

CABINET

21st FEBRUARY 2022

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

Recommendations / key decisions required:

That Cabinet consider and recommend to County Council:

1. The five-year capital programme and its funding as detailed in Appendix A, with 2022/23 being a hard budget and 2023/24 to 2026/27 soft/indicative budgets.
2. That the programme be reviewed, as is usual, if anticipated external or county council funding does not materialise.
3. That the capital strategy (Appendix C) be approved,

and

4. That Cabinet delegates to the Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Chief Executive, Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources, authority to make any amendments necessary as a consequence of the WG final settlement due on 1st March 2022.

Reasons:

To enable the authority to agree a five-year capital programme 2022/23 to 2026/27.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted YES

Cabinet Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required YES

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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The report brings together the latest proposals for the five-year capital programme 2022/23 to 2026/27, taking account of the consultation exercise undertaken and the revenue implications arising from the programme.

The proposed gross expenditure on the capital programme for 2022/23 is £146.244m with the projected funding being £57.736m from the county council's own resources using borrowing, reserves, general capital grant and, the balance of funding of £88.508m 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).

The authority's capital strategy, required by the prudential code for capital finance in local authorities, has been updated and sets out the long-term context in which capital expenditure and investment decisions are made. It gives due consideration to both risk and reward and impact on the achievement of priority outcomes. The capital strategy covers expenditure on both Council Fund and HRA capital and is included as Appendix C.

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**

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

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**

YES

Include any observations here

**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.