

Decision Maker: RENEWAL, RECREATION & HOUSING PORTFOLIO HOLDER

Date: For pre-decision scrutiny by the Renewal, Recreation & Housing PDS Committee on 30th March 2021

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 3RD QUARTER 2020/21 & CAPITAL STRATEGY 2021 TO 2025

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Chief Officer: Director of Finance

Ward: All

1. Reason for report

On 10th February 2021, the Executive received a report summarising the current position on capital expenditure and receipts following the 3rd quarter of 2020/21 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 2020/21 to 2024/25. This report highlights changes agreed by the Executive in respect of the Capital Programme for the Renewal, Recreation & Housing Portfolio. The revised programme for this portfolio is set out in Appendix A and detailed comments on individual schemes are shown in Appendix B and the new schemes approved for this Portfolio are set out in paragraph 3.6.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Portfolio Holder is asked to

2.1 Note and acknowledge the changes agreed by the Executive on 10th February 2021.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: None arising from this report.

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". The capital review process requires Council Directors to ensure that bids for capital investment provide value for money and match Council plans and priorities.
2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council

Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Total decrease of £1,377k over the five years 2020/21 to 2024/25, mainly due the decrease in Housing Supply Schemes.
2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
3. Budget head/performance centre: Capital Programme
3. Total current budget for this head: £54.5m for the Renewal, Recreation & Housing Portfolio over the five years 2020/21 to 2024/25
5. Source of funding: Capital grants, capital receipts, S106 and earmarked revenue contributions

Personnel

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

Legal

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

Procurement:

1. Summary of Procurement Implications:

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 10th February 2021

- 3.1 A revised Capital Programme was agreed by the Executive on 10th February 2021, following a detailed monitoring exercise carried out after the 3rd quarter of 2020/21. The base position is the programme approved by the Leader in November 2020, as amended by variations approved at subsequent Executive meetings. All changes to schemes in the Renewal, Recreation & Housing Portfolio Programme are itemised in the table below and further details are included in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.6. The revised Programme for the Portfolio is attached as Appendix A, whilst Appendix B shows actual spend against budget in 2020/21, together with detailed comments on individual scheme progress.

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	TOTAL 2020/21 to 2024/25
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Programme approved by the Leader in November 2020	21,731	22,145	12,010	10	0	55,896
Decrease in Housing supply schemes	Cr 2,153	0	0	0	0	Cr 2,153
Housing Supply in Burnt Ash Lane	476	0	0	0	0	476
	20,054	22,145	12,010	10	0	54,219
<u>Variations approved by Executive 10/02/21</u>						
DFG Grant (see para 3.2)	290	0	0	0	0	290
New Schemes (see paras 3.4 & 3.5)	0	0	0	0	10	10
Total amendments to the Capital Programme	290	0	0	0	10	300
<u>Total Revised Renewal, Recreation & Housing Programme</u>	20,343	22,145	12,010	10	10	54,518

3.2 Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) (£290k increase to 2020/21)

This extra DFG funding is to help support local authorities to deliver more home adaptations for those people with disabilities who qualify for a DFG. At its meeting on February 10th the Executive agreed to add £290k to the scheme.

Annual Capital Review – new scheme proposals

- 3.3 In recent years, the Council has steadily scaled down new capital expenditure plans and has transferred all of the rolling maintenance programmes to the revenue budget. General (un-earmarked) reserves, established from the disposal of housing stock and the Glades Site, have been gradually spent and have fallen from £131m in 1997 to £44.4m (including unapplied capital receipts) as at 31st March 2020. The Council's asset disposal programme has diminished, and any new capital spending will effectively have to be met from the Council's remaining revenue reserves.
- 3.4 As part of the normal annual review of the Capital Programme, Chief Officers were invited to come forward with bids for new capital investment, including Invest to Save bids which were particularly encouraged. Apart from the regular annual capital bid for Feasibility Studies, no bids were received for the Renewal, Recreation & Housing Portfolio
- 3.5 The 2024/25 annual provision for feasibility studies (£10k) was approved and has been added to the Capital Programme.

Post-Completion Reports

3.6 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. There are no post-completion reports currently due for the Renewal, Recreation & Housing Portfolio.

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 2021. Changes agreed by the Executive for the Renewal, Recreation & Housing 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 2 2020/21 (Leader 18/11/20) Capital Programme Monitoring Qtr 3 2020/21 (Executive 10/02/21)