



Cabinet

25 November 2019

Report of:

Portfolio Holder Corporate
Finance and Resources

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

1.0 Corporate Priority:	Decision Type:
1.1 OG3 Becoming a more agile and commercial Council; securing our financial future	Non Key Decision
2.0 Summary:	
2.1 To provide financial progress information on the Capital Programme for the period 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2019.	
2.2 As at 30 September budget holders are forecasting to be in line with budget on the general fund Capital Programme.	
2.3 In addition to formal Quarterly reporting to Cabinet, the budget position is reported monthly at the Senior Leadership Team. This is to ensure any early warnings that highlight pressures can be collectively resolved	
3.0 Recommendations	
3.1 That the financial position on the Capital Programme to 30 September 2019 and the year-end forecast be noted.	
4.0 Reason for Recommendation:	
4.1 The Council, having set an agreed Budget at the start of the financial year, needs to ensure the delivery of this Budget is achieved. Consequently there is a requirement to regularly monitor progress so corrective action can be taken when required which is enhanced with the regular reporting of the financial position.	
5.0 Alternate Options Considered	
5.1 None	
6.0 Report Detail	
6.1 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 Senior Leadership Team. Appendices A to D give details of the spending against budget for all projects up to 30 September 2019.	
6.2 The overall position for all capital projects is as set out below and the financial implications outlined in Appendices A to D:	

Priority	Budget 2019-20	Actual April 19 to Sept 19	Year End Forecast	Variance (-) = Underspend
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Corporate	108	7	108	0
People	497	252	497	0
Place - General	163	25	163	0
Place - HRA	16,243	1,364	TBC	TBC
Total	17,011	1,648	TBC	TBC

6.3 Total Expenditure to date is £1,648k against a budget of £17,011k.

The General fund budget is forecasting to spend all capital project monies for 2019/20 by year end

The budget set for HRA for 2019-20 is £16,243k. Due to issues regarding staffing, capacity and additional workload around fire safety and other property safety compliance related works, planned maintenance and development projects are not being taken forward as planned. There is likely to be underspending on this budget for this financial year. The HRA business plan is being revised and will inform the spend and budget setting process going forward. It is not possible to forecast the year end position until the HRA business plan is prepared which is expected to conclude in December 2019 and will take into account the works emerging from the Housing Improvement Plan (HIP) approved by the Council on 4th November. The HIP proposed a significant increase in budgets for the actions proposed and the underspend from the planned maintenance projects will help meeting those needs.

7.0 Consultation and Feedback (including Scrutiny Committee)

7.1 The Service Accountant and Budget Holders reviewed the financial performance of the Capital Programme.

7.2 The report has also been reviewed with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance and Resources.

8.0 Next Steps

8.1 None

9.0 Financial Implications

9.1 All financial implications have been addressed in section 6.

10.0 Legal and Governance Implications:

10.1 Cabinet are responsible for oversight of the financial management and monitoring of budgets. There are no legal implications arising from the report.

11.0 Equality and Safeguarding Implications:

11.1 There are no equalities issues arising from this report.

12.0 Community Safety Implications:
12.1 Individual projects could have links to community safety issues. These should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to those projects as they progress through the decision making process.

13.0 Other Implications
13.1 None

14.0 Risk & Mitigation:
14.1 The risks relating to individual projects will be considered as part of the project management process for each scheme.
14.2 There is as set out above the risk that the HRA budget will not be spent in year and this will be considered further against the resources available to deliver the programme moving forward


Background Papers:
None

Appendices
Appendix A - Corporate Priority Capital Programme 2019-20 Appendix B - People Priority Capital Programme 2019-20 Appendix C - Place HRA Capital Programme 2019-20 Appendix D - Place Priority Capital Programme 2019-20

Report Timeline:	
Equalities Check & Challenge N/A	N/A
SLT Sign off N/A	N/A
Previously Considered by Cabinet N/A	N/A
Director Approval	01.11.2019
Legal Approval	15.11.2019
Chief Finance Officer Sign Off	01.11.2019
Monitoring Officer Sign Off	15.11.2019
Chief Executive Sign Off	18.11.2019

Exempt Reports
N/A

Date of Review to make public	
N.A	

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