

Meeting of:	Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	Wednesday, 04 December 2024
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Homes and Safe Communities
Report Title:	Capital Monitoring for the period 1st April to 30th September 2024
Purpose of Report:	To advise Committee of the progress on the 2024/25 Capital Programme for the period 1st April 2024 to 30th September 2024 and to request changes to the Capital Programme.
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
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report provides an update on the progress of the Capital Programme for the period 1st April 2024 to 30th September 2024. 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 2024 through to 30th September 2024, including any changes requested within this report. • The report sets out any requested changes to the 2024/25 and future years' Capital Programme. • The report notes the current approved programme of £137.168m. • It is important to note that many areas are continuing to experience an increase in costs associated with delivery of schemes. Tenders are being received over the current allocated budgets and officers are reporting the requirement to re-negotiate submitted tenders. • Schemes will be closely monitored over the coming months and it is anticipated that slippage requests will be requested in future reports. • 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 2024/25 Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee be noted in the attached Appendix 1.
2. That the use of Emergency Powers within the remit of the Committee, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.
3. That the changes to the 2024/25 Capital Programme and future years Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, summarised in paragraph 2.4 and 2.5 and detailed within the body of the report at paragraph 2.22, 2.33 and 2.35 be noted.

Reasons for Recommendations

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

1. Background

- 1.1 Council on 6th March 2024 (Minute Reference 892) approved the Capital Programme for 2024/25.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 The approved programme as at final proposals was £112.344m. Slippage from the 2023/24 Capital Programme of £15.013m has been previously agreed and added to the approved programme. During the financial year amendments totalling £14.713m and slippage of £4.902m have been approved, which gives a total current approved programme of £137.168m. A directorate analysis taken from Appendix 2 is set out in the Table One below:

Table One – Revised Capital Programme

Directorate	Approved Programme 2024/25	Slippage Approved into 2024/25	Amendments 2024/25	Slippage Approved in 2024/25	Total Capital Programme 2024/25
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Learning & Skills	25,430	3,004	4,705	(4,902)	28,237
Social Services	1,731	280	2	0	2,013
Environment	11,916	3,171	5,246	0	20,333
Housing	38,745	6,721	362	0	45,828
Place	4,335	675	3,681	0	8,691
Corporate Resources	992	604	717	0	2,313
City Deal	697	0	0	0	697
Pipeline Schemes	28,498	558	0	0	29,056

Total	112,344	15,013	14,713	(4,902)	137,168
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2.2 Appendix 1 details financial progress on the Capital Programme as at 30th September 2024 and Table Two below, sets out the summary by each directorate.

Table Two – Summary Capital Programme

Actual Spend to 30 September 2024	Directorate	Approved Programme 2024/25	Forecast Outturn 2024/25	Variance 2024/25	Slippage Requested 2024/25
£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
7,165	Learning & Skills	28,237	17,741	(10,496)	10,732
187	Social Services	2,013	2,021	8	0
4,065	Environment	20,333	18,075	(2,258)	2,329
11,638	Housing	45,828	38,609	(7,219)	7,219
1,489	Place	8,691	8,361	(330)	330
484	Corporate Resources	2,313	2,288	(25)	62
0	City Deal	697	697	0	0
155	Pipeline Schemes	29,056	2,251	(26,805)	25,305
25,183	Total	137,168	90,043	(47,125)	45,977

2.3 The total spend as at the 30th September is £12.144m for this Scrutiny Committee with forecast outturn of £40.031m.

2.4 There is one request under the Additions, Virement and Re-profiling section of the report that is within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee that requests to include a new scheme for Target Hardening in the 2024/25 Capital Programme, to be funded by Welsh Government Grant.

2.5 There are two requests under the Slippage section of the report that are within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee. The first request to carry forward £7.219m of the Housing Improvement Programme into the 2025/26 Capital Programme and the second to carry forward £130k of this year’s budget in relation to the Empty Homes Grant for match funding to the 2025/26 Capital Programme.

Capital Programme Delivery

2.6 The paragraphs below provide details highlighting several capital schemes being delivered this financial year.

Resources - Decarbonisation Schemes

2.7 There is a Decarbonisation scheme on the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £669k. This has been allocated against 11 schemes which are all due to complete this financial year. One of these projects which has a budget of £45k in

the 2024/25 Capital Programme is St Joseph's photovoltaic panel scheme. These panels were installed in August 2024. The 36kW PV array provides electricity to both the nursery block and the main primary school building helping to reduce the site's bills and carbon footprint.

2.8 St Joseph's RC Primary School – PV Panels



Environment – Sports Wales Grants

2.9 Sports Wales funding was secured to deliver three schemes across two sites. The total cost of these schemes was £175k, of which £158k was grant funded. New flooring was laid at Colcot Sports Hall and Llantwit Major Leisure Centre and a new air handling pump installed at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre. All schemes have now been completed. Confirmation has recently been received that further funding has been secured of £50k, total project cost £70k, to deliver a new scheme for flooring in Cowbridge Leisure Centre. This scheme should also be delivered this financial year.

2.10 New Floor at Llantwit Major Leisure



Capital Programme Additions, Virements and Re-Profiling

Learning & Skills

- 2.11** Band B Contingency/Education Asset Renewal Contingency – This scheme is included in the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £18k, to be allocated against the Sustainable Communities for Learning budgets as required. Within the Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg scheme, the 100% Net Zero Carbon figure changed from Strategic Outline Case to Outline Business Case due to more accurate costings. This impacted the overall funding streams and the grant element is currently overstated by £97k. It has been requested to remove this scheme from the 2024/25 Capital Programme and use the £18k to part fund the £97k gap on the Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg scheme.
- 2.12** To fund the remaining £79k gap, a further £37k of funding is requested to be taken from the Education Asset Contingency budget, which has an unallocated budget of £359k. A funding switch of £42k has also previously been agreed on the Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant Entrance/Security Lobby from internal funding to S106 funding. This internal money has been used to fund the remainder of the gap. The re-profile of this overstated grant is shown in the table below: -

Table Three – Funding of overstated grant for Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg

	£'000
Overstated Net Zero Carbon Grant	97
Funded by:	
Band B Contingency	18
Education Asset Contingency	37
Ysgol Pen Y Garth Entrance/Security Lobby	42
Total	97

- 2.13** Early Years and Childcare – Cadoxton – This scheme is included in the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £500k, funded by Welsh Government grant. Due to the change in scope of the anticipated scheme, in respect of the outdoor area works and following a request to Welsh Government for additional funding, a further £190k grant funding has been allocated. The new budget is £690k on the 2024/25 Capital Programme, funded by Welsh Government grant.

2.14 St Brides Major Lobby Refurbishment – This scheme is currently in the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £114k. Following further works requested by the school, whilst the contractor was on site, it has been requested to increase this budget by £6k, which will be funded by a contribution from the school revenue budget.

Review of revenue expenditure over £10k

2.15 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 several schemes have been identified as capital as set out in the table below:

Table Four – Schemes proposed to be included in the 2024/25 Capital Programme

Scheme	2024/25	Source of Funding	Nature of Scheme
	£’000		
Colcot Primary Nursery Flooring	14	School Revenue budget	Replacement flooring in the nursery classroom
All Saints Primary - Replacement Classroom furniture	11	School Revenue budget	Replacement furniture in classrooms
Evenlode Primary - Year 2 Classroom refurbishment	18	School revenue budget	Refurbishment of Year 2 Classroom
Albert Primary - Trim Trail	17	Contribution from Parent Teacher Association	Purchase of a new piece of outdoor play equipment
St Brides Primary - Flooring	16	Grant contribution from the Diocese	New carpet and vinyl

2.16 It has been requested to include these schemes in the 2024/25 Capital Programme to be funded as noted in Table Four.

2.17 Romilly Primary – Currently there are two schemes on the 2024/25 Capital Programme for works at Romilly Primary Sports Barn. The first is for Romilly Primary with a budget of £165k and the second for Romilly Primary Roof and Rainwater goods repairs to Sports Hall, with a budget of £73k. As these relate to the same scheme, it has been requested to merge these together to give one scheme renamed Romilly Primary – Sports Barn Works with total budget of £238k in the 2024/25 Capital Programme.

- 2.18** Ventilation works at Bro Morgannwg – This scheme commenced in 2023/24. Due to further works required in respect of adjustments required to ensure that the fans installed operation effectively, additional budget of £6k is required. There was £322k unallocated in the Education Asset Contingency budget, following the request in paragraph 1.9 and it was requested to vire £6k from this scheme budget to the Ventilation works at Bro Morgannwg to fund this overspend.
- 2.19** Dinas Powys Junior – Modular Classroom – This scheme is in the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £529k. Additional works are required in relation to car parking at the facility and are anticipated to cost £19k. It has been requested to increase this scheme budget to £548k, to be funded by £12k grant from Welsh Government and a £7k contribution from the Early Years revenue budget.

Social Services

- 2.20** Social Services Electric Bikes - A pilot is underway in relation to the use of electric bikes for social care workers. The scheme started in 2023 and was included on the 2023/24 Capital Programme. Following the purchase of further accessories, it has been requested to include this scheme in the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £7k to be funded from UK Shared Prosperity Fund grant.

Environment

- 2.21** Vehicle Replacement Programme – This scheme is currently on the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £2.299m. Following the submission of an application to the Welsh Government Energy Service, a grant has been secured for £23k. The grant funding is in relation to 7 vans and is to fund the difference in cost of a diesel vehicle (ICE - internal combustion engine) and an electric vehicle (ZEV - zero emissions vehicle). It has been requested to increase the scheme budget by £23k to be funded from the grant detailed above.
- 2.22** Target Hardening – An award of funding of £44k has been secured from Welsh Government for installation of CCTV cameras and intruder kits for high-risk Domestic Violence victims. It has been requested to include this scheme in the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £44k, to be funded by Welsh Government grant.
- 2.23** Atlantic trading Estate – Operations Fleet Parking – This scheme is on the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £40k. Following the purchase of the land in 2023/24, to secure the perimeter, fencing has been erected around the site. The total cost is not covered within the current budget and it has been requested to vire £32k from the Circular Economy – Sorting equipment and Baler scheme, to cover this overspend. The Sorting Equipment and Baler scheme was on the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £62k and a budget of £30k is sufficient to cover any residual costs.

Resources

- 2.24** Tackling Food Poverty – There is currently a budget in the 2024/25 Capital Programme of £76k. A further grant has been awarded to the Council under the Direct Food Support Scheme. It has been requested to increase this scheme budget by £37k, to be funded from Welsh Local Government Association grant.
- 2.25** Penarth Learning Community PV Panels – This scheme is on the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £195k. Within this budget, works have been undertaken on the Penarth Learning Community LED Lighting on the sport pitches. To ensure that the works are captured correctly on both assets, it has been requested to rename the scheme to Penarth Learning Community PV Panels and LED Lighting.

Pipeline

- 2.26** Changing Rooms, Ancillary facilities and replacement boxing club at the Buttrills playing field – This is a pipeline scheme for which no resources were identified and no provision for capital financing costs in the revenue budget had Council decided to borrow for its delivery. There is no scheme at present and in the absence of any funding and the financial challenges being faced in formulating the 2025/26 to 2029/30 Programme it has been requested to remove this scheme with an indicative budget of £1.5m from the 2024/25 Capital Programme.

Slippage

Learning & Skills

- 2.27** Band B Ysgol Y Deri – The current contractor originally appointed to deliver this scheme is now in administration, which means the project is on hold. The Sustainable Communities for Learning team are in the process of securing a new contractor to complete the scheme but spend this year will be lower than anticipated. It has been requested to reprofile the scheme budget to reflect the revised programme of works as per the table below:

Table Five – Reprofile for Ysgol Y Deri

Year	Current Profile	Revised Profile
	£'000	£'000
2019/20	41	41
2020/21	170	170
2021/22	40	40
2022/23	537	537
2023/24	533	533
2024/25	16,360	6,000
2025/26	4,939	15,299
2026/27	309	309
Total	22,929	22,929

2.28 Free School Meals – Victoria Primary – This scheme is currently in the 2024/25 with a budget of £825k. As the start date has been delayed due to the scheme requiring a complete redesign, a variation request has been submitted to Welsh Government to carry forward £372k of the budget into the 2025/26 Capital Programme. A table is included below which reflects the current and revised profile: -

Table Six – Reprofile for Free School Meals – Victoria Primary

Year	Current Profile	Revised Profile
	£'000	£'000
2024/25	825	453
2025/26	150	522
Total	975	975

Environment

2.29 Dinas Powys Flood Resilience – This scheme is currently in the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £1.472m. Following completion of full property survey and detailed design by the appointed installer for property flood resilience (PFR) the installation costs increased beyond the approved grant sum. The cost increase was largely due to the cost of installing passive flood doors, capable of withstanding rising floodwaters together with additional structural surveys required where structural defects were noted in buildings or additional works were not scoped in the original PFR survey. A variation request to Welsh Government, to re-profile this scheme and request additional funding has now been agreed. It has been requested to increase this scheme budget by £637k and reprofile the scheme as set out in the table below:

Table Seven – Re-profile for Dinas Powys Flood Resilience

Year	Current Profile	Revised Profile
	£'000	£'000
2023/24	9	9
2024/25	1472	861
2025/26	0	1,248
Total	1481	2,118

2.30 Penarth Marina Landslip – Slope Stabilisation works – This scheme is currently progressing and a system has been agreed to stabilise the escarpment. As officers are at the start of the procurement phase, given the time scales for procurement, it is unlikely any significant works will be undertaken until the next

financial year. It has therefore been requested to carry forward £1m into the 2025/26 Capital Programme.

- 2.31** Retaining Wall Windsor Road – This scheme is currently in the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £600k. Works are unable to start until a Welsh Water main has been located. Due to the delays, it has been requested to carry forward £200k of this scheme budget into the 2025/26 Capital Programme. A budget of £400k will remain in the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- 2.32** Llanmaes Construction – This scheme is currently in the 2024/25 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 was submitted to the Welsh Government in June 2023 using a non-standard economic appraisal. Following consultation with Welsh Government, this approach has been deemed unacceptable and a full economic appraisal will be completed to inform an Outline Business Case (OBC) clarifying the economic viability of the scheme. The OBC is due to be completed by quarter4 2024/25. Given the outcome of the previous economic appraisal the scheme is unlikely to be economically viable, but this will not be confirmed until late in quarter 4 2024/25 at which point the need to retain the funding will be revisited. It has been requested to carry forward £518k into the 2025/26 Capital Programme.
- 2.33** Housing Improvement Programme – It has been requested to carry forward £7.219m of the Housing Improvement Programme into the 2025/26 Capital Programme asset out in the table below:

Table Eight – Reprofile for the Housing Improvement Programme

Scheme	Current Profile	Revised Profile	Change	Reason for Slippage
	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Larger Homes Fund	21	21	0	N/A
WHQS Internals	4,933	2,768	2,165	Delays as a result of resource issues, conflicting priorities and access refusals
WHQS Externals	3,362	2,678	684	Delays in delivery due to extended procurement exercises and team resourcing challenges
Individual Schemes	4,464	3,364	1,100	Delays mainly due to access to properties

Emergency Works	445	445	0	N/A
Aids and Adaptations	480	480	0	N/A
Energy Efficiency	5,343	2,773	2,570	Delays due to resources, conflicting priorities and extended development of tender packages and standard requirements
Common Parts	2,848	2,648	200	Resourcing challenges
WHQS Environmental Improvements	3,226	2,726	500	Delays in delivery because of elongated procurement exercises
New Build	20,332	20,332	0	N/A
ICF - Penarth Older Person's Village	172	172	0	N/A
24 Burlington Street	202	202	0	N/A
Total	45,828	38,609	7,219	

Place

- 2.34** Restore the Thaw – Although work is progressing on this grant funded scheme, there has been a delay in relation to one of the key capital projects being delivered in relation to a beaver enclosure, due to the required licence process with National Resource Wales and the Wales Beaver project. It has been requested to carry forward £200k of this scheme budget into the 2025/26 Capital Programme. A budget of £113k will remain on the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- 2.35** Empty Homes - This scheme is in the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £170k. Following confirmation that only a small number of grants have been allocated to residents this financial year, it is anticipated that the match funding required will be £40k. It has been requested to carry forward £130k of this year's budget in to the 2025/26 Capital Programme and retain a budget of £40k in 2024/25 Capital Programme.

Resources

- 2.36** Ysgol Sant Curig Lighting Renewal – This scheme is currently in the 2024/25 Capital Programme under Decarbonisation, with a budget of £45k. The first phase of works has been completed under Learning and Skills Asset Renewal and the second phase is not scheduled until next financial year. Further budget will be requested from the Learning and Skills Asset Renewal budget in the 2025/26 Capital Programme, to deliver phase two. It has therefore been requested to carry forward this scheme budget into the 2025/26 Capital Programme.
- 2.37** Barry Leisure Centre PV Panels – A budget of £17k is in the 2024/25 Capital Programme for this scheme. Officers are currently determining if this scheme is viable and it is anticipated that works will not be undertaken in this financial

year. It has been requested to carry forward this scheme budget to the 2025/26 Capital Programme.

Pipeline Schemes

- 2.38** St Richard Gwyn Redevelopment – The total budget for this scheme is £64.932m and £15.852m of this is currently profiled within the 2024/25 Capital Programme. The contract for this scheme has now been awarded and the works are due to start shortly, however delays have been encountered due to the changeover on the Southeast & Mid Wales Collaborative Construction 3 Framework. It has been requested to reprofile the scheme in the 2024/25 and future year’s capital programme as set out in the table below:

Table Nine – Reprofile of St Richard Gwyn Redevelopment

	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Current Profile	473	140	15,852	34,612	13,855	0	0	0	64,932
Revised Profile	473	140	1,692	13,227	23,811	15,398	9,276	915	64,932

- 2.39** Extension to Cowbridge Primary Phase 2 (Iolo) – The total budget for this scheme is £20.554m and £8.704m of this is currently profiled in the 2024/25 Capital Programme. Delivery of the scheme has been delayed due to the framework changeover. The scheme will go out to tender in November 24 with tenders to be returned by January 2025. As a contractor is unlikely to be appointed early 2025, it has been requested to re-profile this scheme in the 2024/25 and future year’s capital programme as set out in the table below:

Table Ten – Reprofile of Extension to Cowbridge Primary Phase 2 (Iolo)

	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Current Profile	2,617	8,704	9,031	202	0	0	20,554
Revised Profile	2,617	559	5,812	8,111	3,209	246	20,554

- 2.40** Non-Treasury Investment Strategy – Although work is underway to identify schemes, there will be no schemes delivered within this financial year. It has been requested to reprofile this scheme budget as set out in the table below:

Table Eleven – Reprofile of the Non-Treasury Investment Strategy

	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Total

	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Current Profile	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	12,000
Revised Profile	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	12,000

Delegated Authority approvals

Social Services

2.41 Newlands Street – Electrical Upgrade – This scheme had an approved budget of £40k on the 2024/25 Capital Programme. Delegated Authority has been approved to vire £6k from the Newlands Street Fire Escape scheme to the Newlands Street Electrical Upgrade scheme. Further budget was requested as the extent of the re-wire required was more than originally envisaged and the whole building required work. The anticipated cost for the Newlands Street Fire Escape scheme is likely to be more than the £10k budget previously allocated to this scheme, therefore the remaining budget of £4k in the 2024/25 Capital Programme will be allocated for design work in and a request will be made within the final proposals report to increase the budget from the 2025/26 Asset Renewal Budget currently included in the Capital Programme.

Environment and Housing

- 2.42** New Cycle Shelters at Y Bont Faen Primary School, Cowbridge – Delegated authority has been approved to include this scheme in the 2025/26 Capital Programme with a budget of £30k to be funded from S106 money to provide three new cycle shelters at Y Bont Faen Primary School in Cowbridge.
- 2.43** New Uncontrolled Crossing at entrance to Borough Close, Cowbridge – Delegated Authority has been approved to add this new scheme into the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £15k, to be funded from S106 money to undertake pedestrian improvement works at the entrance to Borough Close, Cowbridge.
- 2.44** Pedestrian Improvements near Y Bont Faen Primary School, Cowbridge – Delegated Authority has been approved to include this new scheme for the construction of a new footway leading to the primary school entrance in Borough Close, Cowbridge. The scheme budget of £21k will be funded from S106 money.
- 2.45** Two Tier Cycle Shelter for Engine Room (formerly known as Business Service Centre 2) – Section 106 money has been approved by Delegated Authority to supply and install a new green roof, fifteen cycle, two tier shelter at the Engine Room in the Innovation Quarter, Hood Road, Barry Waterfront. The new scheme will have a budget of £17k in the 2024/25 Capital Programme.

- 2.46** Variable Messaging Sign Boards – Delegated Authority has been approved to include a new scheme with a budget of £33k, to be funded from S106 monies. The proposal requested to purchase two new variable messaging sign boards, which will be used in Barry to advise of upcoming large-scale events and/or to advise of traffic congestion at Barry Island during the peak season.
- 2.47** Car Park Refurbishment - Llantwit Major Car Park Lighting Scheme – This scheme had a budget of £81k in the 2024/25 Capital Programme Part of this budget is being used to undertake works at Llantwit Major Car Park in respect of lighting. A Delegated Authority has been approved for £14k, funded by S106 money to part fund these works. The proposed lighting, funded by S106 will make it safer for users to access the existing cycle parking facilities, electric Vehicle charging spaces and public toilets allocated within the car park. It will also improve community safety for those accessing the rear of the Town Hall on foot. The cost of the lighting scheme is £27k and the new budget for Car Park Refurbishments will be £95k.
- 2.48** Pedestrian Improvements – Ramsey Road and Caldey Close, Barry – Delegated Authority has been approved to include this new scheme with a budget of £22k, to be funded by S106 money. The scheme will undertake pedestrian improvement works, including a new uncontrolled crossing in Ramsey Road and Caldey Close, Barry.
- 2.49** Core Active Travel – Delegated Authority has been approved to include £17k for works to undertake pedestrian improvement works in Skomer Road, Barry. The proposed works form part of the Core Active Travel scheme, funded by Welsh Government grant and this money has been added to the Core Active Travel scheme to provide a new budget of £681k.

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

- 3.1** 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, Discretionary Adaptions 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 Capital Programme with a budget of £669k for 2024/25 and £312k for 2025/26. This budget has been allocated across 14 schemes for installation of LED lighting, PV Panels and interface upgrades.

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

- 4.1 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 2024/25 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

- 5.1 As detailed in the body of the report.

Employment

- 5.2 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)

- 5.3 There are no legal implications.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 None.

Actual Spend 2024/25 £'000	Schemes	Approved Programme 2024/25 £'000	Projected Outturn 2024/25 £'000	Variance at Outturn 2024/25 £'000	Slippage Requested 2024/25 £'000		
0	Housing Improvement Programme Larger Homes Fund	21	21	0	0	M Ingram	Scheme complete, account to be finalised.
471	WHQS Internals	4,933	2,768	(2,165)	2,165	M Ingram	Request detailed in the report to carry forward £2.165m of this scheme budget to the 2025/26 Capital Programme. Maintenance of WHQS e.g. Kitchens, bathrooms, rewires and heating systems. Request detailed in the report to carry forward £684k of this scheme budget to the 2025/26 Capital Programme. Continuation of installation of windows & doors, roof replacements, wall repairs and sewage treatment works.
52	WHQS Externals	3,362	2,678	(684)	684	M Ingram	Request detailed in the report to carry forward £1.1m of this budget to the 2025/26 Capital Programme. Emergency Powers approved to vire £402k to this budget from the Energy Efficiency budget. Delivery of individual schemes and the finalisation of external wall insulation on 17 Leaseholder blocks. Emergency works schemes i.e. Building works to resolve property structural and damp issues.
975	Individual Schemes	4,464	3,364	(1,100)	1,100	M Ingram	Continuation of the adapted extension scheme and other major adaptations
137	Emergency Works	445	445	0	0	M Ingram	Request detailed in the report to carry forward £2.570m of this budget to the 2025/26 Capital Programme. Emergency Powers approved to vire £402k of this budget to the Individual Schemes budget. Continuation of External Wall Insulation and Energy efficiency.
203	Aids and Adaptions	480	480	0	0	M Ingram	Request detailed in the report to carry forward £200k of this budget to the 2025/26 Capital Programme. Delivery of the fire safety management upgrade works and communal area improvements
32	Energy Efficiency	5,343	2,773	(2,570)	2,570	M Ingram	Request detailed in the report to carry forward £500k of this scheme budget to the 2025/26 Capital Programme. On-going works to the Buttrills Estate, Williams/Irving and Owen scheme and Highway Maintenance Schemes.
855	Common Parts	2,848	2,648	(200)	200	M Ingram	Finalisation of Hayeswood Road, and continuation of works on Colcot Clinic, Eagleswell TACP, Coldbrook Road East and new build schemes including Olive Lodge. Also includes feasibility works for new schemes and acquisition of properties/land.
221	WHQS Environmental Improvements	3,226	2,726	(500)	500	M Ingram	Continuation of previous years scheme.
8,648	New Build	20,332	20,332	0	0	M Ingram	Emergency powers approved to include this new scheme under the initiative for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children to be funded from the Invest to Save scheme.
44	ICF - Penarth Older Person's Village	172	172	0	0	M Ingram	
0	24 Burlington Street <u>Place</u> <u>Private Sector Housing</u>	202	202	0	0	M Ingram	
0	Empty Homes Grant	170	40	(130)	130	M Goldsworthy	Request detailed in the report to carry forward £130k of this scheme budget to the 2025/26 Capital Programme.
39	ENABLE	242	242	0	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme being delivered in accordance with grant conditions.
91	Discretionary Adaptions Grant - DAG	300	300	0	0	M Goldsworthy	High level of DAGs being delivered. Adaptations without means testing but with a statutory charge on the adapted home. Currently completing grants on an individual basis through Sell2Wales platform. Framework contract will be advertised shortly to enable all contractors to be appointed to complete DFGs, which will accelerate the delivery of grants.
376	Disabled Facility Grants <u>Community Safety</u>	796	796	0	0	M Goldsworthy	
0	Target Hardening Grant	0	44	44	0	D Gibbs	Request detailed in the report to include this new scheme for Target Hardening, to be funded from grant.
12,144	Total Committee (Home and Safe Communities)	47,336	40,031	(7,305)	7,349		

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Appendix 2

	APPROVED PROGRAMME AS AT FINAL PROPOSALS £'000	SLIPPAGE APPROVED FROM 2023/24 TO 2024/25 £'000	ADDITIONS APPROVED 2024/25 £'000	SLIPPAGE APPROVED * 2024/25 £'000	APPROVED PROGRAMME 2024/25 £,000		OTHER MOVEMENT IN SEPTEMBER MONITORING £'000	SLIPPAGE REQUESTED 2024/25 £'000	REVISED PROGRAMME 2024/25 £'000
<u>SUMMARY</u>									
Directorate of Learning and Skills	25,430	3,004	4,705	(4,902)	28,237		236	(10,732)	17,741
Directorate of Social Services	1,731	280	2	0	2,013		8	0	2,021
Environment	11,916	3,171	5,246	0	20,333		71	(2,329)	18,075
Housing	38,745	6,721	362	0	45,828		0	(7,219)	38,609
Directorate of Place	4,335	675	3,681	0	8,691		0	(330)	8,361
Directorate of Corporate Resources	992	604	717	0	2,313		37	(62)	2,288
City Deal	697	0	0	0	697		0	0	697
Pipeline Schemes	28,498	558	0	0	29,056		(1,500)	(25,305)	2,251
TOTAL	112,344	15,013	14,713	(4,902)	137,168		(1,148)	(45,977)	90,043
* Slippage approved in current programme									