

Meeting of:	Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 04 March 2024
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Homes and Safe Communities
Report Title:	Capital Monitoring for the period 1st April to 31 st December, 2023
Purpose of Report:	To advise Committee of the progress on the 2023/24 Capital Programme for the period 1st April, 2023 to 31 st December, 2023 within their remit.
Report Owner:	Director of Environment and Housing
Responsible Officer:	Matt Bowmer, Head of Finance/S151 Officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	Each Scrutiny Committee will receive a monitoring report on their respective areas, which will consider the relevant information relating to the respective Scrutiny Committee. This report does not require Ward Member consultation.
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for Executive decision by Cabinet
Executive Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report provides an update on the progress of the Capital Programme for the period 1st April, 2023 to 31st December, 2023. Details by scheme are shown in Appendix 1. Appendix 2 provides a summary of the position of the Capital Programme by directorate from approval at Council on 6th March, 2023 through to 31st December, 2023, including any changes requested within this report. The report sets out any requested changes to the 2023/24 and future years' Capital Programme. The report notes the current approved programme of £103.677M, but it is important to note that this is unlikely to be delivered and slippage is requested of £7.692M with a forecast Outturn of £96.763M. Schemes will be closely monitored over the coming months and officers will continue to work with project managers and sponsors to ensure value for money and that all possible funding opportunities are identified and are fully explored.

Recommendations

1. That the progress made on delivering the 2023/24 Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee be noted in the attached Appendix 1.
2. That the use of Delegated Authority within the remit of the Committee, summarised in paragraph 2.5 and detailed in the report at paragraph 2.61 be noted.
3. That the use of Emergency Powers within the remit of the Committee, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.
4. That the changes to the 2023/24 Capital Programme and future years Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, summarised in paragraph 2.3 and 2.4 and detailed within the body of the report at paragraph 2.22, 2.27 and 2.55 be noted.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. To advise Committee of the progress on the Capital Programme.
2. To advise Committee of the use of Delegated Authority.
3. To advise Committee of the use of Emergency Powers.
4. To advise Committee of changes to the Capital Programme.

1. Background

Council on 6th March, 2023 (Minute Reference 777) approved the Capital Programme for 2023/24.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 The approved programme as at final proposals was £103.968M. Slippage from the 2022/23 Capital Programme of £8.733M has been previously agreed and added to the approved programme. During the financial year, amendments totalling £15,198 and slippage approved of £24.222M, give a total current approved programme of £103,677. A directorate analysis taken from Appendix 2 is set out in the Table One below:

Table One – Revised Capital Programme

Directorate	Approved Programme 2023/24	Slippage Approved into 2023/24	Amendments 2023/24	Slippage Approved in 2023/24	Total Capital Programme 2023/24
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Learning & Skills	36,697	(1,864)	(357)	(7,693)	26,783
Social Services	595	342	121	0	1,058
Housing	45,019	1,992	6,716	(8,730)	44,997

Environment	12,830	6,046	7,886	(4,520)	22,242
Place	4,039	1,329	307	(746)	4,929
Corporate Resources	1,130	895	465	(328)	2,162
City Deal	2,506	0	0	(2,205)	301
Pipeline Schemes	1,152	(7)	60	0	1,205
Total	103,968	8,733	15,198	(24,222)	103,677

2.2 Appendix 1 details financial progress on the Capital Programme as at 31st December, 2023 and Table Two below, sets out the summary by each directorate.

Table Two – Summary Capital Programme

Actual Spend to September 2023	Directorate	Approved Programme 2023/24	Forecast Outturn 2023/24	Variance	Slippage Requested
£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
11,264	Learning & Skills	26,783	23,769	(3,014)	3,136
107	Social Services	1,058	594	(464)	434
24,644	Housing	44,997	44,997	0	0
7,436	Environment	22,242	18,014	(4,228)	2,739
1,227	Place	4,929	3,382	(1,547)	692
3,513	Corporate Resources	2,162	5,192	3,030	0
0	City Deal	301	0	(301)	301
126	Pipeline Schemes	1,205	815	(390)	390
48,317	Total	103,677	96,763	(6,914)	7,692

2.3 There are two requests under the Additions, Virement and Re-profiling section of the report that are within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee. The first is under the Environment section of the report in the Housing Improvement Programme and requested to vire £30k from the Individual Schemes budget to the 7 St Paul's Avenue scheme budget. The second is under the Place section of the report and requested to remove the Penarth Renewal Area scheme budget of £5k. Once the scope of the works have been determined together with associated costs, a bid can be submitted through the capital bid process.

2.4 There is one request under the Place slippage section of the report that is within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee which relates to the Empty Homes Grant. This requested to reduce the scheme by the grant amount of £846k, due to the administration of the scheme and slip £75k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.

2.5 There is one Delegated Authority that has been approved within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee which reprofiled the Housing Improvement Programme 2023/24 to 2028/29. The reprofile was undertaken to ensure that the Capital Programme is in line with the Housing Business Plan.

Capital Programme Delivery

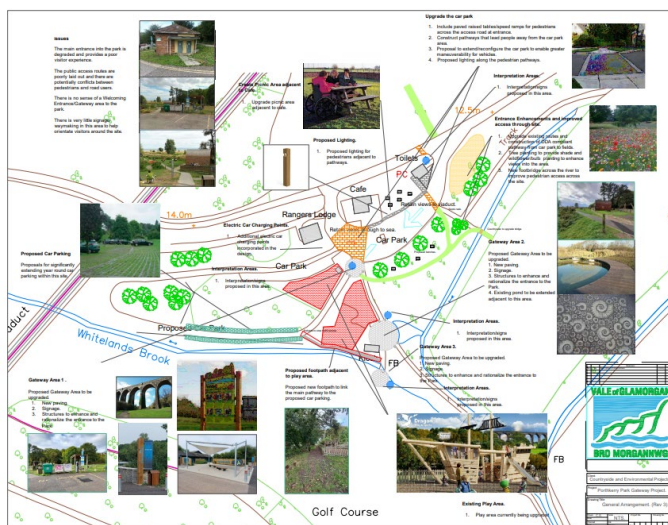
- 2.6 Detailed below are paragraphs highlighting several capital schemes being delivered this financial year.

Place – Brilliant Basics – Porthkerry Country Park

- 2.7 The Council has been awarded £288k from Visit Wales under the Brilliant Basics fund over two financial years to undertake improvement works to Porthkerry Country Park's main hub, located in the main car park and develop links with the Wales Coast Path.

- 2.8 The proposal will include an external canopy with seating to ensure visitors have a safe place to meet. The works will improve the area, making it attractive to both the public and third-party commercial organisations, enabling the introduction of new income streams and develop tourism.

- 2.9 Masterplan Porthkerry



Environment – Cwrt Y Vil Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

- 2.10 Construction of the new MUGA at Cwrt-Y-Vil Recreation Ground, Penarth was completed in September 2023 and an official opening took place on Wednesday 4th October 2023.
- 2.11 A local Youth Action Group instigated the scheme with a report on the condition of the existing facility, they continued to be involved throughout the process. The specialist sports and play Contractor provided a great facility that has been well received by the local community.

2.12 Cwrt Y Vil MUGA opening.



Second Capital Programme Review

2.13 In order to be able to fund high priority bids that have been submitted, a further review of the Capital Programme has been undertaken. The risks associated with not progressing some of the high priority bids is significant and there will be some opportunity cost associated with identifying this level of funding. It is considered that the risk associated with not identifying this funding could be more significant than the risk associated with some high-cost schemes within the programme and these are set out below.

2.14 It is not thought that removing these schemes is an easy decision to make, however, in the context of the risk associated with not providing additional funding for the high priority bid schemes and the significant pressures in the revenue budget it is felt that this is the most prudent approach for the Council at this time. Further detail is provided in the Final Capital Proposals Report which is on the same agenda as this report.

2.15 In relation to the Llandow HWRC, the Council continues to explore options for a replacement HWRC at Landow but despite ongoing investigations there are no immediate options available. As a consequence and until a site is found the budget it has been requested to be removed from the Capital Programme. As an interim measure, the service area has contacted the landlord's representative where the existing site is located to upgrade the road and secure a lease for the near future and to explore other opportunities. This work is progressing.

Table Three – Schemes proposed to be removed from the Capital Programme

Schemes Removed	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£000
Bridge Structures	0	1,425	0	0	0	0	1,425
New household Waste Recycling Centre	750	1,205	0	0	0	0	1,955
Fleet Parking	0	2,569	0	0	0	0	2,569
Social Services Residual Schemes	15	0	0	0	0	0	15
Social Services Asset Renewal	15	0	0	0	0	0	15
Unallocated All Services Asset Renewal	0	366	1,369	1,257	1,257	1,257	5,506
Total	780	5,565	1,369	1,257	1,257	1,257	11,485

2.16 It has been requested to remove these schemes from the Capital Programme as set out in Table 3.

Review of revenue expenditure over £10k

2.17 A review of revenue expenditure over £10k has been undertaken to determine if the nature of the spend falls under the Council's definition of capital spend. Following this review a number of schemes have been identified as capital as set out in the table below:

Table Four – Schemes proposed to include in the Capital Programme

Scheme	2023/24	Source of Funding	Nature of Scheme
	£'000		
Learning & Skills			
Romilly Primary Canopies	21	School Revenue budget	Installation of outdoor canopies at the school
Library Self Issue Kiosks	65	Culture and Community Reserve	Replacement of self-service kiosks in the 4 Council run libraries

Llantwit Major Roof Library repairs	10	Library revenue budget	Repair roof leak and replace ceiling light at Llantwit Major Library
Barry Children's library shelving	11	Culture and Community Reserve	New shelving at Barry's Children's Library
Cowbridge Library doors	15	Culture and Community Reserve	New doors at Cowbridge Library
Corporate Resources			
Hybrid Streaming System - Council Chamber	35	Revenue budget	Fitting of equipment in the Council Chamber to enable hybrid meetings
Data Centre Battery replacement	22	Revenue budget	Battery replacement at the Data Centre to avoid equipment failure
Grand Total	179		

2.18 It has been requested to include these schemes in the 2023/24 Capital Programme to be funded as noted in Table Four.

Capital Programme Additions, Virements and Re-Profiling

Learning & Skills

2.19 Colcot Primary Toilet Refurbishments-Phase Two – The budget for Colcot Primary Toilet refurbishment was in the 2023/24 Capital Programme for £60k. As additional works were required to complete the work, the scheme has gone over the predicted budget. There was £115k unallocated in the Education Asset Contingency budget and it has therefore been requested to vire £25k from this budget to the Colcot Toilet Refurbishment to fund the overspend.

2.20 Health and Safety Priority Items Identified in Condition Surveys – This scheme was on the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £290k. Schemes have been completed at five locations at Ysgol Sant Curig, Dinas Powys Juniors, St Andrews primary, Jenner Park Primary and Dinas Powys Primary. To enable all works to be completed at these sites, the total budget required was £312k. If the last request was approved there was an unallocated budget of £90k in the Education Asset Renewal Contingency budget. It has been requested to vire £22k from this scheme budget to the Health and Safety Priority Items Identified in Condition Surveys scheme to fund this overspend.

Social Services

- 2.21** Rondel House Fire Alarm Improvements – A new scheme was required to undertake essential fire alarm improvements at Rondel House in the sum of £16k. There was £16k unallocated in the Social Services Asset renewal budget. It was requested to include this new scheme in the 2023/24 Capital Programme, to be funded from the remaining budget from the Social Services Asset Renewal scheme.

Environment

- 2.22** Housing Improvement Programme – St Paul’s Avenue was on the 2023/24 Housing Improvement Capital Programme with a budget of £126k. The Individual Scheme budget was also on the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £3,846. For the Capital Programme to align with the budgets on the Housing Improvement Programme, it was requested to vire £30k from the Individual Schemes budget to the 7 St Paul’s Avenue scheme budget. A budget of £156k and £3,816k remain respectively on the 2023/24 Capital Programme for St Pauls Avenue and Individual Schemes.
- 2.23** Eglwys Brewis Active Travel Route – This scheme was on the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £2.433M. Following an assessment of outstanding costs required to deliver this scheme, it had been projected that a budget of £2.333M is needed. It was therefore requested to reduce this scheme budget, funded by grant in the 2023/24 Capital Programme by £100k. A budget of £2.333M remains on the programme.
- 2.24** 20mph Grant – Grant funding of £1.658M had been awarded and included on the 2023/24 Capital Programme. Officers have reported to Welsh Government that they do not require the full allocation of this grant and that they will decommit £642k prior to year-end. It has been requested to reduce this scheme budget in the 2023/24 Capital programme by £642k. A budget of £1.016M remains in the 2023/24 Capital Programme.

Place

- 2.25** Cowbridge Farmers Market – This scheme was in the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £19k. An application was successful under the Shared Prosperity fund for this scheme, for marquees to be purchased for use by participants involved in the Farmers Market. The total project cost was £19k with match funding of £4k. The match funding should not be included in the capital programme and it was therefore requested to reduce this scheme budget by £4k. A budget of £15k remains in the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- 2.26** Cosmeston Works Programme – This scheme had a budget of £157k, with works covering the replacement of the boardwalk and roof repairs at the Medieval Village. Officers are currently exploring alternative methods to secure the long-

term future of the Medieval Village, including alternative funding options. Accordingly, resources must be prioritised and the work required for the ANPR scheme to support parking facilities at the Country Parks is particularly pressing. It has been requested to vire £60k of this scheme budget to the Country Parks ANPR scheme budget in the 2023/24 Capital Programme. This provides a new budget for the ANPR works of £260k in the 2023/24 Capital Programme.

- 2.27** Penarth Renewal Area – This scheme was on the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £5k. As any works that are required will involve additional funds it has been requested that this scheme is removed from the 2023/24 Capital Programme. Once the scope of the works have been determined together with associated costs, a bid can be submitted through the capital bid process.

Resources

- 2.28** Transport for Wales – Barry Railway Depot – Following completion of the site transfer to Transport for Wales, this scheme will now be completed by them and the payment of £2.986M to Transport For Wales has been made in accordance with the funding agreement. It has been requested to include this scheme in the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £2.986M. The payment is to be funded from £175k capital receipts and £2.811M from Capital Grant received in advance.
- 2.29** Country Parks as Social and Economic Connectors – A budget of £63k was on the 2023/24 Capital Programme for this scheme which is funded by grant. As the scheme is now complete and all costs have been received, it has been requested to reduce this scheme budget in the 2023/24 Capital Programme by £13k.

Slippage

Learning & Skills

- 2.30** Band B Ysgol Y Deri – Although planning consent has now been formally provided, there was a three-month delay in receiving this. Within the planning consent there was also a request for additional modelling which has resulted in further delays to commencing works on site. It has been requested to reprofile the scheme budget to reflect this delayed profile of delivery as per the table below:-

Table 5 – Reprofile for Ysgol Y Deri

Year	Current Profile	Revised Profile
	£'000	£'000
2023/24	4,087	1,060
2024/25	17,694	20,721
2025/26	360	360
Total	22,141	22,141

- 2.31** Various Schools Boiler Pressurisation Valves – This scheme was on the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £20k. Following discussions and as officers are still considering an appropriate technical solution, it has been requested to carry forward the budget of £20k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- 2.32** Victoria Primary Boundary Wall – The works to the boundary wall is linked to the scheme being undertaken in relation to the new kitchen and dining facility under the Free School Meal grant. As works to progress this scheme require access to the rear of the site, this cannot proceed until the linked scheme is completed. It has been requested to carry forward this scheme budget of £14k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- 2.33** Jenner Primary – External doors and window refurbishment – Phase one – This scheme is currently on the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £25k. As other priority works are required to be undertaken at the primary school first, it has been requested to carry forward the scheme budget for £25k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- 2.34** Holton Drainage – Several schemes are underway at the school. As other works are being undertaken that are considered a priority, it has been requested to carry forward this scheme budget of £50k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.

Social Services

- 2.35** Flying Start – Family Centre – Electrical Upgrade – This scheme was on the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £56k. This budget is not sufficient to carry out the works and funding is being allocated to top up this scheme budget from the Social Services 2024/25 Asset Renewal. It has been requested to carry forward £48k of this scheme budget into the 2024/25 Capital Programme. A budget of £8k remains on the 2023/24 Capital Programme for initial works.
- 2.36** Cartref Porthceri Residential Home – Drainage Repairs & Underpinning of Building – As design works will only be undertaken in 2023/24 and groundworks are planned for Summer 2024 when conditions will be more favourable, it has been requested to carry forward £236k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme. A budget of £20k remains in the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- 2.37** Social Services Invest to Save – This scheme was on the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £250k. As this budget will be used to progress the transformational budget proposals set out in the 2024/25 final budget proposals, it has been requested to carry forward £150k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme. A budget of £100k remains on the 2023/24 Capital Programme.

Environment and Housing

- 2.38** Neighbourhood Services Highway Improvements – In the 2023/24 Capital Programme, this scheme had a budget of £1.536M. Considerable work has been achieved this financial year, but due to procurement restrictions, it has been requested to carry forward £264k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme. A budget of £1.272M remains in the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- 2.39** Retaining wall at Windsor Road – This scheme had already been approved within the Capital Programme with a budget of £210k in 2023/24 and £400k in 2024/25. The scheme requires site investigation prior to the commencement of physical works. As the site investigation is not anticipated to complete until the end of this calendar year, much of the work will be undertaken in 2024/25. It has been requested to carry forward £200k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme. A budget of £10k remains in the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- 2.40** Llanmaes construction - This scheme was on the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £518k. Following a detailed tender exercise late in 2021/22 and due to cost rises in materials and fuel impacting construction schemes around the same time, the Benefits Cost Ratio (BCR) for the Llanmaes flood scheme fell below parity or 1. The Welsh Government standard criteria for grant funding of flood risk management schemes requires a BCR of parity or above. A revised economic appraisal of the full scheme has been prepared and was submitted to the Welsh Government in June 2023. Flood branch officers have advised that a decision on whether the scheme can progress is awaiting consideration by the appropriate Minister with no clear indication of the likely timescales involved. In consultation with Welsh Government, an application for pipeline funding for scheme construction has been submitted for 2024/25 based on the latest construction costs. Subject to a positive decision regarding the detailed economic assessment a further procurement exercise will take place in 2024/25. It has been requested to carry forward £518k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- 2.41** Review Alterations of Parking Permit Schemes – The scope of the scheme is being reviewed to determine the success of the parking restrictions and determine any changes or amendments that will be required to improve its effectiveness. The review will consider feedback from residents and any required amendments to the scheme will be designed and implemented next financial year. It has been requested to carry forward £55k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- 2.42** Residential Parking Schemes & Permits – This scheme is linked to the Review Alterations of Parking Permit and will be undertaken in conjunction with that scheme to ensure consistency and compatibility of future schemes. It has therefore been requested to carry forward this scheme budget of £21k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.

- 2.43** Dimming of Street Lighting/Fitting of LED lanterns – This scheme was on the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £188k. Works are progressing to determine suitability of lighting structures (columns), which is due to complete in February 2024. Once this work has completed the LED lighting can be fitted to columns deemed structurally sound. As the majority of the lighting works are not anticipated until 2024/25, it has been requested to carry forward £100k of this scheme budget to the 2024/25 Capital Programme. A budget of £88k remains in the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- 2.44** Boverton Retaining Wall –Due to consultation required with residents prior to the progression of the scheme, which has been delayed due to resource issues, it is not anticipated that the construction works will be undertaken in the current financial year. It has therefore been requested to carry forward £100k of the scheme’s budget into the 2024/25 Capital Programme. A budget of £16k remains on the 2023/24 Capital Programme for further design development or amendment which may be required as a result of the consultation. The consultation is due to be held this financial year.
- 2.45** OVO Bike – There was a budget of £200k in the 2023/24 Capital Programme, funded by grant under the Shared Prosperity Fund. As the proposed contractor is no longer able to be deliver the project, officers will need to retender the works. It has been requested to carry forward the scheme budget of £200k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme. As there was a budget of £158k in the 2024/25 Capital Programme, the revised budget for the next financial year is £358k.
- 2.46** Llantwit Major Leisure Centre – Improvements to toilets and changing rooms – A budget of £238k was on the 2023/24 Capital Programme, funded by S106 monies. As this scheme has been delayed due to value engineering negotiations to enable lowest tender to be brought in within budget and in addition to mechanical redesign requirements in conjunction with the Air Handling Unit scheme below. Works are due to start on site in February 2024. It has been requested to carry forward £88k of this scheme budget to the 2024/25 Capital Programme. A budget of £150k remains on the 2023/24 Capital Programme. It was also requested to rename this scheme Llantwit Major Leisure Centre - Refurbishment of Changing Rooms and Toilets.
- 2.47** Air Handling Unit, Llantwit Major Leisure Centre – An allocation of funding had been awarded for a grant from Sports Wales to install a new air handling unit at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre. me. As the contract arrangements are only just being negotiated in relation to this scheme, and the majority of the works will be undertaken in 2024/25, it has been requested to carry forward the budget for £77k to the 2024/25 Capital Programme. A budget of £5k remains on the 2023/24 Capital Programme, £1k match and £4k, funded from grant.

2.48 Penarth High Level Glazing – A budget of £2.316M was on the 2023/24 Capital Programme. Although works are progressing well, significant areas of roof have had to be stripped back due to historic water ingress, which has caused additional work and extended the project timeframe. The scheme is now anticipated to complete by Autumn 2024. It has been requested to carry forward £1.116M of this scheme budget into the 2024/25 Capital Programme. A budget of £1.2M remains on the 2023/24 Capital Programme.

Place

2.49 Barry Regeneration Partnership Project Fund – There was £153k in the 2023/24 Capital Programme. To align the funding with other funding sources from UK and Welsh Government and to ensure that the Council maximise regeneration benefits, it has been requested to carry forward £150k of the budget into the 2024/25 Capital Programme and rename Vale Regeneration schemes.

2.50 Restore the Thaw – Although work has commenced on this grant funded scheme, there has been a three-to-four-month delay in starting the project. As officers require time to establish opportunities for capital spend and organise these works and spend, less capital works are anticipated in this financial year than previously projected. Opportunities for capital works have been identified and the project team are in the process of developing a programme plan to map out capital spend for future years. It has been requested to carry forward £115k of this scheme budget into the 2024/25 Capital Programme. A budget of £35k remains on the 2023/24 Capital Programme.

2.51 Business Service Centre 2 –The project is still progressing and planning permission has been approved and SAB approval is imminent. The tender pack is currently being worked on so officers can tender the works contract for the project early 2024. As a result, most of the budget will be spent after March 2024 and the scheme scheduled to complete in that financial year. It has been requested to carry forward £30k budget into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.

2.52 Country Parks ANPR – This scheme was on the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £200k. Following a virement of £60k from the Cosmeston Works Programme, it had been requested in this report to increase this scheme budget to £260k. As there have been complications with the integration of software for the ANPR systems and host Local Authority, who are undertaking the monitoring of the CCTV and intercom system associated with the ANPR, the majority of the works will not be undertaken until 2024/25. Negotiations are underway with a specialist contractor to obtain quotations so that orders can be placed this financial year. It has been requested to carry forward £200k of this scheme budget to the 2024/25 Capital Programme. A budget of £60k remains on the 2023/24 Capital Programme.

- 2.53** Cowbridge Livestock Market – This scheme requires further review to identify an appropriate scope of works required and no capital works have been undertaken at this site during the financial year. As this scheme budget will not be utilised, it has been requested to carry forward this scheme budget of £22k to the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- 2.54** Country Park Toilets – Although design works have now been completed, the tender in relation to the scope of the construction works is being redrafted. As a result, it is only anticipated that £13k will be spent in this financial year and it has therefore been requested that £100k be carried forward into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- 2.55** Empty Homes Grant -This scheme was on the 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £931k. As the grant is administered and paid out by another Local Authority, it has been requested to reduce the scheme by the grant amount of £846k. Following confirmation that only a small number of grants have been allocated to residents this financial year, it is also anticipated that match funding is only required in the sum of £10k. It has been requested to carry forward £75k of this year’s budget in to the 2024/25 Capital Programme and retain a budget of £10k in 2023/24 Capital Programme.

Resources

- 2.56** City Deal – The Vale of Glamorgan Council is a participant in the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCR) which has been established between the UK Government, the Welsh Government and 10 Local Authorities in Southeast Wales. In line with a reprofiling of UK Government capital funding and likely drawdown of funding for proposed investment schemes, it has been requested to reprofile the scheme in the 2023/24 and future year’s Capital Programme as set out in the table below: -

	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Current Profile	301	1,069	1,117	844	0	930	1,480	1,165	6,906
Revised Profile	0	697	811	2,286	807	2,053	1,100	(848)	6,906

Pipeline Schemes

- 2.57** Extension to Cowbridge Primary Phase 2 – Officers are waiting for the transfer of the land as part of S106, to be able to proceed with the scheme. It has been requested to carry forward £240k of this scheme budget into the 2024/25 Capital Programme. A budget of £250k remains in the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- 2.58** Changing Rooms, Ancillary facilities and replacement boxing club at the Buttrills playing field – As a business case is required for this scheme to progress, and

capital spend is not expected to be incurred this financial year, it has been requested to carry forward this scheme budget of £150k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.

Delegated Authority approvals

Environment and Housing

- 2.59** Dinas Powys Benches and Bins - Delegated authority has been approved to include a new scheme in the Council's 2023/24 Capital Programme with a budget of £16k to be funded from S106 monies. The proposal is to provide 19 replacement benches and a new bin on Dinas Powys Common following consultation with the elected members.
- 2.60** Grange Community Hub (Tennis Court Fencing and Posts) – Delegated Authority has been approved to increase the existing scheme on the 2023/24 Capital Programme in relation to works to replace the tennis court fencing and posts at Station Road East, Wenvoe for £19k. This increase will be funded by S106 monies, giving an approved budget for Grange Community Hub of £75k.
- 2.61** Housing Improvement Programme - Delegated Authority has been approved to reprofile the Housing Improvement Programme 2023/24 to 2028/29. The reprofile has been undertaken to ensure that the Capital Programme is in line with the Housing business Plan.

Revised HRA Capital Programme

Revised Programme	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue/Reserves	23,031	8,197	7,484	7,062	6,660	6,462
MRA Grant	2,770	2,770	2,770	2,770	2,770	2,770
Unsupported Borrowing	11,043	24,307	23,955	27,738	25,124	33,005
Capital Receipt	140	0	600	1,000	2,180	2,180
S106	0	600	600	600	100	0
Other Grant	8,013	2,871	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800
Total Budget	44,997	38,745	38,209	41,970	39,634	47,217

- 2.62** Replacement Bus Shelter, Cosmeston – Delegated Authority has been approved to include a new scheme for a replacement bus shelter near the entrance to Cosmeston Lakes Country Park with a budget of £29k, to be funded by S106 money.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

The Capital Programme focuses capital investment to deliver the outcomes identified as part of the Corporate Plan. Some examples are:-

- **To work with and for our communities** - Consultations are carried out with the community on capital projects. Participate Vale allows the community to have their say and get involved with Council decisions and local issues in the Vale of Glamorgan.
- **To support learning, employment and sustainable economic growth** - Further investment in schools through the School Investment Programme. Contributing as a partner in the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal will bring economic prosperity to the area.
- **To support people at home and in their community** - Investment in housing through the Housing Improvement Programme will maintain the Welsh Housing Quality Standard, consideration of alternative heating measures and new developments. Other schemes include Disabled Facility Grant, Enable schemes, Investment in leisure centres and playgrounds.
- **To respect, enhance and enjoy our environment** - The Council supports decarbonisation as part the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme, which has seen the first Net Zero Carbon Primary School in Wales. There is a decarbonisation scheme on the 2023/24 Capital Programme totalling £338k, and this budget has been allocated across 8 schemes for installation of LED lighting, PV Panels and interface upgrade.

The setting and the monitoring of the Capital programme follows the Five Ways of Working.

- **Looking to the long term** - The development of the capital programme is a means of planning for the future and takes a strategic approach to ensure services are sustainable and that investments are affordable over the longer term and that future need and demand for services is understood.
- **Taking an integrated approach** – In setting the capital programme, working with partners is encouraged, as it allows the utilisation of funding from various sources, such as Welsh and UK Government and S106 contributions, to deliver schemes.
- **Involving the population in decisions** – As part of the annual budget setting process there is engagement with residents, customers and partners. Prior to the implementation of certain capital schemes, consultation may also take place with the public which may in some cases be statutory.

- **Working in a collaborative way** – It is recognised that more can be achieved, and better services can be provided by collaboration, and it encourages this as a way of working in the future which includes providing funding to work with local communities.
- **Understanding the root cause of issues and preventing them** – The process for setting and monitoring the capital programme is proactive and allows an understanding of the financial and operational issues to be considered together so that issues can be tackled at the source.

4. Climate Change and Nature Implications

- The Council understands the importance of decarbonisation to help protect and sustain the environment over the long term and in line with its Climate emergency declaration is working and investing in measures to reduce its CO2 emissions. Several projects are included in the 2023/24 Capital Programme which will assist the work the Council is undertaking as part of Project Zero and commitments in the Council’s Climate Challenge Plan. More detail can be found in the Section 6 of the Capital Strategy. All schemes progressed as part of the Capital Programme proposals set out the decarbonisation considerations that will be considered as part of progressing the bids.

5. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- As detailed in the body of the report.

Employment

- Some of the work included in the capital programme will be undertaken by Council staff and the relevant costs will be recharged to the capital scheme.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- There are no legal implications.

6. Background Papers

- None.

For the period ended 31st December 2023

Actual Spend 2023/24		Approved Programme 2023/24	Projected Outturn 2023/24	Variance at Outturn 2023/24	Slippage Requested		
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		
	Housing Improvement Programme						
228	Larger Homes Fund	293	293	0	0	M Ingram	Continuation of previous year scheme.
313	WHQS Internals	929	929	0	0	M Ingram	Delegated Authority approved to carry forward £1.670m into the 2024/25 Capital Programme . Maintenance of WHQS e.g. Kitchens, bathrooms, rewires and heating systems.
931	WHQS Externals	1308	1,308	0	0	M Ingram	Delegated Authority approved to carry forward £1.350m into the 2024/25 Capital Programme. Continuation of installation of windows & doors, roof replacements, wall repairs, sewage treatment works and Airey properties refurbishment.
2,335	Individual Schemes	3846	3,816	-30	0	M Ingram	Delegated Authority approved to carry forward £460k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme. Request detailed in report to vire £30k from this scheme to 7 St Paul's Avenue. Delivery of individual schemes and External Wall insulation on 17 Leaseholder blocks.
177	Emergency Works	590	590	0	0	M Ingram	Emergency works schemes i.e. Building works to resolve property structural and damp issues.
367	Aids and Adaptions	475	475	0	0	M Ingram	Continuation of the adapted extension scheme and other major adaptions.
632	Energy Efficiency	1843	1,843	0	0	M Ingram	Delegated Authority approved to carry forward £500k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme. Continuation of External Wall Insulation and Energy efficiency.
1,877	Common Parts	2297	2,297	0	0	M Ingram	Delivery of the fire safety management upgrade works and communal area improvements.
411	WHQS Environmental Improvements	2385	2,385	0	0	M Ingram	Delegated Authority approved to carry forward £950k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme. On-going works to the Buttrills Estate, Williams/Irving and Owen scheme and Highway Maintenance Schemes.
17,188	New Build	30616	30,616	0	0	M Ingram	Continuation of Hayeswood Road, Cwrt St Cyres, Maes Y Ffynon, Colcot Clinic, Eagleswell TACP, Coldbrook Road East and new build scheme Holm View Phase 2. Also includes feasibility works for new schemes and acquisition of properties/land.
31	ICF - Penarth Older Person's Village	259	259	0	0	M Ingram	Continuation of previous years scheme.
150	7 St Paul's Avenue	126	156	30	0	M Ingram	Request detailed in the report to vire £30k to this scheme budget from Individual Scheme budget. Continuation of previous years scheme.
4	IHP	30	30	0	0	M Ingram	Continuation of heating retrofit scheme.

Actual Spend 2023/24		Approved Programme 2023/24	Projected Outturn 2023/24	Variance at Outturn 2023/24	Slippage Requested		
£'000		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		
	<u>Community Safety</u>						
9	Target Hardening Grant	44	44	0	0	M Goldsworthy	Target Hardening continues to be a valuable service for victims of Domestic Abuse. 70 properties have received target hardening which has contributed to victims being able to stay within their home and feel safer.
	<u>Place</u>						
0	Empty Homes Grant	931	10	-921	75	M Goldsworthy	Request detailed in the report to reduce this scheme budget by the grant amount of £846k and to carry forward the match of £75k into the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
	<u>Private Sector Housing</u>						
85	ENABLE	242	242	0	0	P Chappell	Scheme being delivered in accordance with grant conditions Procurement of a new contractor framework is now underway. Interest has been high, with a backlog of potential applicants seeking an adaptation. Contractor shortage has resulted in longer lead in times, but fast solutions such as pod extensions are now being procured for those most in need.
183	Disabled Facility Grants	400	400	0	0	P Chappell	Request detailed in the report to remove this scheme from the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
0	Penarth Renewal Area	5	0	-5	0	P Chappell	
24,921	Total Committee	46,619	45,693	-926	75		

CAPITAL MONITORING

Appendix 2

APPENDIX 2 - PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

	APPROVED PROGRAMME AS AT FINAL PROPOSALS £'000	SLIPPAGE APPROVED FROM 22/23 TO 2023/24 £'000	AMENDMENTS 2023/24 £'000	SLIPPAGE APPROVED * 2023/24 £'000	APPROVED PROGRAMME 2023/24 £,000	SLIPPAGE REQUESTED IN DECEMBER MONITORING £'000	OTHER MOVEMENT IN DECEMBER MONITORING £'000	REVISED PROGRAMME 2023/24 £'000
SUMMARY								
Directorate of Learning and Skills	36,697	(1,864)	(357)	(7,693)	26,783	(3,136)	122	23,769
Directorate of Social Services	595	342	121	0	1,058	(434)	(30)	594
Housing	45,019	1,992	6716	(8,730)	44,997	0	0	44,997
Environment	12,830	6,046	7,886	(4,520)	22,242	(2,739)	(1,489)	18,014
Directorate of Place	4,039	1,329	307	(746)	4,929	(692)	(855)	3,382
Directorate of Corporate Resources	1,130	895	465	(328)	2,162	0	3,030	5,192
City Deal	2,506	0	0	(2,205)	301	(301)	0	0
Pipeline Schemes	1,152	(7)	60	0	1,205	-390	0	815
TOTAL	103,968	8,733	15,198	(24,222)	103,677	(7,692)	778	96,763

* Slippage approved in current programme