

Decision Maker: **Environment Portfolio Holder**
For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Environment PDS Committee on

Date: **20th January 2015**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 2ND QUARTER 2014/15**

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Chief Officer: Director of Finance

Ward: All

1. Reason for report

On 26th November 2014, the Executive received the 2nd quarterly capital monitoring report for 2014/15 and agreed a revised Capital Programme for the four year period 2014/15 to 2017/18. This report highlights in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 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 2014/15 are shown in Appendix B.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Portfolio Holder is asked to note and 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: Excellent Council
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Total increase of £0.3m over the 4 years 2014/15 to 2017/18, due to increased TfL support for highways schemes.
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Capital Programme
 4. Total current budget for this head: £26.1m for the Environment Portfolio over four years 2014/15 to 2017/18
 5. Source of funding: Capital grants, capital receipts and earmarked revenue contributions
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 1 fte
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: 36 hours per week
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Legal

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

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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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 26th November 2014

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 2014/15. The base position was the revised programme approved by the Executive on 16th July 2014, 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 paragraphs 3.2 to 3.3. The revised Programme for the Environment Portfolio is attached as Appendix A. Appendix B shows actual spend against budget at the end of the first half of 2014/15, together with detailed comments on individual schemes.

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	TOTAL 2014/15 to 2017/18
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Programme approved by Executive 16/07/14	10,205	4,900	6,433	4,100	25,638
Woodland Improvements Programme (Executive 02/04/14)	77	49			126
Approved Programme prior to Q2 Monitoring	10,282	4,949	6,433	4,100	25,764
Variations approved by Executive 26/11/14					
Additional TfL support for highway schemes (see para 3.2)	346				346
Schemes rephased from 2014/15 into later years (see para 3.3)	-110	110			0
Total Amendment to the Capital Programme	236	110	0	0	346
Total Revised Environment Programme	10,518	5,059	6,433	4,100	26,110

3.2 Transport for London (TfL) – Revised Support for Highway Schemes (£346k increase)

Provision for transport schemes to be 100% funded by TfL was originally included in the Capital Programme 2014/15 to 2017/18 on the basis of the bid in our Borough Spending Plan (BSP). Notification of an overall increase of £346k in 2014/15 was reported to the Executive in November and the Capital Programme was increased accordingly. Grant allocations from TfL change frequently and any further variations will be reported in subsequent capital monitoring reports.

3.3 Schemes rephased from 2014/15 into later years

As part of the 2nd quarter monitoring exercise, £110k has been re-phased from 2014/15 into 2015/16 to reflect revised estimates of when expenditure on Environment schemes is likely to be incurred. This has no overall impact on the total approved estimate for the capital programme. Further details and comments are provided in Appendix B.

Post-Completion Reports

3.4 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. Three post-completion reports are due to be submitted in 2014/15 for the Environment Portfolio. A report on the Chislehurst Road Bridge replacement is included on this agenda and the following reports will be submitted to a future meeting;

- The Hill Car Park – strengthening works
- Bromley Town Centre – increased parking capacity

3.5 This quarterly report will monitor the future position and will highlight any further 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 26th November 2014. 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 2014. Approved Capital Programme (Executive 16/07/14). Capital Q2 monitoring report (Executive 26/11/14).