

Decision Maker: PUBLIC PROTECTION & SAFETY PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Date: For pre-decision scrutiny by the Public Protection & Safety PDS
Committee on 2nd March 2016

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

Title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 3ND QUARTER 2015/16
& ANNUAL CAPITAL REVIEW 2016 TO 2020

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Chief Officer: Director of Finance

Ward: All

1. Reason for report

On 10th February 2016, the Executive received a report summarising the current position on capital expenditure and receipts following the 3rd quarter of 2015/16 and presenting for approval the new capital schemes in the annual capital review process. The Executive agreed a revised Capital Programme for the five year period 2015/16 to 2019/20. No changes were made to the Capital Programme for the Public Protection and Safety (PP&S) Portfolio. The programme for this portfolio is set out in Appendix A and detailed comments on individual schemes are included at Appendix B.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Portfolio Holder is asked to note the Capital Programme agreed by the Executive in February.

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. Effective 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: No overall change over the 5 years 2015/16 to 2019/20.
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Capital Programme
 4. Total current budget for this head: £340k for the PP&S Portfolio over five years 2015/16 to 2019/20
 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: Not 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 - agreed by the Executive on 10th February 2016

3.1 A revised Capital Programme was approved by the Executive on 10th February, following a detailed monitoring exercise carried out after the 3rd quarter of 2015/16. The Executive also considered and approved new capital schemes in the annual capital review process. There are no changes to schemes in the PP&S Programme and no new schemes were put forward. The Programme for the PP&S Portfolio is attached as Appendix A and detailed comment on the scheme is included at Appendix B.

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	TOTAL 2015/16 to 2019/20
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Programme approved by Executive 02/12/15	340	0	0	0	0	340
Total PP&S Programme approved by Executive 10/02/16	340	0	0	0	0	340

Annual Capital Review – new scheme proposals

3.2 In recent years, we have steadily scaled down new capital expenditure plans and have transferred all of the rolling maintenance programmes to the revenue budget. Our general (un-earmarked) reserves, established from the disposal of our housing stock and the Glades Site, have been gradually spent and have fallen from £131m in 1997 to £48.9m (including unapplied capital receipts) as at 31st March 2015. Our asset disposal programme has diminished and any new capital spending will effectively have to be met from our remaining revenue reserves.

3.3 As part of the normal annual review of the Capital Programme, Chief Officers were invited to come forward with bids for new capital investment. Invest to Save bids were particularly encouraged, but none were received, and it is assumed that any such bids will be submitted in due course through the earmarked reserve that was created in 2011. Apart from the regular annual capital bids (Devolved Formula Capital grant to schools, DSG-funded schools access initiative, TfL-funded Highway and Traffic schemes and feasibility studies), no additional bids were submitted.

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. A post-completion report on the CCTV control room scheme will be reported to this PDS Committee during the 2016/17 committee reporting cycle.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Capital Programme monitoring and review is part of the planning and review process for all services. The capital review process requires Chief Officers to ensure that bids for capital investment provide value for money and match Council plans and priorities.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 These were reported in full to the Executive on 10th February 2016. There were no changes to the PP&S Portfolio Capital Programme as set out in the table in paragraph 3.1 and in Appendix A.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal and Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Approved Capital Programme (Executive 02/12/15). Capital Q3 monitoring report (Executive 10/02/16).