

FULL COUNCIL

4 FEBRUARY 2015

REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to approve the Council's Capital Programme for 2015/16 for all funds and the sources from which that funding will be taken as recommended at the Strategic Planning Away Day held on 15 January 2015.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended, subject to any recommendation received from the Policy Finance and Administration committee, that:

2.1 **Funding for capital schemes in respect of General and Special Expenses and the sources that funding will be taken from, be as set out in Appendices A and B subject to the changes recommended at the Strategic Planning Away Day outlined in paragraph 3.2 below, and;**

2.2 **Funding for capital schemes in respect of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the sources that funding will be taken from be as set out in Appendix C subject to paragraph 3.4 below, ;**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 It is good financial practice to incorporate the financial effects of capital spending plans into revenue budgets prior to the consideration and approval of the revenue budgets. As such Members at the Strategic Planning Away Day on 15 January 2015 have considered and made recommendations on the projects for both General and Special Expenses to be funded in the capital programme for 2015/16 in addition to those which have already had funding approved. The impact of these recommendations has been incorporated into the revenue budget and prudential indicators being separately considered on this Full Council agenda.

3.2 The projects recommended for funding, subject to any comments received from the Policy finance and Administration committee, in addition to those which have already had funding approved are set out in Appendices A and B along with the sources that funding is recommended to be taken from.

3.3 This includes an amendment to the Melton Country Park Car Park project. Since the mandate for this was approved by the Community and Social Affairs Committee at its meeting on 12th November 2014, the scheme has been amended to remove the works required to the sewerage tank as these were completed during 2014/15 from existing budgets as an urgent repair. As such the required funding is £4k less than originally provided for.

3.4 A provisional 2015/16 capital programme in respect of the HRA was approved by the Community & Social Affairs (CSA) Committee at a meeting held on 12 November 2014. This is attached at Appendix C and includes the sources that funding will be taken from.

- 3.5 For members information a full list of schemes put forward for consideration for funding is attached at Appendix D (General Expenses) Appendix E (Special Expenses). From these lists the following schemes were not recommended at this stage for funding at the Away Day:

General Expenses

- Community Facilities Scheme - £40k
- Toilet Refurbishment - £160k
- Chapel Street Car Park - £124k
- Wilton Road Car Park - £34k
- Wilton Road Bus Park Resurfacing - £26k

Special Expenses Melton Mowbray

- Tarmacadam of Cemetery & Council Paths - £25k

- 3.6 For members information a full list of the capital programme for 2015/16 and later years by committee including those schemes previously funded, those proposed for funding and those where funding will be determined following further consideration by members is set out in Appendices F to H.

4.0 POLICY & CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Policy and corporate implications are considered for each proposed new scheme as part of the Council's priority assessment process. The results of this are reported to members as part of the budget setting process prior to finalising the capital programme.

- 4.2 A capital receipt can only be utilised for the repayment of debt or to fund capital expenditure. As such when members consider the use of these funds they should consider maximising the flexibility provided by revenue reserves such as the Corporate Priorities Reserve by funding capital expenditure from capital receipts in the first instance. The recommended funding for the capital programme follows this guidance.

5.0 FINANCIAL & OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The impact of the capital programme proposals on the Council's reserves and balances can be seen further in Appendix F to the Revenue Budget report shown elsewhere on this agenda.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

- 6.1 Any legal implications arising from new schemes will have been addressed at the Project Mandate stage.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

- 7.1 Individual schemes could have links to community safety issues. These are covered in any associated reports and forms linked to these schemes as they progress through the decision making process. As community safety is a corporate priority this is considered as part of the priority assessment and budget setting process when considering individual schemes.

8.0 EQUALITIES

- 8.1 The equality issues of each individual scheme are considered as they progress through the approval process.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 There will be risks associated with each of the individual projects and these are considered as part of the consideration of these individual schemes through the decision making process.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 Individual schemes could have climate change issues but these are considered individually as they progress through the approval process.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 The proposed capital programme was made available on the Council's website during January 2015 for the benefit of business ratepayers. No comments have been received to-date but should any be received prior to the meeting the Council will be updated verbally.

11.2 Proposed capital schemes are considered by the Programme Board and by other internal groups as appropriate prior to submission to policy committees.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 To varying degrees, all wards are affected by the Council's Capital Programme.

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Appendices: Appendix A – C Recommended Funded Capital Programme 2015-16
Appendix D – E Capital Scheme 2015-16 Detailed Descriptions
Appendix F – H Capital Programme 2014-19

Background Papers: Capital Programme 2014-19
Statement of Revenue & Capital Reserves
Strategic Planning Away Day Notes

Reference: X: Committee, Council & Sub Committees/Council Meetings/2014-15/04-02-15/DG – Capital Programme 2015-16