
Decision Maker: ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Date: For pre-decision scrutiny by the Environment and Community Services PDS Committee on 9th September 2020

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 1ST QUARTER 2020/21

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Ward: All

1. Reason for report

On 8th July 2020, the Leader received a report summarising the current position on capital expenditure and receipts following the 1st quarter of 2020/21, and agreed a revised Capital Programme for the four year period 2020/21 to 2023/24. This report highlights changes agreed by the Executive and the Leader in respect of the Capital Programme for the Environment & Community Services Portfolio. The revised programme for this portfolio is set out in Appendix A, detailed comments on individual schemes are shown in Appendix B, and details of the 2019/20 outturn position are included in Appendix C.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Portfolio Holder is asked to note and confirm the changes agreed by the Leader on 8th July 2020.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children:

1. Summary of Impact:
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: Capital Programme monitoring 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. 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. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 2. Budget head/performance centre: Capital Programme
 3. Total current budget for this head: £24.2m for the Environment & Community Services Portfolio over the four years 2020/21 to 2023/24
 4. Source of funding: Capital grants, capital receipts, S106 and earmarked revenue contributions
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Personnel

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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Procurement:

1. Summary of Procurement Implications:
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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 Leader on 8th July 2020

- 3.1 A revised Capital Programme was approved by the Leader on 8th July 2020, following a detailed monitoring exercise carried out after the 1st quarter of 2020/21. The base position is the programme approved by the Executive on 12th February 2020, as amended by variations approved at subsequent Executive meetings. All changes to schemes in the Environment & Community Services Portfolio Programme are itemised in the table below and further details are included in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.4. The revised Programme for the Portfolio is attached as Appendix A, whilst Appendix B shows actual spend against budget, in the first quarter of 2020/21, together with detailed comments on individual scheme progress. Appendix C includes details of the final outturn for 2019/20.

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total 2020/21 to 2023/24
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Programme approved by Executive 12/02/2020	8,448	6,210	3,210	2,210	20,078
Net underspend 2019/20 re-phased to 2020/21 (Para 3.2)	3,893				3,893
Approved programme prior to 1st Quarter monitoring	12,341	6,210	3,210	2,210	23,971
Variations approved by the Leader 08/07/20					
Addition of BMX Track capital scheme 2020/21 (Para 3.3)	276				276
Re-phasing to 2021/22	Cr 286	286			0
Total approved variations	Cr 10	286	0	0	0
Revised Environment & Community Services Portfolio	12,331	6,496	3,210	2,210	24,247

3.2 Net underspend in 2019/20 re-phased into 2020/21

There was overall slippage of £3,893k since the third quarter monitoring on schemes in the Environment & Community Services Portfolio compared to a total portfolio budget of £9,302k. There was slippage of £1,050k on the Highways Investment scheme to allow further condition assessments to be completed for the final phase of the project, this will allow the investment project to be completed during 2020/21, and slippage of £574k on the Central Wall Depot. There was also slippage of £483k on the LIP Formula Funding scheme due to delays in design works being agreed as well as works then being planned for quieter periods so as to affect motorists as little as possible. In addition, there was slippage of £500k slippage on the Salix Street Lighting scheme due to scheme delays. Slippage on other schemes totalled a further £1,286K.

3.3 BMX Track at Hoblingwell Park (£276k increase to budget in 2020/21)

At its meeting on July 8th 2020, the Leader agreed to add £276k to the capital programme to install a community BMX track and associated community club at Hoblingwell Wood Recreation Ground. The scheme will include an all-wheeled asphalt pump track including start area and coaching space plus associated landscaping; improved access with a Disability Discrimination Act compliant path; the renovation of existing hard standing area as a learn to ride and skills development area, plus seating and two storage container units for the club's equipment. This will be financed by a Places to Ride grant of £149k, a London Marathon Charitable Trust grant of £111k and a contribution from Clarion Housing of £16k.

3.4 Schemes re-phased from 2020/21 into 2021/22

As part of the 1st quarter monitoring exercise, a total of £286k has been re-phased from 2020/21 into 2021/22 to reflect revised estimates of when expenditure is likely to be incurred. This is itemised in the table below and comments on scheme progress are provided in Appendix B. This has no overall impact on the total approved estimate for the capital programme.

Capital Expenditure - Rephasing in Q1 Monitoring	2019/20	2020/21	TOTAL
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Winter maintenance-gritter replacement	Cr 286	286	0
Total Environment and Community Services Re-phasing	Cr 286	286	0

3.5 Post-Completion Reports

Under approved Capital Programme procedures, capital schemes are subject to a post-completion review within one year of completion. After major slippage of expenditure in prior 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. The following post-completion report is currently due for the Environment and Community Services Portfolio:

- The Woodland Improvements Programme

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.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 These were reported in full to the Leader on 8th July 2020. Changes agreed by the Executive and the Leader for the Environment & Community Services Portfolio Capital Programme are set out in the table in paragraph 3.1.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal, Personnel and Procurement Implications, Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Capital Programme Monitoring Qtr.1 2020/21 (Leader 08/07/20) Capital Outturn report (Executive 27/05/20) Capital Programme Monitoring Qtr.3 2019/20 (Executive 12/02/20)