

## RURAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

8 SEPTEMBER 2010

### REPORT OF HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

#### CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010-2011 TO 2014-2015

#### 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To determine the Committee's Capital Programme for 2010-2015 based on a review of spending in the current year's programme and schemes included in the programme for later years.

#### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

##### 2.1 It is recommended that:-

- (i) the Committee notes the Capital Programme for 2010-2015,
- (ii) Members consider the schemes being submitted in 2010-2015 for funding as part of the budget setting process to ensure they meet the Council's priorities and;
- (iii) the Project Mandates as summarised in Appendix C be approved for inclusion in the Capital Programme.
- (iv) The business case discussed in para. 3.2.4 be approved
- (v) The project mandate and business case discussed in para 3.2.5 be approved for inclusion in the capital programme for 2010/11 and a request for a supplementary estimate of £11k be referred to the Policy, Finance & Admin Committee for approval.

#### 3.0 KEY ISSUES

##### 3.1 Capital Programme 2010-2015

- 3.1.1 The Capital Programme 2010-2011 to 2014-2015 for this Committee is attached at Appendix A. The Programme gives the total cost of each scheme, the spending profile, the amounts authorised to be spent and the stage each scheme has reached within the Capital Programme Project Appraisal System.

##### 3.2 Changes to the Programme

- 3.2.1 The changes that have been made to the Capital Programme for the current and future years are set out in Appendix B. The £26,000 that has been reduced in the current year has been transferred to 2011/12 and renamed Wilton Road Bus Park Resurfacing Scheme.
- 3.2.2 A list of new schemes is set out in Appendix C and is submitted for approval for inclusion into the Capital Programme. The Project Mandates, as approved by the Councils Programme Board, for these schemes are attached.

- 3.2.3 The above changes result in £55,000 of schemes in 2011-2012 being submitted for consideration for funding in 2011-2012 as part of the budget setting process all related to General Expenses.
- 3.2.4 A business case in respect of the Wilton Road Car Park Improvements is attached at Appendix D and is submitted for approval. Once approved this will leave the Lighting Improvement Scheme at Burton St Car Park and the 2010/11 allocation for the Partnership Scheme in Conservation Areas schemes where no business case has been approved to date. It is anticipated that business cases for these schemes will be presented to the Council's programme board at its October meeting for approval by this Committee in November 2010.
- 3.2.5 A project mandate and business case in respect of replacement Christmas lights which have reached the end of their useful life are attached at appendix E and are submitted for approval for inclusion in the 2010/11 Capital Programme. It is recommended that approval be sought from the Policy, Finance & Admin Committee for a supplementary estimate of £11k to be funded by prudential borrowing. The annual capital financing costs, assuming a five year life span, of £2,700 can be met by annual savings in the Christmas lighting revenue budget.

#### **4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

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

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 All financial and resource implications have been addressed within paragraph 3.

#### **6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

#### **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 these 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 these schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

#### **9.0 RISKS**

- 9.1 There will be risks associated with each of the individual projects and these should be considered as part of the consideration of these individual schemes through the decision making process. There is also the risk that the Council is unable to fund all of the schemes in the Capital Programme and therefore raises public expectations.

## **10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE**

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

## **11.0 CONSULTATION**

11.1 In preparing the appendices to this report consultation takes place between Project Managers and the Senior Accountancy Assistant – Capital regarding changes to the existing programme and new schemes to be included. In addition, the capital programmes reports are submitted to the Council's Programme Board. The extent to which consultation has been undertaken on individual schemes is set out in the associated project mandates.

## **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 2010-2015  
Appendix B - Capital Programme Amendments  
Appendix C – List of new schemes and copies of project mandates  
Appendix D – Business Case - Wilton Road Car Park Improvements  
Appendix E – Project Mandate & Business Case – Christmas Lights

Background Papers: Capital Programme as per Budget Book  
Programme Board Minutes

Reference: X: Committees/REEA/2010-11/8-9-10/DG - Capital Programme 2010-2015