

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

**Date:** For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Children, Education & Families Budget Sub-Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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

**Title:** CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2020/21

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**Chief Officer:** Director of Finance

**Ward:** All

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1. Reason for report

On 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020, the Leader received a report summarising the current position on capital expenditure and receipts following the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Leader in respect of the Capital Programme for the Children, Education & Families (CEF) Portfolio. The revised programme for this portfolio is set out in Appendix A and detailed comments on individual schemes are shown in Appendix B.

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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**The Portfolio Holder is asked to note and acknowledge the changes agreed by the Leader on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

## 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: £21.2m for the Children, Education and Families 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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## 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 Leader on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

3.1 A revised Capital Programme was approved by the Leader on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020, following a detailed monitoring exercise carried out after the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020/21. The base position is the programme approved by the Leader on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020, as amended by variations approved at subsequent meetings. All changes to schemes in the Children, Education & Families 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 Children, Education & Families Portfolio is attached as Appendix A whilst Appendix B shows actual spend against budget in the second quarter of 2020/21, together with detailed comments on individual scheme progress.

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	TOTAL 2020/21 to 2023/24
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Programme approved by Leader 08/07/20	14,739	6,149	190	10	21,088
Variations approved by Leader 18/11/20					
Capital Maintenance Budget (see Para 3.2)	174	0	0	0	174
Devolved Formula Capital (Para 3.3)	Cr 57	0	0	0	Cr 57
Re-phasing to 2021/22 (see Para 3.4)	Cr 1,817	1,817	0	0	0
Total amendments to the Capital Programme	Cr 1,700	1,817	0	0	117
<b>Revised Education, Children &amp; Families Programme</b>	<b>13,040</b>	<b>7,966</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21,206</b>

#### 3.2 Capital Maintenance Budget (£174k increase to budget in 2020/21)

On 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 the Leader approved the addition of £174k to the Capital Programme in relation to additional Government Grant received for School Capital Allocations since the last quarterly report.

#### 3.3 Devolved Formula Capital (reduction of £57k in 2020/21)

The Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) scheme is funded by a grant from the government, which is passed straight on to Council maintained schools. In November the Leader approved a reduction of £57k to reflect the funding available in 2020/21.

#### 3.4 Schemes re-phased from 2020/21 to 2021/2022

As part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter monitoring exercise, a total of £1,817k has been re-phased from 2020/21 to 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 Q2 Monitoring	2020/21	2021/22	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Basic Needs	Cr 1,000	1,000	0
Capital Maintenance Budget	Cr 817	817	0
<b>Total Children, Education &amp; Families rephasing</b>	<b>Cr 1,817</b>	<b>1,817</b>	<b>0</b>

## 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. 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. Post-completion reports on the following schemes are currently due for the Education, Children and Families Portfolio.

- Beacon House Refurbishment
- Langley Park Boys School (BFS)
- The Highway Primary
- Universal Free School Meals

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. 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 Leader on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Changes agreed by the Leader for the Children, Education & Families Portfolio Capital Programme are set out in the table in paragraph 3.1.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	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 Programme Monitoring Qtr 2 2020/21 (Leader 18/11/20)