

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Cabinet Meeting: 3 October, 2016

Report of the Leader

Capital Monitoring Report for the period 1st April to 31st August 2016

Purpose of the Report

1. To advise Cabinet of the progress on the 2016/17 Capital Programme for the period 1st April to 31st August 2016 and to request changes to the Capital Programme.

Recommendations

It is recommended :-

1. That Cabinet approves the following budgets to be carried forward into 2017/18:-
 - Colcot School - Carry forward budget of £125k.
 - ICT Infrastructure - Carry forward budget of £400k.
 - Fferm Goch - Carry forward budget of £47k.
 - Five Mile Lane - Carry forward budget of £5.397m.
2. That Cabinet approves the following changes to the 2016/17 Capital Programme:-
 - Digital Highway in Sheltered Accommodation - Include a new scheme for £31k, funded with £25k from a Welsh Government grant and £6k from revenue contributions to capital.
 - Safe Routes to Communities - Increase the budget by £74k funded from s106 monies.
 - Penlan Cycle/Footway - Increase the budget by £4k funded from s106 monies.
 - Alps and Court Road Depot - Include a new scheme for £35k funded from the Visible Services Reserve.
 - Romilly Mess Room - Include a new scheme for £75k funded from the Visible Services Reserve.
 - Wordsworth Park - Include a new scheme for £75k funded from s106 monies.
 - Play Area Upgrade - Increase the budget by £200k funded from Visible Services reserves.

- Play Area Upgrade - Increase the scheme at Cwrt Y Vil by £18k funded from S106 monies.
- Barry Regeneration Partnership - Vire £54k to the Castleland Renewal Area budget for Gladstone Gardens.
- Tackling Poverty - Vire £70k to the Barry Regeneration Partnership for Harbour Road Car Park Cycleway scheme.

Reasons for the Recommendations

1. To allow schemes to be undertaken in future years.
2. To allow schemes to proceed in the current financial year.

Background

2. Council on the 2nd March 2016 minute no 884 approved the Capital Programme for 2016/17 onwards.

Relevant Issues and Options

3. [Appendix 1](#) details financial progress on the Capital Programme as at 31st August 2016.
4. For all schemes where it is evident that the full year's budget will not be spent during the year, the relevant officers are required to provide an explanation for the shortfall and this shall be taken to the earliest available Cabinet.
5. [Appendix 2](#) provides non-financial information on capital construction schemes with a budget of over £100k. Where a budget shown in [Appendix 1](#) is more than £100k but is made up of several schemes that individually are less than £100k, the scheme is not included in [Appendix 2](#).

Learning and Skills

6. Colcot Primary - Alterations to the heating system, improvements to the external fencing and demolition of a demountable were carried out during the summer holidays, with some further internal improvements to be undertaken prior to year end. However, another part of the scheme which was to create a new car park was not able to be undertaken during the summer holidays and will have to be carried out in the summer of 2017. It is therefore requested that £125k is carried forward into 2017/18 for this purpose.

Social Services

7. ICT Infrastructure - This funding is to implement an all Wales scheme which is to enable the interfacing of a range of different systems across local authorities and NHS organisations. The system has been procured and is in the process of being rolled out across Wales. The system will be implemented in the Vale of Glamorgan during 2017/18 and therefore it is requested that the £400k budget is carried forward to 2017/18.

Environment & Housing

8. Digital Highway in Sheltered Accommodation - A grant application has been made to Welsh Government to allow the installation of broadband into three sheltered accommodation schemes namely Crawshay Court, Youldon House and Longmeadow Court. In addition, computers workstations will be installed. It is

therefore requested that £31k is included in the capital programme, with £25k being funded by grant and the £6k matchfunding being made via a revenue contribution to capital from the housing budget.

9. Safe Routes to Communities - It is requested that the Port Road Cycle Way budget is increased by £44k and a new scheme is included under this heading at the value of £30k for cycle counters. Both will be funded from s106 monies.
10. Penlan Cycle/Footway - It is requested that this scheme is increased by £4k, funded from s106 monies.
11. Office Alterations - As part of the closure of the 2015/16 accounts, funding was set aside for office alterations. It is therefore requested that £35k is included in the capital programme for works to the Alps and Court Road Depots and £75k for works to Romilly Park Mess Room.
12. Fferm Goch - Initial works have been undertaken on this scheme including carrying out a site visit and topographical survey however this scheme has now been prioritised for project implementation to be undertaken in 2017/18. It is therefore requested that £47k is carried forward into 2017/18.
13. Wordsworth Park - It is requested that a new capital scheme is included in the programme for an upgrade of Wordsworth Park utilising s106 funding of £75k.
14. Play Area Upgrade - As part of the closure of the 2015/16 accounts, funding was set aside for upgrading play areas. It is now requested that £200k is included in the capital programme for the following schemes :-
 - Penarth Cliff Top - £100k
 - Peterswell Road Barry - £75k
 - Cwrt Y Vil, Penarth - £25k
15. Play Area Upgrade - In addition to the above, it is requested that £18k is included in the programme for upgrading/replacing play equipment and surfacing at Cwrt Y Vil Playing Fields utilising s106 funding of £18k.

Managing Director and Resources

16. Barry Regeneration Partnership - There is a budget of £54k included in the Barry Regeneration Programme for works to be undertaken at Gladstone Gardens. In addition, there is also a budget for works to the garden of £303k held under the Castleland Renewal Area budget. The work is being procured as one scheme and therefore it is requested that the budgets are merged and that £54k is vired from the Barry Regeneration budget to the Castleland Renewal Area budget.
17. Tackling Poverty - Late additional grant funding was received from Welsh Government in the previous year and was used to fund the Barry Parks Enhancement Programme. These schemes were to be funded from Council sources and therefore budget is now available to be used for other purposes. It is therefore requested that £70k is vired to the Barry Regeneration scheme to be utilised for the Harbour Road Car Park Cycleway scheme.
18. Five Mile Lane - This is a £25.8m scheme which will be undertaken over several years. The original programme had anticipated that land purchases would be undertaken this year. However there have been delays in bringing forward the Compulsory Purchase Orders and therefore it is unlikely that land will be purchased this financial year. It is therefore requested that £5.397m is carried forward into 2017/18.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

19. There are no direct financial implications over and above those listed in the body of the report.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

20. There are no sustainability and climate change implications in relation to this report.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

21. There are no legal implications.

Crime and Disorder Implications

22. There are no crime and disorder implications.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

23. There are no equal opportunity implications.

Corporate/Service Objectives

24. Effective monitoring assists in the provision of accurate and timely information to officers and Members and in particular allows services to better manage their resources.

Policy Framework and Budget

25. This is a matter for Executive decision.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

26. 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.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

27. All.

Background Papers

None.

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Officers Consulted

All Directors.

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