

6 FEBRUARY 2013

REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES**CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14****1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to approve the Council's Capital Programme for 2013/14 for all funds and the sources from which that funding will be taken as recommended at the Budget Away Day held on 17 January 2013.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **It is recommended that 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 and;**
- 2.2 **It is recommended that 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 3.3 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 Budget Away Day on 17 January 2013 have considered and made recommendations on the projects for both General and Special Expenses to be funded in the capital programme for 2013/14 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 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 A provisional 2013/14 capital programme in respect of the HRA was approved by the Community & Social Affairs (CSA) Committee at a meeting held on 19 September 2012. This is attached at Appendix C and includes the sources that funding will be taken from. This programme will be reconsidered now that the HRA business plan has been finalised and following an analysis of the underlying asset management data being undertaken. The Housing Asset Manager has taken responsibility for the housing asset database and Asset Management Plan/Strategy. This plan will include a robust long term improvement and investment plan for the housing stock and ensure resources are most effectively utilised at the most appropriate time. This is therefore expected to result in an amended and upgraded capital programme for the period 2012-17 being presented to the CSA Committee in March 2013.
- 3.4 For members information a full list of the capital programme for 2013/14 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 D to F.

- 3.5 There are three additional schemes that are shown in the capital programme proposals outlined in Appendix E in this report relating to the cattle market. These will be given further consideration by the Cattle Market Working Group before any funding can be determined.
- 3.6 There are three additional schemes that are shown in the capital programme proposals outlined in appendices F in this report relating to the transformational change programme as reported to the Policy, Finance & Administration Committee (PFA) on 4 December 2012. These have not been proposed for funding but will be subject to a further report to PFA.
- 3.7 Members at the Budget Away Day also considered the need to undertake a refurbishment of the Melton Country Park Pavilion in light of the level of the Special Expense Reserve. This had also been the subject of discussion by members of the Town Area Working Group. It was proposed at the budget away day that a project mandate for this scheme be prepared and submitted to the relevant committee where the availability for funding could also be considered based on more detail surrounding the scheme.

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 D 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/February 2013 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 There has been extensive consultation with tenants over the HRA proposals through the formulation of the Housing Business Plan.

11.3 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 2013-14
Appendix D – F Capital Programme 2012-17

Background Papers: Capital Programme 2012-17
Statement of Revenue & Capital Reserves

Reference: X: Committee, Council & Sub Committees/Council Meetings/2012-13/06-02-13/DG – Capital Programme 2013-14