

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES
 SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 15TH FEBRUARY, 2024

REFERENCE FROM LEARNING AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
 8TH FEBRUARY, 2024

“ DRAFT CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2024/25 TO 2028/29 (REF) –

Cabinet had referred consideration of the report to the Committee on 18th January, 2024. The report set out the current 5-year Capital Programme for the period 2024/25 to 2028/29 and the Capital Bids that had been submitted for the period detailed in Appendices 1 2 to the report.

The Council was facing significant pressures in relation to price inflation and the cost-of-living crisis which had seen increases in the costs of materials and labour. This had an impact on the current schemes within the Capital Programme and also the funding available to fund new schemes within the Capital Programme.

The total value of capital schemes over the next 5 years was £376.618m and this is summarised in the table below. This included £22.349m for the Band B Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme, £78.565m for Education pipeline schemes and £205.775m for the Housing Improvement Programme.

Table 1 – Summary of schemes in the 5-year Capital Programme

Directorate	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Learning and Skills	21,360	2,360	3,750	4,435	2,000
Social Services	1,297	975	100	100	100
Environment	9,519	5,662	3,685	3,685	3,685
Housing	38,745	38,209	41,970	39,634	47,217
Place	3,643	1,605	1,305	1,305	1,150
Corporate Resources	704	250	569	862	862
City Deal	1,069	1,117	844	0	930
Pipeline Schemes	28,108	43,750	17,057	3,000	0

Total	104,445	93,928	69,280	53,021	55,944
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Table 2 – Summary of funding of the schemes in the Capital Programme

Funding	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
General Capital Funding	6,986	6,986	6,986	6,986	6,986
Capital Receipts	3,259	2,044	1,166	2,346	2,191
Reserves	13,713	10,749	8,362	7,960	7,262
Unsupported Borrowing	32,473	35,633	31,082	27,624	33,935
Grants and Contributions (Including S106)	48,015	38,516	21,684	8,105	5,570
Total	104,446	93,928	69,280	53,021	55,944

Since the initial Capital Programme proposals, other pressures had emerged, and some additional schemes had been included in Appendix 1. A list of bids and additional pressures that had been included in the 2024/25 to 2028/29 Capital Programme were detailed in Appendix 3 to the report. New schemes funded over the five-year programme included over £5.5m of Education bids to support the school estate, £480k to improve Social Services Residential Homes, an additional £6.5m to contribute towards highway improvements and £875k for tree planting and cyclical maintenance of trees.

The Finance Support Manager presented the proposals noting that as no further indication had been received from Welsh Government it had been assumed that from 2025/26 onwards the level of Capital funding would be flatlined at £6.986m and would then remain constant for the remainder of the period of the Programme.

The Chair referred to documentation where it mentioned that funding had been sought for the specialist resource base at Pencoedre High School with a request as to where that money was being sourced from. The Operational Manager advised that she was aware that the Council was considering looking internally for that funding as the need to identify funding was quite urgent, and that she would aim to provide an update for Members as soon as possible. The Chair subsequently requested that his comment be referred back to Cabinet with it subsequently being.

RECOMMENDED – T H A T, having considered the draft Capital Programme for 2024/25 to 2028/29, the comments of this Committee regarding Pencoedtre High School be passed to the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee, as the lead Scrutiny Committee, in order for the Committee's views to be forwarded to Cabinet.

Reason for recommendation

In order that Cabinet be informed of the comments of this Committee, before making a proposal on the Capital Programme.”