

Recommendation to Council on 13 June 2013	From: General Purposes Committee on 16 May 2013	Item 9
	Capital Programme Management	
1.	Council is asked to approve the following recommendation:-	
	that the Constitution be amended by including the proposed capital programme related revisions to the Code of Financial Governance in Part I2, section 4.10 of the Constitution and to the Executive Functions in Part C3, section 3 of the Constitution as set out in Appendices A and B respectively.	
	Background	
2.	The Committee considered a report by the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources which sought Members' views on a number of proposed amendments to the Constitution with regard to the management of the Council's Capital Programme. The meeting noted that the aim of the amendments was to simplify the approval of capital schemes in order that the Capital Programme could operate more efficiently.	
3.	The Committee was reminded that on 28 January 2013 it had recommended to Council that the Constitution be amended to allow the inclusion of specific reserve list items, which had been previously agreed by Council, within the Capital Programme. That recommendation had subsequently been approved at Council on 21 February 2013. The further changes now proposed to the Constitution simplified the classification of capital schemes but, with the exception of schemes that were fully funded from external sources, maintained the existing approval requirements. If the revisions were approved, corporate project approval and management documentation would be revised to reflect the amendments.	
4.	The revisions proposed to the capital programme governance related to clauses in the Code of Financial Governance in Part I2, section 4.10 of the Constitution and in the Executive Functions in Part C3, section 3 of the Constitution as set out in Appendices A and B to this report.	
5.	The Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources spoke in favour of the proposed revisions. A Member then raised a query regarding the proposed delegation of authority to the relevant Executive Member who, subject to conditions, could include schemes within the Capital Programme that were fully externally funded and where the gross expenditure was less than £500,000. In response the Legal and Democratic Services Officer and the Head of Financial	

	Control explained that any such decisions would be recorded and the approved schemes would be disclosed in public reports monitoring the delivery of the Capital Programme.	
Appendices	Appendix A	Tracked Changes Between the Existing and Proposed Code of Financial Governance (Part I2 of the Constitution).
	Appendix B	Tracked Changes Between the Existing and Proposed Functions Delegated to all Executive Members and Individual Portfolio Holders (Part C3 of the Constitution).