

Decision Maker: Environment Portfolio Holder

Date: For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Environment PDS Committee on 29th January 2014

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 2ND QUARTER 2013/14

Contact Officer: Martin Reeves, Principal Accountant (Technical & Control)
Tel: 020 8313 4291 E-mail: martin.reeves@bromley.gov.uk

Chief Officer: Director of Finance

Ward: All

1. Reason for report

On 20th November 2013, the Executive received the 2nd quarterly capital monitoring report for 2013/14 and agreed a revised Capital Programme for the four year period 2013/14 to 2016/17. This report highlights in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.2 changes agreed by the Executive in respect of the Capital Programme for the Environment Portfolio. The revised programme for this Portfolio is set out in Appendix A, and detailed comments on scheme progress as at the end of the first half of 2013/14 are shown in Appendix B.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

The Portfolio Holder is asked to confirm the changes agreed by the Executive in November.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: Capital Programme monitoring and review is part of the planning and review process for all services. Capital schemes help to maintain and improve the quality of life in the borough. Affective asset management planning (AMP) is a crucial corporate activity if a local authority is to achieve its corporate and service aims and objectives and deliver its services. The Council continuously reviews its property assets and service users are regularly asked to justify their continued use of the property. For each of our portfolios and service priorities, we review our main aims and outcomes through the AMP process and identify those that require the use of capital assets. Our primary concern is to ensure that capital investment provides value for money and matches the Council's overall priorities as set out in the Community Plan and in "Building a Better Bromley".
 2. BBB Priority: Quality Environment, Excellent Council
-

Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Total reduction of £0.6m over the 4 years 2013/14 to 2016/17, due to reduced TfL support for highways schemes (see para 3.2).
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Capital Programme
 4. Total current budget for this head: £25.3m for the Environment Portfolio over four years 2013/14 to 2016/17
 5. Source of funding: Capital grants, capital receipts and earmarked revenue contributions
-

Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): One
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: 0.25 fte - 9 hours per week
-

Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance
 2. Call-in: Applicable
-

Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
-

Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

Capital Monitoring – variations agreed by the Executive on 20th November 2013

3.1 A revised Capital Programme was approved by the Executive in November, following a detailed monitoring exercise carried out after the 2nd quarter of 2013/14. The base position was the revised programme approved by the Executive on 24th July 2013, as amended by variations approved at subsequent Executive meetings. All changes on schemes in the Environment Programme are itemised in the table below and further details are included in paragraph 3.2. The revised Programme for the Environment Portfolio is attached as Appendix A and Appendix B shows actual spend against budget in the first half of 2013/14, together with detailed comments on individual schemes.

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	TOTAL 2013/14 to 2016/17
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Programme approved by Executive 24/07/13	9,545	8,303	4,050	4,050	25,948
<u>Variations approved by Executive 20/11/13</u>					
Reduced TfL funding for highway schemes (see para 3.2)	-616				-616
Total Amendment to the Capital Programme	-616	0	0	0	-616
Total Revised Environment Programme	8,929	8,303	4,050	4,050	25,332

3.2 Transport for London (TfL) – Revised Support for Highway Schemes (£616k reduction)

Provision for transport schemes to be 100% funded by TfL was originally included in the Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2016/17 on the basis of the bid in our Borough Spending Plan (BSP). Notification of an overall reduction of £616k in 2013/14 was reported to the Executive on 20th November and the Capital Programme was reduced accordingly. Grant allocations from TfL change frequently and any further variations will be reported in subsequent capital monitoring reports.

Post-Completion Reports

3.3 Under approved Capital Programme procedures, capital schemes should be subject to a post-completion review within one year of completion. After major slippage of expenditure in recent years, Members confirmed the importance of these as part of the overall capital monitoring framework. These reviews should compare actual expenditure against budget and evaluate the achievement of the scheme's non-financial objectives. While no post-completion reports are currently due for completed Environment Portfolio schemes, this quarterly report will monitor the future position and will highlight any future reports required.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Capital Programme monitoring and review is part of the planning and review process for all services.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 These were reported in full to the Executive on 20th November 2013. Changes agreed by the Executive for the Environment Portfolio Capital Programme are set out in the table in paragraph 3.1.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal and Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Departmental monitoring returns October 2013. Approved Capital Programme (Executive 24/07/13). Q2 monitoring report (Executive 20/11/13).