

**CABINET**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 UPDATE**

**Purpose:** To report the latest projected outturn of the capital programme for the financial year.

**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

1. That the capital programme update report is received.
2. That the new projects are noted and agreed, to be funded from current year capital charges underspends.

**Reasons:**

To provide an update of the latest budgetary position for the 2023/24 capital programme, as at the 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Cabinet Decision Required                      YES

Council Decision Required                      NO

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:**  
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 UPDATE

The current capital programme is based on information available as at the end of February 2024. **Appendix A** shows a forecasted net spend of £80,059k compared with a working net budget of £140,625k, giving a **-£60,482k** variance.

The net budget includes the original H.R.A. and General Fund capital programmes approved by Council on 1<sup>st</sup> March and slippage from 2022/23. Some of the budgets have also been amended to account for differences in actual grant allocations compared with the anticipated allocations at the time the programme was approved, and new grant awards received during the year to date. The project outturn for the year is £134m gross which is £32m more than the final outturn from 2022-23. This is attributable to significant spend on the HRA programme, and Pentre Awel.

**Appendix B** details the main variances within each department.

### **New Projects and virements to note and approve for the current year:**

#### **Private Housing:**

A new award of £193k of Housing Care Fund (HCF) grant funding has been received from the Regional Health Partnership.

To approve a revenue contribution of £15k to fund the Care & Repair - Small Repairs Scheme

**Social Care:** Award of two grants funds by HCF to support housing standards.

#### **Place and Infrastructure:**

A new award of grant funding from the Energy Saving Trust of £159k as a contribution toward the purchase of new electrical vehicles and £281k for the installation costs for charging infrastructure.

#### **Regeneration:**

Additional £1,260k from reserves towards the Transforming Towns budget for the acquisition of town centre properties.

#### **Education and Children Services:**

A grant from the Welsh Government's sustainable communities for learning programme of £10,238k has been awarded for the refurbishment of Ysgol Bryngwyn, Llanelli, being 65% of the £15,750k total project costs. An appropriation of £10,299k has been made from the MEP delivery fund to this approved project, which will slip to future years. Permission is also sought to appropriate funds from the MEP delivery fund in future years of the programme up to the level of the award and match funding.

An award of £600k for the purchase of a property to be developed as safe accommodation for children.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES**

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Randal Hemingway

Head of Financial Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Biodiversity & Climate Change
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>

### 3. Finance

The capital programme shows an in-year forecasted variance of -£60,482k against the 2023/24 approved budget as at 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

### 7. Physical Assets

The capital programme will have an impact on the physical assets owned by the Authority.

### 8. Biodiversity and Climate Change

Some schemes within the Capital Programme relate to decarbonisation measures to help reduce our carbon footprint.

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: **Randal Hemingway**

**Head of Financial Services**

**(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)**

<b>1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination</b>	NA
<b>If yes include the following information:</b>	
<b>Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>Date the report was considered:</b>	
<b>Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:</b>	

**2. Local Member(s): N/A**

**3. Community / Town Council: N/A**

**4. Relevant Partners: N/A**

**5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations: N/A**

<b>CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED</b>	<b>Include any observations here</b>
NO	

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
2023/24 Capital Programme		Corporate Service Department, County Hall, Carmarthen.  On-line via corporate website – Minutes of County Council Meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023.