

**COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**25 JANUARY 2011**

**REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES**

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 31 DECEMBER 2010**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To update the Committee on the progress of schemes within the Capital Programme to 31 December 2010.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 **It is recommended that:-**

(a) **the progress made on each capital scheme be noted.**

(b) **Members seek approval from the Policy, Finance and Administration Committee for an increase of £35,000 to the authorised level of spending in respect of Decent Homes Grants as outlined in paragraph 5.4.**

(c) **Members approve the changes to the authorised spending in respect of the HRA capital programme as outlined in paragraph 5.5.**

**3.0 KEY ISSUES**

3.1 Under the Capital Programme Project Appraisal System, monitoring of actual capital expenditure against authorised expenditure is undertaken on a regular basis and reported to the Management Team in its capacity as the Council's Programme Board. Appendix A gives details of the spending against budget for all schemes within this Committee up to 31 December which is the latest available information at the agenda date.

**4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Policy and corporate implications were addressed in setting the current year's budget. There are no further policy and corporate implications arising from this report.

**5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The financial implications for each scheme are as set out in Appendix A

5.2 The overall position for all capital schemes falling within this Committee is as set out below.

<b>Capital Schemes</b>	<b>Allocated Funding 2010/11 Budget</b>	<b>Authorised Funding 2010/11 (Business Case Approved)</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure to 31 Dec 2010</b>	<b>Balance to be Spent 2010/11 (Authorised funding less Actual)</b>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Expenses	540	540	347	193
Special Expenses	115	115	109	6
HRA	1,315	1,315	565	750

Progress on schemes is generally satisfactory with the forecast for the year being broadly in line with authorised expenditure.

- 5.3 At its meeting in September 2010 the committee was advised of a potential problem regarding the receipt of some grant monies from Centrica in respect of HRA boiler replacement which had been partially used to fund expenditure in 2009/10. Members will be pleased to learn that the issues have now been resolved and the Council has received the outstanding grant monies owed in full.
- 5.4 In addition to the grant monies outlined in 5.3 above additional grant monies have been received in respect of boiler replacements arising out of the award of Decent Homes grants. These grant monies are specifically ring fenced for use only on grants awarded for this purpose. The demand for Decent Homes is such that it is necessary to request an increase in the authorised spending in 2010/11 to utilise these monies for this purpose. The amount of grant received is £35,000 to date. It is therefore recommended that the authorised spending in the current year increases to £300,000. There is no cost to the Council as the cost of grants awarded is covered by the government grant awarded and the grant monies from Centrica.
- 5.5 In relation to the HRA the forecast for the year indicates an increased requirement for re-roofing works. The increase of £30,000 is matched by corresponding reduced requirements in respect of the asbestos removal and stock condition survey schemes. Members are asked to approve changing the approved spending in the current year for the HRA in line with the forecast in Appendix A.

## **6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Legal implications/powers were addressed in setting the current year's programme. There are no further legal implications arising from this report.

## **7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY**

- 7.1 Individual schemes could have links to community safety issues. These should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to those schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

## **8.0 EQUALITIES**

- 8.1 Individual schemes could have links to equalities issues. These should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to those schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

## **9.0 RISKS**

- 9.1 These should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to those schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

## **10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE**

- 10.1 Individual schemes could have links to climate change issues. These should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to those schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

## **11.0 CONSULTATION**

- 11.1 Consultation takes place between project managers and the Senior Accountancy Assistant - Capital to determine the information included in Appendix A. Reports are also prepared on a quarterly basis for the Programme Board.

## **12.0 WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 To varying degrees all wards are affected by capital schemes within this Committee

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Appendices: Appendix A – Capital Programme Progress Report – December 2010

Background Papers: Oracle Financial Reports  
Budget Holder Comments on Performance

Reference: X: Committees/CSA/2010-11/25-1-11DG-Capital Prog. Monitoring-December  
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