

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
SUBJECT:	APPROVAL TO SPEND CAPITAL FUNDING ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO SCHEMES IN 2011/12
DATE OF DECISION:	14 MARCH 2011
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
Not applicable.	

BRIEF SUMMARY

This report seeks approval to spend and provides details of the Capital Programme for Environment and Transport in 2011/12.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To approve variations, totalling £200,000 in 2011/12, to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme agreed at Council on 16th February 2011, as detailed in Appendix 4.
- (ii) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, capital expenditure of £11,206,000 in 2011/12, as detailed in Appendix 2, from the total Environment and Transport Capital Programme of £19,612,000
- (iii) To note the detail of the projects within the Capital Programme for 2011/12 as set out in Appendix 3

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To assemble the component funding for City Centre Improvement Projects.
2. Financial Procedure Rules require that approval to spend is secured to enable the delivery of the Councils Capital Programme each year.
3. The details of the projects are included to provide Members with relevant information.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

4. The proposed programme is fully funded and is based on available funding levels
5. A smaller programme than that proposed would undermine the essential support for the ongoing development of the City, fail to meet the objectives set out in the Local Transport Plan (LTP2) and emerging (LTP3), or deliver any noticeable improvement in the basic highway infrastructure.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

6. The Environment and Transport Capital Programme for 2010-11 included the delivery of a number of high profile highway infrastructure schemes such as
 - Chantry Bridge replacement
 - Itchen Bridge bearing replacement (completion March 2011)
 - Winchester Road resurfacing

- Northam Road resurfacing
- Board Walk cycle facility adjacent to the Itchen river
- Bedford Place walk to work scheme
- 12 miles of carriageway surfacing
- 2 miles of footway surfacing
- Car Parks lifts ongoing replacement programme

In addition, the following high profile works were completed in conjunction with other Portfolios during the year further improving the highways and public realm in the City.

- Guildhall Square
- QE2 Mile / Holyrood

7. The Council is continuing to invest £6 million per year into the highway and public realm infrastructure of the City to help offset the continuing deterioration of the City's roads and footways.
8. The Council entered a ten year minimum contract with Balfour Beatty Workplace (BBW) on 4th October 2010 for the delivery of most highway related functions including the design and delivery of Highway Capital Funded projects.
9. The innovation and efficiency savings achieved through this contract to date means that the roads capital programme is larger this year with considerable more surfacing of roads and footways proposed than ever before. This is in line with the Administration's priorities of investing in the City's highways infrastructure.
10. This year, there is a greater focus on unclassified roads to complement the previous years' priority investment in the principle and classified network. More priority is also being given towards the maintenance of local footways to help improve the health and wellbeing of residents by encouraging walking.
11. Appendix 3 shows a list of road surfacing projects that will be carried out this year.
12. The Local Transport Plan (LTP2) and emerging (LTP3) have been the subject of considerable consultation on transport policies and the programme is designed to be fully compatible with these. Individual consultation will be undertaken on each project using the agreed consultation strategy.
13. The overall Capital programme proposed for Environment & Transport 2011-2012 totals £19,612,000.
14. Appendix 1 shows how the programme is funded.
15. Appendix 2 shows the Block Headings and the proposed spend by scheme, showing where approvals to spend are required.
16. Appendix 3 shows scheme descriptions and individual projects
17. Appendix 4 details capital variations sought in the report to the Environment and Transport Capital programme.
18. The City Council has contracts with BBW, Southern Electrical Contracting and Capita for the delivery of key elements of the Environment and

Transport Capital programme. The Council has created a Highways Client Team with specialist skills to manage and develop these arrangements to achieve maximum benefit to the highways and structures assets

19. The Environment Directorate Capital and Major Projects Board has an overarching responsibility for the delivery of the Environment and Transport Capital Programme whilst individual Boards manage the interface for delivery with the partner contractors, review progress and performance and reports exceptions.
20. All Projects in the programme are managed through the corporate Project Management System, "PM Connect" which ensures the financial and timely delivery of individual projects within the overall programme. All projects will have an approved Project Initiation Document prior to commencement of works.
21. The importance of the condition of the highway network in terms of defects, as well as its ability to assist in providing high quality transport for all modes cannot be understated in terms of providing an indication of the health and vitality of the City. Increased investment by the Council can only signal to businesses and residents that Southampton is a location to invest and commit to. Getting this message clearly across to key stakeholders in the City will be a priority once the programme is approved.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

22. The Capital Programme for Environment and Transport Portfolio in 2011/12 will be £19,612,000, as approved by Council on 16th February 2011.
23. This capital expenditure can be fully funded as detailed in Appendix 1.
24. Some of this expenditure has been previously approved as indicated by the 'status of approval' column in Appendix 2.
25. This report seeks approval to spend the remaining capital expenditure of £11,206,000 in 2011/12, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, as set out in Appendix 3.
26. Appendix 4 details capital variations to the Environment and Transport Capital Programme, which are required to assemble the component funding for City Centre improvement projects.
27. Subject to existing maintenance levels, the ongoing revenue consequences of these schemes can be accommodated within existing budgets.

Property/Other

28. There are no known property implications other than those addressed under the Town Depot Relocation to Dock Gate 20.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

29. Each Capital scheme will be delivered in accordance with a variety of Highways and Environmental legislation, including but not limited to the Highways Act 1980, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1994, Traffic Management

Act 2004, and s.2 Local Government Act 2000 (having first had regard to the provisions of the Community Strategy).

Other Legal Implications:

- 30. Procurement of Schemes will be carried out in accordance with the Council's procurement strategy, existing and newly procured partnership contracts and in accordance with National and European procurement legislation and directives. Design and implementation of schemes will take into account the provisions of s.17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and the impact of schemes on individuals and communities will be assessed against Human Rights Act 1998 and Equalities legislation provisions.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

- 31. The Capital Programme is compatible with the objectives of the Community Strategy.
- 32. The City Council is a Local Transport Authority as laid down in the Transport Act 2000 and the Council's relevant Policy Framework is the City of Southampton Local Transport Plan (LTP2) and emerging (LTP3)

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KEY DECISION? Yes **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:** All

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	Environment & Transport Capital Programme – Sources of Funding 2011/12
2.	Environment & Transport Capital Programme – Approval to spend 2011/12
3.	Environment & Transport Capital Programme – Description of Schemes 2011/12.
4.	Environment & Transport Capital programme – Variations to the Programme

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	Yes (An IIA will be prepared for the whole programme)
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Other Background Documents

Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at: Highway Infrastructure Services, Floor 5, One Guildhall Square Southampton.

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

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