

BRIEFING PAPER

SUBJECT: BUDGET MATTERS
DATE: 16 DECEMBER 2019
RECIPIENT: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

THIS IS NOT A DECISION PAPER

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of any key changes in the overall General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme for the period 2019/20 to 2023/24.

BACKGROUND and BRIEFING DETAILS:

1. The capital programme is reviewed on a quarterly basis in accordance with the Council's Capital Strategy. The forecast position is reported to the Council Capital Board with any required programme update reported to Cabinet and Council for approval. This report is required to enable schemes in the programme to proceed and to approve additions and changes to the programme.
2. Service Directors, Service Leads and Project Managers have been consulted in preparing the reasons for any budget changes. Each addition has been subject to the relevant consultation process which reflects the role played by Council Capital Board. The content of the Cabinet report has been subject to consultation with Finance Officers for each service.

CHANGES TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

3. **Section 106 Funded Works – (Addition of £1.19M in 2020/21 and £0.40M in 2021/22)**
Approval is sought for the addition of £1.19M in 2020/21 and £0.40M in 2021/22 to the Place & Transport programme and approval to spend this sum in these years; funded by S106 developer contributions. The allocation of site specific S106 enables schemes to be undertaken in line with planning applications and meet the specific obligations set out in the S106 approvals.
4. **Desktop Refresh (Addition of £1.08M in 2019/20)**
Approval is sought for the addition of £1.08M in 2019/20 to the resources programme and approval to spend this sum in 2019/20; funded by council resources. £0.44M will be used to fund the wider development of the desktop refresh project replacing devices over 5 years old and £0.64M is required for Phase 2 of the Smart Ways of Working project to upgrade all Civic Centre based users.

RESOURCE/POLICY/FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

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Capital/Revenue

5. This report principally deals with capital and the implications are set out in the main body of the report. The revenue implications arising from borrowing to support the capital programme have been considered and can be accommodated within current revenue budgets.

Property / Other

6. There are no specific property implications arising from this report other than the schemes already referred to within the main body of the report.

Legal Implications – Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

7. Financial reporting is consistent with the Chief Financial Officer's duty to ensure good financial administration within the Council. The Capital Programme update is prepared in accordance with the Local Government Acts 1972 – 2003.

Other Legal Implications:

8. None directly, but in preparing this report, the Council has had regard to the Human Rights Act 1998, the Equality Act 2010, the duty to achieve best value and statutory guidance issued associated with that, and other associated legislation.

Risk Management Implications:

9. None.

Policy Framework Implications:

10. The update of the Capital Programme forms part of the overall Budget Strategy of the Council and is in line with the Financial Procedure Rules.

Appendices/Supporting Information:

1. None

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