The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Cabinet Meeting: 14th November 2016

Report of the Leader

Initial Capital Programme Proposals 2017/18

Purpose of the Report

- 1. To gain approval for the Initial Capital Programme Proposals for 2017/18 so that they may be submitted to Scrutiny Committees for consultation.
- 2. To advise Cabinet of the progress on the 2016/17 Capital Programme for the period 1st April 2016 to 30th September 2016 and, where necessary, to request changes to the Programme.

Recommendations

It is recommended:-

- 1. That the Initial Capital Programme Proposals for 2017/18 to 2021/22 be approved for consultation with the relevant Scrutiny Committees.
- 2. That any recommendations of Scrutiny Committees are passed to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee as the lead Scrutiny Committee in order for their views to be forwarded to Cabinet.
- 3. That Cabinet notes the following changes to the 2016/17 Capital Programme:
- St Brides Expansion An emergency power was approved on 17th October 2016 to increase the 2016/17 budget to £510k.
- 4. That Cabinet approves the following changes to the 2016/17 and 2017/18 Capital Programme:
- Victorian Schools The carry forward of £1.2m from 2016/17 to 2017/18.
- Housing Improvement Programme-The carry forward of £10.730m from 2016/17 to 2017/18 for WHQS Externals (£7.23m), Common Parts (£1.7m), Environmental Improvements (£400k) and New Build (£1.4m).
- Housing Improvement Programme To increase the capital programme in 2016/17 by £100k to fund increased demand for aids and adaptations.
- Ashpath Footpath Improvements The carry forward of £73k from 2016/17 to 2017/18

- Maendy Pedestrian Sustainable Transport Improvement The carry forward of £80k from 2016/17 to 2017/18.
- Barry Regeneration Partnership The carry forward of £29k from 2016/17 to 2017/18.
- Lighting Scheme for Zig Zag Path The carry forward of £37k from 2016/17 to 2017/18 and to change the scheme description to Sustainable Transport Improvements Penarth Heights.
- Regeneration Fund The £100k is utilised to progress works at the Vale Enterprise Centre during 2016/17 and the scheme is renamed accordingly.
- CASH Community Grants The virement of £6,492 to a new Community Initiatives scheme in 2016/17.
- All Services Asset Renewal That £484k is unallocated in 2016/17 to allow the funding to be utilised for other schemes during the five year capital programme.
- Regulation 14 Workplace Health and Safety Glazing That the sum of £32k is unallocated in 2016/17 to allow the funding to be utilised for other schemes during 2017/18.

Reasons for the Recommendations

- 1. In order to gain the views of Scrutiny Committees.
- 2. In order that Cabinet be informed of the comments of Scrutiny Committees before making a final proposal on the 2017/18 Capital Programme.
- 3. To make Cabinet aware of changes to the 2016/17 Capital Programme.
- 4. To amend the 2016/17 and future years Capital Programme and to seek approval from Cabinet.

Relevant Issues and Options

2016/17 Capital Programme

- 3. <u>Appendix 1</u> details financial progress on the Capital Programme as at 30th September 2016.
- 4. The changes detailed below have been reflected in Appendix 2.

Director of Learning and Skills

- 5. St Brides Expansion An emergency power was approved on 17th October 2016 to increase the budget to £510k in order for the scheme to proceed. This is funded from s106, and includes £10k brought forward from 2017/18.
- 6. Victorian Schools External consultants are being appointed to project manage this scheme with the aim of appointing contractors in March 2017 for works to start during Easter 2017. The project will be split between a number of contractors to ensure that the high priority repairs are completed as early as possible and all works are completed by March 2018. Therefore it is requested that £1.2m is slipped from 2016/17 to 2017/18.

Director of Environment and Housing

- 7. The proposal to amend the funding for the 2016/17 Housing Improvement Programme is set out in paragraph 55 of this report and includes those amendments listed in paragraphs 8 12 below.
- 8. WHQS Externals There have been delays in undertaking work this year due to difficulty in sourcing suitably skills labour, ecology issues such as nesting birds and bats and leaseholder issues. It is anticipated that work will be completed in the next financial year and it is therefore requested that £7.23m is carried forward into 2017/18.
- 9. Aids and Adaptions There has been an increase in demand in this area and to cover required works it is requested that the budget for 2016/17 is increased from £400k to £500k.
- 10. Common Parts As a result of the delay in undertaking the externals works, the start of works under this heading have been delayed as the external works need to be completed first. Work is now due to commence however it is requested that £1.7m is carried forward into 2017/18.
- 11. Environmental Improvements In a similar manner to the Common Parts work, the delay in external works has delayed the commencement of this scheme. Work will commence this year and a programme of works is being prepared for 2017/18. It is therefore requested that £400k is carried forward to 2017/18.
- 12. New Build Proposals for new build schemes are being developed and work on site is due to commence prior to the end of this financial year however a full spend is not anticipated and it is requested that £1.4m is carried forward into 2017/18 to allow schemes to be undertaken.
- 13. Ashpath Footpath Improvements It is requested that £73k is slipped from 2016/17 to 2017/18 as this scheme will not be completed in year due to ongoing land issues.

Managing Director and Resources

- 14. Maendy Pedestrian Sustainable Transport Improvement It is requested that £80k is slipped from 2016/17 to 2017/18 as scheme options are being considered and land availability is minimal.
- 15. Barry Regeneration Partnership It is requested that £29k is slipped from 2016/17 to 2017/18 as the fixed term post in the Economic Development Unit has not yet been filled, and is currently being advertised.
- 16. Lighting Scheme for Zig Zag Path Due to a change in specification of lights, the columns cost less than the original proposal and therefore it is requested that the balance of £37k be slipped into 2017/18 for general sustainable transport improvements in the area. It is requested to rename the scheme Sustainable Transport Improvements Penarth Heights.
- 17. Regeneration Fund A 2017/18 capital bid has been received relating to renovation works for the Vale Enterprise Centre. As the Regeneration Fund scheme is unallocated in the 2016/17 capital programme, it is proposed that this funding is utilised to progress the renovations where possible during 2016/17, however, the budget may need to be reprofiled once a programme of works is finalised. The scheme will be renamed accordingly.

- 18. CASH Community Grants As per the Cabinet report 25th July 2016, CASH grants totalling £23,508 have been approved. The balance of £6,492 is requested to be vired to a new Community Initiatives scheme in 2016/17.
- 19. All Services Asset Renewal As this sum has not yet been allocated to specific schemes during 2016/17 it is proposed that the funding of £484k is removed from the 2016/17 capital programme and is reallocated to other schemes during the five year capital programme
- 20. Regulation 14 Workplace Health and Safety Glazing The full budgeted sum of £50k is not required for safety glazing and it is requested that the sum of £32k is removed from the 2016/17 capital programme and is reallocated to other schemes during 2017/18.

2017/18 to 2021/22 Capital Programme

- 21. The Welsh Government (WG) announced the provisional 2017/18 General Capital Funding, on 19th October 2016. The 2017/18 Capital Settlement is a flatlined capital settlement which for the Vale of Glamorgan Council equates to General Capital Funding of £5.405m which is made up of £2.045m General Capital Grant and £3.360m Supported Borrowing.
- 22. There is no indication of the level of funding likely beyond 2017/18 and therefore in line with the approach adopted in the Medium Term Financial Plan the proposals assume a reduction of 10% for each year of the programme from 2018/19.
- 23. <u>Appendix 2</u> sets out the Initial Proposals for the Capital Programme between 2017/18 and 2021/22.
- 24. The Council will seek to mitigate the projected deteriorating funding situation by looking to progress only those schemes which are deemed to be a key Corporate Priority and make a clear impact to the Wellbeing and Future Generation priorities. The Council will seek assurances that schemes included in the capital programme can be delivered on time and within budget.
- 25. The Major Repairs Allowance (MRA), which is the grant that provides capital funding to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), has not yet been announced by the Welsh Government for 2017/18. Cabinet will be advised once the announcement is made. An assumption has been made in Appendix 2 that the grant will continue at the allocation reflected in the current business plan of £2.76m in 2017/18 and throughout the period of the Capital Programme.
- 26. In addition to external funding, the Council will finance part of the Capital Programme from its own resources, e.g. capital receipts and reserves.
- 27. The table below details the General Capital Funding and internal resources required to fund the proposed schemes which are detailed in Appendix 2.

Analysis of Net Funding Required for the Indicative 2017/18 Capital Programme

GENERAL FUND	£'000	£'000
Welsh Government Resources		
Supported Borrowing	3,360	
General Capital Grant	2,045	
Total Welsh Government Resources		5,405

Council Resources

General Capital Receipts	1,006	
Reserves/Leasing	9,642	
Total Council Resources		10,648
Net Capital Resources		16,053
HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT		
Housing Reserves	3,631	
Housing Unsupported Borrowing	12,473	
Net Capital Resources		16,104
Total Net Capital Resources		32,157

28. The indicative 2017/18 Capital Programme shown in <u>Appendix 2</u> includes allocations already approved by Council. <u>Appendix 2</u> also reflects the amendments requested within this report.

Capital Bids 2017/18 to 2021/22

- 29. New capital bids were invited for return by 30th September 2016 and the number of bids received was in line with previous years since the 5 year capital programme was introduced (2 from Learning and Skills, 11 from Environment and Housing and 3 from Managing Director and Resources) in addition a joint bid was submitted from Housing and Planning. Departments were requested to rank their own bids in order of importance before submission and bids from each Department were forwarded to the Insight Group for evaluation.
- 30. The Insight Group used a number of criteria to assess the Capital Bids. The first criteria used was to classify the nature of the bids, the criteria used is set out below;

Priority Level	Criteria
A	Health and Safety legislation
В	Other Legislation/Statutory Requirement
Ci	Economic Sense/Invest to Save
Cii	Corporate Plan
Ciii	Sufficiency
D	Condition/Suitability
E	Welsh Government Requirements
F	Low Priority

31. Where bids are rated an A or B on the above criteria there would clearly be a legal obligation to ensure that works are progressed in a timely manner within the confines of the funding available. Schemes that represent an invest to save opportunity or support the achievement of corporate priorities should also be prioritised.

32. In addition, in accordance with the criteria set out in the Budget Strategy, the bids were prioritised in terms of their corporate priority and the risk they pose to the Council if they are not pursued. The risk assessment element was undertaken in line with the Council's Corporate Risk Management Strategy as follows;

act or Risk	Catastrophic	MEDIUM	MEDIUM/HIGH	HIGH	VERY HIGH
np of of	High	MEDIUM/LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM/HIGH	HIGH
se tud	Medium	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM/HIGH
Possible Magnitud	Low	VERY LOW	LOW	MEDIUM/LOW	MEDIUM
Diak	Matrix	Very Unlikely	Possible	Probable	Almost Certain
Risk Matrix Likelihood/Probability of Risk Occurring					

33. Taking into account the nature of capital schemes, the following criteria were applied to assess corporate priority:

Corporate Priority	Score
Commitments and areas where the Council has no control over the expenditure, e.g. contractual and legal commitments, absolute minimum statutory service, taxes, etc.	3
Very high priority (publicly announced commitment e.g. items included in the Community Strategy, Corporate Plan etc.)	2
"Invest to Save" and preventative expenditure	2
Statutory expenditure above the absolute minimum and other priorities	1
Low Priority	0

- 34. The bids were also reviewed for the contribution that they made to the Wellbeing and Future Generations criteria as set out below;
 - Long Term
 - Integration
 - Collaboration
 - Prevention
 - Involvement
- 35. Each scheme was awarded one point for every one of the outcomes that it met to a maximum of 5.
- 36. Only those schemes assessed as corporate priority 1 or higher and medium risk or higher are included in these proposals. In addition the schemes put forward should contribute to at least three Wellbeing and Future Generations outcomes and should have a scheme priority factor of either A/B/Ci/Cii/Ciii. The bids that did not meet these criteria were excluded from consideration as there was insufficient funding available and these bids are detailed in Appendix 3 with a reason for their exclusion.

37. The bids that have been funded are set out below with the proposed funding profile;

Successful Bids	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Additional Road and Pavement					
Resurfacing	0	500	500	0	1,000
Street Lighting Replacement (includes					
£50k from Visible Services Asset					
Renewal)	0	100	100	0	200
Murchfield Access Bridge	0	44	0	0	44
Dinas Powys Library Road Bridge	0	170	0	0	170
Gypsy Traveller Site	0	1,927	0	0	1,927
Leisure Works - Capital Bids	0	758	0	0	758
Nell's Point Former Toilet Block (includes					
£100k from Barry Regeneration					
Partnership)	0	255	0	0	255
Housing Regeneration Area	0	150	300	300	750
Vale Enterprise Centre Renovations	100	0	0	0	100
Total	100	3,904	900	300	5,204

- 38. It is proposed that the Additional Road and Pavement Resurfacing (£1m) and Gypsy Traveller Site (£1.927m) and a contribution (£73k) to the Dinas Powys Library Road Bridge scheme are funded from a projected underspend in the revenue budget (£3m) during 2016/17 which will be transferred into the Visible Services Reserve.
- 39. It is proposed that the existing Regeneration scheme is utilised to fund the bids for schemes that make a contribution to the regeneration of the Vale of Glamorgan. The Vale Enterprise Centre Renovations should be progressed where possible during 2016/17 as set out in paragraph 17 to this report. In addition it is proposed that £100k of the Barry Regeneration Partnership funding is utilised towards the Nell's Point Toilet block scheme in 2017/18.
- 40. Further to the £50k allocation for the maintenance of street lighting columns that has been awarded in 2017/18 and 2018/19, it is proposed that £50k of the Visible Services Asset Renewal is ring-fenced for these purposes.
- 41. The changes detailed above have been reflected in Appendix 2.
- 42. In addition to bids meeting the criteria for inclusion in the Capital Programme, there have been a number of changes approved by Cabinet since the final budget proposals 2016/17 to 2020/21 were approved in February 2016. These changes include capital sums carried forward; changes to the School Investment Programme and Housing Improvement Plan. These changes have been included in Appendix 2.

School Investment Programme

43. The 21st Century Schools Programme is the Welsh Government's funding initiative for investment in schools. The first tranche of schemes under Band A of the funding were submitted prior to November 2011. Band A schemes run between 2013/14 and 2018/19. Band B schemes are expected to commence in 2019/20.

- 44. The schemes included under the Band A submission for construction between 2013/14 and 2018/19 are; Ysgol Nant Talwg, Ysgol Dewi Sant, Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant and Oakfield, Colcot and Llantwit Learning Community. The Ysgol Nant Talwg, Ysgol Dewi Sant, Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant and Oakfield schemes are now complete and Llantwit Learning Community is on track to complete in September 2018.
- 45. In October 2016 the Vale of Glamorgan Council received notification from WG that the funding envelope for 21st Century Schools would in principle be increased from £30.848m to £32.048m pending the receipt of a satisfactory business case. This includes funding for a new Band A scheme Romilly Primary permanent structure a scheme which is expected to cost £1.2m, funded by £600k WG Grant and £600k contribution from the School Investment Strategy Reserve.
- 46. Band B Schemes are expected to commence in 2019/20 and in December 2014 the Council submitted proposals for a number of schemes to Welsh Government. Based on latest indications, it has been assumed that 50% funding will be available from Welsh Government to fund these schemes. However, there is no guarantee that this funding will be available from Welsh Government or what form it will take.
- 47. During 2016/17 reports were taken to Cabinet regarding two key schemes to be progressed under Band B
- Proposal to establish new Mixed Sex Secondary Schools in Barry estimated cost £44m.
- Proposal to Increase Welsh Medium Secondary School Places estimated cost £19.3m
- 48. Given the extremely high level of Council funding committed to these schemes any other proposals progressed as part of Band B would need to be fully funded by Capital Receipts, S106 and WG funding. If WG funding is not available at 50%, the scale of these schemes will need to be reviewed by the Council.
- 49. It is proposed that the Band B schemes are funded as follows;

Band B Scheme	WG Grant	S106	GCF	Capital Receipts	Cont. from Reserves	Unsupp Borrowing	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Welsh Medium Secondary	9,650	1,037	2,598	514	3,501	2,000	19,300
Mixed Sex Secondary School	22,000	986	1,036	11,685	8,293	-	44,000

- 50. The level of funding committed to Band B from 2019/20 has necessitated a reduction in Education Asset Renewal to £600k from 2019/20 to provide funding for the Band B schemes.
- 51. In 2016/17 a sum of £1.2m was set aside towards medium schemes for schools. £600k of this sum has been allocated to the Romilly scheme referred to in paragraph 45 of this report, the balance of this funding is unallocated and a further report will be brought to Cabinet detailing the proposals for this sum.
- 52. The following table shows the planned spend on the Education capital programme from 2017/18 to 2021/22 incorporating expenditure under Band A and Band B

schemes funded under 21st Century Schools Programme. Gross Expenditure totals £75.772m.

By Scheme	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Total
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Band A Llantwit Major Learning Community	1,240	29	0	0	0	1,269
Band A Colcot Primary	125	0	0	0	0	125
Band A Romilly Primary	1,200	0	0	0	0	1,200
Medium Schools Projects to be allocated	600	0	0	0	0	600
Eagleswell Marketing & Disposal	5	0	0	0	0	5
Schools Asset Renewal/Other	600	600	600	600	600	3,000
Additional Schools Asset Renewal	400	400	0	0	0	800
Education Asset Renewal - contingency	50	50	0	0	0	100
Rhoose Primary New School	1,500	1,762	0	0	0	3,262
Victorian Schools	2,000	0	0	0	0	2,000
Gwenfo Primary Expansion	11	0	0	0	0	11
Band B Welsh Medium	0	250	5,650	10,500	2,600	19,000
Band B Co Ed	0	500	12,900	24,000	6,000	43,400
Schools IT Loans	200	200	200	200	200	1,000
Total	7,931	3,791	19,350	35,300	9,400	75,772

- 53. The total cost for Band B schemes is projected to be £63.3m (£31.650m WG Funding), however of this total £62.4m relates to costs up to and including 2021/22 which is the period covered by this report and is therefore included in Appendix 2.
- 54. The Education capital programme is funded as follows;

	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	Total
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
General Capital						
Funding/General Capital	3,605	1,785	2,354	2,200	1,147	11,091
Receipts						
Education Capital Receipts	0	0	3,764	7,824	0	11,588
Other Reserves and Revenue	0	0	2,428	1,543	0	3,971
Contribution	U	U	2,420	1,545	U	3,971
School Investment Reserve	1,390	444	954	2,260	3,753	8,801
IT Fund	200	200	200	200	200	1,000
Prudential Borrowing	0	0	0	2,000	0	2,000
Total Internal Funding	5,195	2,429	9,700	16,027	5,100	38,451
S106 Agreements	1,011	1,362	0	2,023	0	4,396
Welsh Government Grant	1,725	0	9,650	17,250	4,300	32,925
Total Funding	7,931	3,791	19,350	35,300	9,400	75,772

Housing Improvement Plan

55. The 2016/17 Housing Improvement Programme budget currently totals £34.147m. It has been requested above that £10.73m is carried forward into 2017/18. The amended programme also reflects the £100k increase in the Aids and Adaptations budget. The funding of the 2016/17 programme has therefore been amended as set out in the table below: -

Funding	Current 2016/17 £'000	Amended 2016/17 £'000
Major Repairs Allowance Grant	2,770	2,770
Other Grant	251	251
Housing Capital Receipt	0	0
Housing Reserves	2,931	6,231
Unsupported Borrowing	28,195	14,265
Total	34,147	23,517

Next Steps

- 56. The next stage is for the estimates to be submitted to Scrutiny Committees for consultation. Each Scrutiny Committee will be asked to first consider the Initial Capital Programme proposals as shown in Appendix 2 and to make any recommendations for changes. If they wish to make a change, the reason for this needs to be recorded in order to assist the Cabinet and the Budget Working Group (BWG) in drawing up the final proposals. Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee is the lead Scrutiny Committee and will consider both the Initial Capital Budget Proposals and any recommendations that other Scrutiny Committees have made. The responses of Scrutiny Committee must be made no later than the 13th December 2016.
- 57. Managers will be asked to revisit the schemes included in <u>Appendix 2</u> and to confirm final costs and spend profile prior to the final proposals being presented to Cabinet.
- 58. Currently, the approved timetable requires Cabinet to approve the final budget proposals by no later than the 20th February 2017 and that Cabinet's final Capital Programme proposals will be considered by Council at a meeting to be held on 1st March 2017 to enable the Council Tax to be set by 11th March 2017.

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

- 59. The total net capital expenditure of the proposed programme in <u>Appendix 2</u>, over the 5 years, is approximately £101.628m.
- 60. If the schemes shown in <u>Appendix 2</u> are approved, the effect on General Fund useable capital receipts will be as shown in the following table.

Capital Receipts	General	Ringfenced Social Services	Ringfenced Education
	£000's	£000's	£000's
Anticipated Balance as at 1st April 2017	2,343	1,327	1,299
Anticipated Requirements – 2017/18	(1,006)	0	0
Anticipated Receipts – 2017/18	0	0	0
Balance as at 31st March 2018	1,337	1,327	1,299
Anticipated Requirements – 2018/19	0	(1,327)	0
Anticipated Receipts – 2018/19	0	0	8,414
Balance as at 31st March 2019	1,337	0	9,713
Anticipated Requirements – 2019/20	(405)	0	(3,764)
Anticipated Receipts – 2019/20	0	0	1,875
Balance as at 31st March 2020	932	0	7,824
Anticipated Requirements – 2020/21	(659)	0	(7,824)
Anticipated Receipts – 2020/21	0	0	0
Balance as at 31st March 2021	273	0	0
Anticipated Requirements – 2021/22	0	0	0
Anticipated Receipts – 2021/22	0	0	0
Balance as at 31st March 2022	273	0	0
Anticipated Requirements – 2022/23	0	0	0
Anticipated Receipts – 2022/23	0	0	0
Balance as at 31st March 2023	273	0	0

- 61. The Education Capital Programme utilises general capital receipts in addition to capital receipts ringfenced for Education.
- 62. The capital receipt balance for Social Services has been ringfenced for Social Services capital expenditure. Options are being explored by the Council however, it has been assumed that the full capital receipt of £1.327m will be utilised for older persons accommodation in 2018/19.
- 63. In line with the overall strategy and specific suggestions proposed by the BWG, in order to resource the Capital Programme, reserves will be utilised over the period of the Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2021/22.
- 64. The Project Fund will be used to fund schemes assessed on an invest to save basis, and in certain circumstances business critical schemes may also be funded from this reserve with the prior approval of the Head of Finance. The projected usage of this reserve over the period of the Capital Programme is shown below;

Project Fund

•	£'000
Anticipated Balance as at 1st April 2017	2,749
Anticipated Requirements – 2017/18	(530)
Anticipated Receipts – 2017/18	0
Balance as at 31st March 2018	2,219
Anticipated Requirements – 2018/19	0
Anticipated Receipts – 2018/19	0
Balance as at 31st March 2019	2,219
Anticipated Requirements – 2019/20	0
Anticipated Receipts – 2019/20	0
Balance as at 31st March 2020	2,219
Anticipated Requirements – 2020/21	(212)
Anticipated Receipts – 2020/21	0
Balance as at 31st March 2021	2,007
Anticipated Requirements – 2021/22	0
Anticipated Receipts – 2021/22	0
Balance as at 31st March 2022	2,007

65. The above forecast balances need to be seen in the context of significant pressures for spending which are not yet included in the Capital Programme. These include the backlog of school, highways and buildings improvements.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

- 66. The bids have also been evaluated for Sustainable Development. The four areas of Sustainable Development to be considered are:
- Living within environmental limits
- Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society
- Achieving a sustainable economy
- Promoting good governance
- 67. Sustainability checklists were submitted by Project Managers for each of the proposed bids included in Appendix 2. These were reviewed by the Insight group, with a view to ensuring that wherever possible the four sustainable targets are addressed.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

68. The Council is required to show that capital expenditure is covered by identified resources.

Crime and Disorder Implications

69. The obligations of the Council with regard to Section 17 need to be fully considered in the budget decision making process.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

70. Additional finance improves the Council's opportunities for assisting disadvantaged members of society.

Corporate/Service Objectives

71. Funds allocated contribute to the wide range of corporate service objectives as set out in the Corporate Plan.

Policy Framework and Budget

72. This report follows the procedure laid down in the constitution for the making of the budget. The 2017/18 budget proposals will require the approval of Council. The proposals for amendments to the 2016/17 Capital Programme are the responsibility of Cabinet.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

73. All Scrutiny Committees will be consulted on the proposals.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

74. The lead Scrutiny Committee is Corporate Performance and Resources.

Background Papers

Bids received from departments
Correspondence received from the Welsh Government

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Officers Consulted

The following Officers have been consulted on the contents of this report:-Corporate Management Team Budget Working Group

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