

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
22ND DECEMBER, 2021

REFERENCE FROM ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE: 14TH DECEMBER, 2021

“ INITIAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2022/23 TO 2026/27 (DEH) -

The purpose of the report was to submit the Initial Capital Programme Proposals for 2022/23 to 2026/27 to Committee for consultation.

The Accountant highlighted that again the Provisional General Capital Funding for 2022/23 has not yet been announced by Welsh Government (WG) and is expected on 21st December 2021 with the Final Settlement due on 1st March 2022.

The level of capital funding included in the report had assumed the Council would receive the same amount of General Capital Funding in 2022/23 as in 2021/22 and will then remain constant for the remainder of the period of the programme. General Capital Funding had therefore been assumed as £6.867m for 2022/23 which was made up of £3.438m General Capital Grant and £3.429m Supported Borrowing.

Appendix 1 set out the Initial Proposals for the Capital Programme for this Committee between 2022/23 and 2026/27 as approved on 10th March 2021, including any subsequent approvals and Appendix 2 set out the Capital bids for 2022/23. In total there were 22 bids submitted for this Committee which totalled £10.741m in 2022/23 and £23.871m over the 5 years of the capital programme. The Accountant highlighted the table at 2.6 which detailed the General Capital Funding and internal resources required to fund the proposed schemes for the Council as a whole for 2022/23. This totalled £62.223m

In being asked to comment on priorities, the Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport stated that it was difficult to rank in order as all of the Capital Bids for her service area either reduced Council risk or improved public health and safety. For example, the Boverton Road retaining wall presented a safety risk to the Highway. Councillor G. John stated that as local ward member it was imperative for public safety that funding be provided for the Boverton Road retaining wall.

The Chair therefore suggested that all the Capital bids that related to health and safety needed to be funded and the Committee agreed for this to be referred to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

Subsequently it was

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Corporate Performance and Resources Committee considers the importance of prioritising capital bids within the area of Neighbourhood

Services relating to statutory services such as Waste and Highway Maintenance, in order to reduce risk and improve public health and safety.

Reason for recommendation

In order to fund capital bids relating to statutory services which reduce risk and improve public safety.”