

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:  
5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020

**“C211 CAPITAL STRATEGY 2020/21 AND FINAL CAPITAL PROPOSALS 2020/21 TO 2024/25 (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The report provided the Council's Capital Strategy for 2020/21 at Appendix 1. The Capital Strategy provided a framework which outlined how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contributed to the provision of corporate objectives, along with an overview of how associated risk was managed and the implications for future financial sustainability.

The report set out the Council's proposed Final Capital Programme for the period 2020/21 to 2024/25 at Appendix 2.

The total value of capital schemes over the next five years was £286.295m. This included £117.863m for the Band B 21st Century Schools Programme and £115.373m for the Housing Improvement Programme.

Additional grant funding for three years, commencing 2018/19, had been provided by Welsh Government as part of the Public Highways Refurbishment grant and together with Council funding, this would provide £1.714m for investment in highways during 2020/21.

Welsh Government had provided additional capital funding for schools' maintenance via a grant of £1.905m for 2019/20 which was due for payment to the Council during January 2020. This sum could be carried forward into the next financial year through reserves. It was proposed that as it was very late in the budget setting process, the additional funding for 2019/20 was transferred into a specific reserve for further consideration in the new financial year.

The Leader referred to Recommendation (8) of the report and requested two amendments. The first was to address the incorrect title for the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee; the second was a point of clarification to confirm the report would be referred to Council.

It was therefore requested that Recommendation (8) be amended to read:-

*‘That Cabinet refer the Capital Strategy 2020/21 and Final Capital Proposals 2020/21 to 2024/25 to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny*

*Committee for review and the comments of Scrutiny Committee be referred to Cabinet, in advance of consideration by Council.'*

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein, and subsequent to the agreed amendments to Recommendation (8),

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Capital Strategy 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the final Capital Programme for the years 2020/21 to 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved.
- (3) 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 2020/21 to 2024/25 Housing Improvement Programme as appropriate.
- (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 2020/21 to 2024/25 Asset Renewal budgets as appropriate.
- (5) 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 S106 funded schemes subject to Member consultation as required under the existing process.
- (6) 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 Energy Management Schemes.
- (7) T H A T Cabinet recommend to Council that the Project Fund be redesignated and that £496k be used to create a new reserve called the Capital Economic Regeneration reserve and that the remaining balance on the reserve of £2.354m be renamed as the Commercial Opportunities and Invest to Save reserve.
- (8) T H A T the Capital Strategy 2020/21 and Final Capital Proposals 2020/21 to 2024/25 be referred to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee for review and the comments of Scrutiny Committee be referred to Cabinet, in advance of consideration by Council.
- (9) T H A T the reprofiling of the Band B programme for the School Investment Strategy for the years 2019/20 to 2024/25 as shown in paragraph 2.36 of the report be approved.

(10) T H A T the reprofiling of the City Deal scheme for the years 2019/20 to 2024/25 as shown in paragraph 2.32 of the report be approved.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To approve the Capital Strategy for 2020/21.
- (2) To set and approve future Capital Programmes to 2024/25.
- (3) To enable the Housing Capital budget to be managed effectively.
- (4) To enable the Asset Renewal budgets to be managed effectively.
- (5) To enable Section 106 schemes to be managed effectively.
- (6) To enable the Energy Management Schemes to be managed effectively.
- (7) To rename and create a new reserve.
- (8) In order to gain the view of Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.
- (9) To reflect the work programme for the Band B Schemes.
- (10) To reflect the work programme for the City Deal Scheme.”