

To: Cabinet

Date: 7 February 2024

Report/Comments of: Scrutiny Committee

Title: Scrutiny feedback to Cabinet – Capital Programme 2023-2028 – General Fund and Capital Strategy 2024/25

<b>SUMMARY OF REPORT CONSIDERED</b>	
<b>Report Title:</b>	Capital Programme 2023-2028 – General Fund and Capital Strategy 2024/25
<b>Purpose/Description of Report:</b>	The report provided information on the forecast outturn position for 2023/24 for General Fund Capital schemes for both General and Special Expenses and also sets out the proposed General Fund Capital Programme for 2023-28.
<b>Key Decision:</b>	No
<b>Scrutiny Lead Member:</b>	Cllr M Brown, Scrutiny Committee Chairman
<b>Relevant Portfolio Holder:</b>	Cllr S Cox, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance, Property and Resources

## 1. Introduction and Overview

The Scrutiny Committee met on 25 January 2024 to consider a report on the Capital Programme 2023-2028 – General Fund and Capital Strategy 2024/25.

The report provided information on the forecast outturn position for 2023/24 for General Fund Capital schemes for both General and Special Expenses and set out the proposed General Fund Capital Programme for 2023-28. In addition, the report contained the updated version of the Capital Strategy for all council funds for 2024/25.

## 2. Summary of Feedback/Recommendations for Cabinet Consideration

- Concern was raised that the underspend was misleading and could it be phased across the different years instead. In response it was explained that the underspend relates to the Levelling Up Fund monies

and at the point the budget was set last year it wasn't possible to meaningfully profile. As the plans develop this will become easier and can be looked at.

**Written by: Scrutiny Committee Chairman in consultation with Members of the Scrutiny Committee**