:

5. 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):

6. Not applicable.

Equalities/Human Rights:

7. None

Community Safety:

8. 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:

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

Procurement:

10. Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION(S):**The Committee is asked to:-**

- 1. Consider the Council's revised Capital Programme for 2011; and**
- 2. Submit its comments, observations and recommendations, if any, to the next meeting of the Executive.**

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11. As Members will be aware, at its meeting of 15 November 2011, the Executive considered the report of its Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources regarding the Council's Capital Programme for 2011/12 (attached at Appendix A).
12. At this meeting, the Executive agreed to recommend to Council that the updated Capital Programme of £25.852M (net) for 2011/12, as set out in columns 16 to 18 of the summary in Appendix A of the submitted report, be approved.
13. At this meeting, the Executive agreed to recommend to Council that the updated Capital Programme for the HRA of £5.056M for 2011/12, as set out in columns 16 to 18 of the summary in Appendix A of the submitted report, be approved.
14. The Executive also resolved:

- that a net increase of £4,689m to the original Capital Programme for 2011/12 be approved to fund the slippage from the previous years' Capital Programme and recognise slippage of schemes into future financial years. This includes slippage of £6.9M approved by Executive in July 2011.
- that the inclusion of Flitwick Town Centre Development Scheme of £1.8M, subject to Business Case, be approved;
- that the inclusion of Channel Shift of £0.4M that will be funded from CRM budget allocation, be approved.

Background papers and their location: (open to public inspection)
Executive Papers; 15 November 2011. Priory House, Chicksands