

Decision Maker: PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR RENEWAL, RECREATION AND HOUSING

Date: For pre-decision scrutiny by the Renewal, Recreation and Housing Policy Development & Scrutiny Committee on 14th March 2024

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - QUARTER 3 2023/24

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Ward: All Wards

1. Reason for report

At its meeting on 7th February 2024, the Executive considered a report summarising the current position on capital expenditure and receipts following the third quarter of 2023/24 and be asked to agree a revised capital programme for the period 2023/24 to 2027/28. This report highlights changes to be considered by the Executive in respect of the capital programme for the Renewal, Recreation and 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.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

The Portfolio Holder is asked to note and acknowledge the changes agreed by the Executive on 7th February 2024.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children:

1. Summary of Impact:

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 "Making Bromley Even Better". 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: Making Bromley Even Better Priority: To manage our resources well, providing value for money, and efficient and effective services for Bromley's residents.

Financial

1. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
2. Budget head/performance centre: capital programme
3. Total current budget for this head: £141.2m for the Renewal, Recreation and Housing Portfolio over the five years 2023/24 to 2027/28.
4. Source of funding: capital grants, capital receipts and earmarked revenue contributions

Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 1FTE
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 7th February 2024

3.1 A revised capital programme was considered by the Executive on 7th February 2024, following a detailed monitoring exercise carried out after the third quarter of 2023/24. The base position is the programme approved by the Executive on 18th January 2023, as amended by variations approved at subsequent Executive meetings. All changes to schemes in the Renewal, Recreation and Housing 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 Renewal, Recreation and Housing Portfolio is attached as Appendix A, whilst Appendix B shows actual spend against budget up to the end of the third quarter of 2023/24, together with detailed comments on individual scheme progress.

	Budget 2023/24	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2025/26	Budget 2026/27	Budget 2027/28	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Programme approved by Executive 18/01/23	12,401	10,886	8,650	8,650	0	40,587
Net underspend 22/23 rephased to 23/24	36,568	0	0	0	0	36,337
Net changes agreed in Q1 monitoring	Cr 7,470	36,206	29,146	6,112	0	63,994
Net changes agreed in Q2 monitoring	Cr 7,000	7,500	0	0	0	500
Approved programme prior to Q3 monitoring	34,499	54,592	37,796	14,762	0	141,649
Net rephasing from 22/23 to future years (para 3.2)	Cr 3,895	Cr 1,226	5,121	0	0	0
Removal of various complete overspent schemes (para 3.3)	416	0	0	0	0	416
Removal of various complete schemes (para 3.4)	Cr 829	0	0	0	0	Cr 829
Revised RRH programme	30,191	53,366	42,917	14,762	0	141,236

3.2 Schemes re-phased between 2023/24 and future financial years

As part of the second quarter monitoring exercise, a total of £3,895k has been re-phased from 2023/24 into future financial years to reflect revised estimates of when expenditure is likely to be incurred. Comments on scheme progress are provided in Appendix B.

3.3 Removal of various complete schemes (increase of £416k)

As part of the third quarter monitoring exercise, a review was undertaken of schemes that are now complete and/or no longer required. This has identified a total of £416k of overspent schemes to be removed from the capital programme as set out in the table below:

	2023/24 £'000
Gateway Review of Housing I.T System	368
Crystal Palace Park Improvements	29
Norman Park Athletics Track	9
Crystal Palace Park - Alternative Management Options	10
	<u>416</u>

3.4 Removal of various complete schemes (decrease of £829k)

In addition to the overspend schemes in paragraph 3.3 above, the review also identified a total of £829k of underspends on complete/no longer required schemes as set out below:

	2023/24
	£'000
Star Lane Traveller Site	29
Chipperfield Road Development	59
Biggin Hill Memorial Museum	111
Relocation of Exhibitions - Bromley Museum	2
Banbury House demolition/site preparation	2
West Wickham Leisure Centre	623
Bromley MyTime Investment Fund	3
	829

3.5 Post-completion reports

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. The following post completion reports are currently due for the Renewal, Recreation and Housing portfolio:

- Bromley My Time Investment Fund
- Relocation of Exhibitions - Bromley Museum
- Norman Park Athletics Track
- Crystal Palace Park Improvements/Alternative Management Options
- Star Lane Traveller Site
- Biggin Hill Memorial Museum

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 7th February 2024. Changes considered by the Executive for the Renewal, Recreation and 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 Q1 23/24 (Executive 20/09/2023) Capital programme monitoring Q2 23/24 (Executive 29/11/2023) Capital programme monitoring Q3 22/23 (Executive 18/01/2023)