

Recommendation to Council on 21 February 2013	From: General Purposes Committee on 28 January 2013	Item 8 (b)
	In-Year Changes to the Capital Programme	
1.	Council is asked to approve the following recommendation:-	
	that the proposed changes to the Council’s Constitution regarding the extension of the Executive’s authority to add schemes to the Capital programme, as set out in Appendix A to this report, be approved and adopted.	
	Background	
2.	The Committee considered a report by the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources which sought Members’ views on amending the Council’s Constitution to extend the Executive’s authority to add new capital schemes costing more than £500,000 (whole life cost) to the Capital Programme. The meeting noted that such schemes would be either those already on the Council approved reserve list or those where the costs of the scheme would be met by external funding, with this being subject to the associated revenue costs being accommodated within the approved revenue budget for financing the Capital Programme.	
3.	In support of the proposal the Deputy Leader and Executive Member reminded the meeting that the Council sometimes received funding from central government which required an almost immediate spend. Unfortunately, delay could arise as the Code of Governance currently required that, whilst new schemes could be added to the Capital Programme, schemes costing more than £500,000 (whole life cost) first required Council approval.	
4.	In response to a Member’s query the Deputy Leader and Executive Member explained that, under normal circumstances, no further action would be taken with regard to the schemes on the reserve list. However, if slippage occurred on an approved capital scheme, and the Council’s borrowing requirement was not likely to be breached, the opportunity could arise for a suitable reserve list capital scheme to be progressed.	
Appendices	Appendix A	Proposed Amendment to Part 12 of the Constitution – Capital Programme