POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2nd FEBRUARY 2022

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME (COUNCIL FUND) – 2022/23 TO 2026/27

Recommendations / key decisions required:

As part of the budget consultation members are asked to examine the attached Capital Programme together with the Capital Strategy.

Reasons:

That the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee consider the content of this report and put forward any recommendations for consideration by Cabinet.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted YES						
Cabinet Decision Required	YES					
Council Decision Required	NO					
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2nd FEBRUARY 2022

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The report brings together the latest proposals for the five-year capital programme 2022/23 to 2026/27. It forms the basis of the budget consultation process with members and other relevant parties. Feedback from this consultation process, along with any updates, will inform the final Capital Programme budget report which will be presented to Cabinet on 21st February 2022 and County Council in March 2022.

The proposed gross expenditure on the capital programme for 2022/23 is £144.844m with the projected funding being £52.249m from the county council's own resources through the use of borrowing, reserves and general capital grant and, the balance of funding of £92.595m coming from external sources. These figures include projects delayed in 2021/22, mainly because of Covid-19 restrictions, that have been carried over and built into the budgets of future years.

The capital programme is projected to be fully funded over the five years.

It includes projected expenditure on the Swansea Bay City Region Deal projects against which the authority will borrow, with the funding being returned from both Welsh and UK governments over a 15-year period (from 2018/19).

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
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES



3. Finance

The updated capital programme is projected to be fully funded for the five years 2022/23 through to 2026/27, however, if any of the currently anticipated funding does not materialise it will need to be revisited. Short-term borrowing has been used in years 1 and 2 of the capital programme to facilitate the early development of some projects, this will be repaid in the later years of the programme when funding becomes available.

7. Physical Assets

New assets created from the capital programme will be added to the Council's portfolio. In addition, the programme proposes expenditure to improve the existing assets and comply with statutory responsibilities.

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

1. Scrutiny Committee Relevant Scrutiny Committees will be consulted.

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

CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED	Include any observations here
YES	

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	
2021/22 – 2025/26 Capital Programme		Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen.	
		On-line via corporate website – Minutes of County Council Meeting 3 rd March 2021.	
2022/23 – 2026/27 Capital Programme		Corporate Services Department, County Hall, Carmarthen.	

