

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020

**“C322 CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2020 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2020 (L) SCRUTINY - CPR) -**

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to advise Cabinet of the progress of the Capital Programme for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020 and set out any requested changes to the 2020/21 and future years' Capital Programme.

The report outlined the position with regard to the Capital Programme for the above period, considering the impact of the pandemic and the ability of the Council to deliver the full Programme. The Leader noted that delivery of the Capital Programme would be challenging this year as a result of the pandemic as people were often unable to work, some supplies and materials were not as readily available, etc.

In April it had been agreed that the Council would not tender for Capital schemes due to concerns over the availability of contactors. The reliability of supply chains and ability to meet timescales were also considered. This position had subsequently been reviewed and Services were now tendering for works again, which had enabled works to be continued and completed on school buildings over the summer period.

The Leader advised that the Cabinet had visited the site at Whitmore High School during the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 and praised the work being carried out there.

The report detailed the current position with regard to the Capital Programme and included additions to the Programme for the following reasons:-

- Slippage of £13m from 2019 to 2020 (included in the details of Appendix 1);
- Additions to the Programme following the receipt of a number of Welsh Government grants;
- Additions to the Programme through the use of Section 106 monies.

The pandemic had had a particular effect on the Housing Services Programme and as a result some works had been delayed until 2021/2022.

Appendix 1 to the report detailed the Programme scheme by scheme.

Councillor Burnett commented that the flexibility shown by both Vale of Glamorgan Council Officers and contractors in delivering upgrades to schools had been outstanding during the school holidays to avoid slippage. They had been working

safely and social distancing appropriately, safeguarding around 140 quality jobs, the majority of which were from local communities. It also supported local contractors and local supply chains and work was on track to be completed next September and on budget at Whitmore High School. Contractors had also assisted with the development of an app so that children in other schools could attend school safely.

Councillor Gray referred to a typographical error as part of Recommendation 2, bullet point 3, that should have read:

- Jenner Park Primary Water Mains Replacement - Vire £10k to the St Brides Primary Security Fencing scheme.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report, all the issues and implications contained therein and noting the change to Recommendation 2, bullet point 3,

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the progress made on the 2020/21 Capital Programme be noted.

(2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority in relation to the following be noted:

- Ysgol Pen Y Garth Roof Renewal Scheme- Vire £29k from the Education Asset Renewal Contingency Budget to the Ysgol Pen-y-Garth roof renewal scheme in the 2020/21 Capital Programme.
- Jenner Primary School Parapet Outlet Works - Vire £15k from the Education asset renewal contingency budget to this new scheme.
- Jenner Park Primary Water Mains Replacement - Vire £10k to the St Brides Primary Security Fencing scheme.
- Penarth Heights Sustainable Transport - Increase this scheme by £25k in the 20/21 Capital Programme to be funded from s106 monies.
- Nordale Road/Bedford Rise Bridge Lighting Scheme - Include a new scheme in the 2020/21 Capital Programme of £25k to be funded from S106 monies.
- Cowbridge Leisure Centre Replacement water heaters/replacement flue - vire £32k from the 2020/21 All Services Asset Renewal Budget.
- Upgrade of CCTV system - Increase this scheme by £20k to be funded from S106 monies.
- Housing Improvement Programme - Allocate the 2020/21 budget of £27.847m as shown in paragraph 2.35 below.
- Ogmre Community Facility and associated play area - Increase the 2020/21 Capital Programme by £44k to be funded from s106 monies.
- Dinas Powys Community Council Stage Lighting and Parish Hall - Include a new scheme in the 2020/21 Capital Programme of £20k to be funded by s106 monies.
- Wick Multi Use Games Area - Include a new scheme of £78k into the 2020/21 Capital Programme to be funded from s106 monies.

- The Knap Gardens – Water and Biodiversity Project - Include a new scheme of £110k in total to the Capital Programme, split as follows: £5k in 2020/21 for design, , and £105k in 2021/22, to be funded from s106 monies.
- Central Park Play Area Improvements - Include a new scheme of £143k in total to the Capital Programme, split as follows: £5k in 2020/21, and £138k in 2021/22, to be funded from s106 monies.
- Central Park Play Area Improvements - Bring forward £50k from 2021/22 into 2020/21 Capital Programme.
- Building Strong Communities Fund - Increase this scheme by £20k to be funded from s106 monies.
- Barry Regeneration Partnership - The changes made to this scheme listed in paragraph 2.48.

(3) T H A T the use of the Managing Director's COVID-19 Emergency Powers in relation to the following be noted:

- 21st Century Schools Band B - Amend scheme costs and profiles as set out in the table in paragraph 2.8.
- Barry Island Primary / Wick and Marcross Primary/ Holton Primary Boiler Renewal Schemes - Make the following virements in the 2020/21 Capital Programme:
  - Vire £25k from the Barry Island Primary Boiler Renewal scheme to the Holton Primary Scheme
  - Vire £5k from the Barry Island Primary Boiler Renewal scheme to the Education Contingency Budget Scheme
  - Vire £20k from the Wick and Marcross Primary Boiler Renewal Scheme to the Education Contingency Budget Scheme.
- Cadoxton Primary Rewire Nursery and Dining Block - Vire £43k to the following schemes:-
  - £14k to the High St Primary Rewire phase 2 scheme.
  - £2k to the Llandough Primary Rewire phase 2 scheme.
  - £10k to the Llandough Primary WC Refurbishment scheme.
  - £8k to the Romilly Primary WC Refurbishment scheme.
  - £9k to the Education Asset Renewal Contingency budget.
- St Joseph's Primary WC Refurbishment - Vire £35k to the Victoria Primary WC Refurbishment scheme in the 20/21 Capital Programme.
- ICF- Transition Smart House - Increase this scheme by £240k to be funded from Welsh Government grant.
- Flying Start Capital Grant - Include the following schemes into the 20/21 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government:-
  - Cylch Meithrin Pili Pala, New play area £42.5k
  - External path, kitchen improvements and provision of a canopy £40K
  - Gibbonsdown, Skomer Road Extension £52K
- Local Sustainable Transport COVID Response - Include this new scheme into the 2020/21 Capital Programme with a budget of £221k to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.

- LTF M4 to Cardiff Airport Transport Network Scheme - Increase this scheme by £500k in the 2020/21 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- LTNF Electronic Bus Stop Information Displays - Include this new scheme into the 2020/21 Capital Programme with a budget of £180k to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- LTNF Strategic Bus Stop Upgrades - Barry - Include this new scheme into the 2020/21 Capital Programme with a budget of £100k to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- SRIC - St Athan Active Travel Route Design - Include this new scheme into the 2020/21 Capital Programme with a budget of £44k to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- Core Active Travel Fund Allocation - Increase this scheme budget by £410k in the 2020/21 Capital Programme to be funded from Welsh Government grant.
- Small Scale Works Grant - Include a new scheme in the 2020/21 Capital Programme of £99k, to be funded from £84k Welsh Government Grant and £15k virement from the Flood Risk Management scheme budget.
- Street Lighting Energy Reduction Strategy - Increase this scheme by £1,916k in the 2020/21 Capital Programme, to be funded by an interest free loan from Salix Finance Ltd.
- Coast Protection and Land Drainage - Vire £100k to the Flood Risk Management scheme.
- Replacement Variable Message Signs - Vire £16k to a new scheme called 'Bay 5 Works'.
- Replacement of existing Pay and Display Machines - Increase this budget in the 2020/21 Capital Programme by £158k to be funded by a revenue contribution to capital. (£74k from Countryside and £84k from Neighbourhood Services. Change the name of the scheme to Car Park Pay and Display Machines.
- Waste Grant - Increase this budget by £91k to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- Electoral Reform Grant - Include a new scheme into the 2020/21 Capital Programme of £212k to be funded from a Welsh Government Grant.
- Local Nature Partnership Cymru Grant - Include a new scheme of £71k into the 2020/21 Capital Programme called Local Nature Partnership Cymru Grant, to be funded from grant funding.
- Green Infrastructure Grant - Increase the 2020/21 Capital Programme by £192.5k to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- Cowbridge Livestock Market Regeneration Budget - Include a new scheme of £150k into the 2020/21 Capital to be funded from the Council Building Fund reserve.
- Access Improvement Grant - Include this £41k scheme into the 2020/21 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.
- Core ICT Network Infrastructure Upgrade - Include this scheme in the Capital Programme with a budget of £236k to be funded by £118k COVID grant from Welsh Government and £118k from ICT reserve.
- ENABLE - Include £161k scheme in the 2020/21 Capital Programme to be funded by a grant from Welsh Government.

- Building Strong Communities Fund - increase this budget by £12k in the 2020/21 Capital Programme to be funded by a revenue contribution from the Building Strong Communities revenue budget.

(4) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Managing Director and the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, be given delegated authority to make additions, deletions or transfers to or from the Capital Programme in relation to the Capital Economic Regeneration Reserve.

(5) T H A T the following changes to the 2020/21 and future years' Capital Programme be approved:

- Victorian Schools - Vire £47k to this scheme from the Peterston Super Ely Primary Roof scheme in the 2020/21 Capital Programme.
- Parks and Sport Facility - Vire £4k to the Penarth Parks Welfare Facility scheme.
- Car Park Refurbishments - Change the name of this scheme to Ogmores by Sea Car Park Refurbishment.
- St Athan Sustainable Transport Improvements - Vire £143k to the Safer Routes in Communities - St Athan Active Travel Route Design scheme.
- Vehicle Renewal Fund - Reduce this budget by £1m in the 2020/21 Capital Programme
- HRA Internal Works - Reduce this budget by £924k in the 2020/21 Capital Programme.
- Individual Schemes - Carry forward £700k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Common Parts - Carry forward £2.2m into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Environmental Improvements - Reduce the 2020/21 budget by £100k and carry forward £1.1m into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- New Builds - Carry forward £4.24m into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.
- Skills Centre - Property Conversion and Car Park - Vire £148k to the BSC2 scheme.
- Disabled Facilities Grants - Carry forward £500k into the 2021/22 Capital Programme.

#### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To advise Cabinet of the progress on the Capital Programme.
- (2) To advise Cabinet of the use of Delegated Authority.
- (3) To advise Cabinet of the use of the Managing Director's COVID-19 Emergency Powers.
- (4) To enable the Capital Economic Regeneration Reserve to be managed effectively.
- (5) To allow schemes to proceed in the current and future financial years."