

Decision Maker: PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CHILDREN, EDUCATION, AND FAMILIES

Date: For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Children Education, & Families Budget Sub-Committee on 18th January 2022

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 2ND QUARTER 2021/22

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Ward: Borough Wide

1. Reason for report

On November 24th 2021, the Executive received a report summarising the current position on capital expenditure and receipts following the 2nd quarter of 2021/22 and agreed a revised Capital Programme for the four-year period 2021/22 to 2024/25. This report highlights the current position agreed by the Executive and the Leader in respect of the Capital Programme for the Children, Education and Families Portfolio. The latest programme for this portfolio is set out in Appendix A and detailed comments on individual schemes are shown in Appendix B

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Portfolio Holder is asked to note and acknowledge the current position in respect of Capital Schemes, as agreed by the Executive on 24th November 2021.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children:

1. Summary of Impact: None arising directly 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".
 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: £18.5m for the Children, Education and Families Portfolio over the four years 2021/22 to 2024/25
 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: N/A
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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 24th November 2021

- 3.1 A revised Capital Programme was approved by the Executive on 24th November, following a detailed monitoring exercise carried out after the 2nd quarter of 2021/22. The base position is the programme approved by the Executive on 15th July 2021, as amended by variations approved at subsequent Executive meetings.
- 3.2 All changes to schemes in the Children, Education & Families Portfolio Programme are itemised in the table below. The revised Programme for the Children, Education & Families Portfolio is attached as Appendix A, whilst Appendix B shows actual spend against budget in the first quarter of 2021/22, together with detailed comments on individual scheme progress.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total 2021/22 to 2024/25
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Approved programme prior to 2nd Quarter monitoring	9,012	8,994	10	10	18,026
<u>Variations approved by the Executive 24/11/21</u>					
Schools Capital Maintenance	375				375
Formula Devolved Capital	57				57
Total approved variations	432	0	0	0	432
Revised Children, Education & Families Programme	9,444	8,995	10	10	18,459

- 3.3 Following completion of the 2nd quarter monitoring exercise, two changes were made to the portfolio capital programme, as approved by the Executive. These were as follows:
- (i) Formula devolved capital £57k increase. This reflects receipt of a grant from the government, which is passed straight on to Council maintained schools.
 - (ii) Schools Capital Maintenance (Basic Need) £375k increase. This reflects the allocation of capital funding to support capital maintenance in schools.
- 3.4 No re-phasing of planned expenditure was requested during this cycle of monitoring activity.

Post-Completion Reports

- 3.5 Under approved Capital Programme procedures, capital schemes should be subject to a post-completion review within one year of completion. These reviews should compare actual expenditure against budget and evaluate the achievement of the scheme's non-financial objectives. Post-completion reports on the following schemes are now due for submission.
- Early Education for Two-Year-Olds
 - 30 Hour Funded Childcare IT Solution
 - Performance Management/Children's Services IT scheme

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 24th November 2021. Changes agreed by the Executive for the Children, Education, & Families Portfolio Capital Programme are set out the main body of the report.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal, Personnel and Procurement Implications, Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children.
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	<p>Capital Programme Monitoring Qtr.3 2020/21 (Executive 10/02/21)</p> <p>Capital outturn 2020/21 (Executive 30/06/2021).</p> <p>Capital Programme Monitoring Qtr.1 2021/22 (Executive 15/07/21)</p> <p>Capital Programme Monitoring Qtr.2 2021/22 (Executive 24/11/21).</p>