

# CABINET

9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023

## CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 UPDATE

**Purpose:** To report the latest projected outturn of the capital programme for the financial year and to agree the reprofiling of the budget.

**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

1. That the capital programme update report is received.
2. That the new projects are noted and agreed.

**Reasons:**

To provide an update of the latest budgetary position for the 2022/23 capital programme, as at the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

Cabinet Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required NO

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:**

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 UPDATE**

The current capital programme is based on information available as at the end of October 2022. **Appendix A** shows a forecasted net spend of £64,369k compared with a working net budget of £148,334k, giving a **-£83,965k** variance. This is a significant reappraisal of the forecasted outturn to that reported following the June Monitoring. This is mainly owing to reprofiling and slippage of City Deal, Towy Valley Path, MEP and HRA programme. In part, some of the slippage is because of contractor capacity issues.

The net budget includes the original H.R.A. and General Fund capital programmes approved by Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and slippage from 2021/22. 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.

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

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

#### **Leisure:**

Savings of £35k and £80k against the budgets of the County Museum Roof and Carmarthenshire Archives – Y Stordy, respectively have been transferred to Oriel Myrddin. All projects are reported as part of the Libraries and Museums main project.

A £130k revenue contribution to complete the works at Parc Howard Museum. This takes the approved budget for this project in 2022/23 to £262k.

An award of £180k Access Improvement grant funding has been received for the Morfa Bacas Path project. This funding replaces the Active Travel funding which was withdrawn because of delays to the project.

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

A new award of £2,198k for 2022/23 funding for the roll-out of free school meals for primary aged children.

Additional capital funding from the Welsh Government for works at the Carmarthen Community Education Centre of £325k.

The budget against the Strade Welsh Language Immersion Centre has been temporarily removed because it is still awaiting an official award from the Welsh Government. It was previously uploaded based on an indicative award in error.

A total of £658k childcare places grant has been withdrawn by the Welsh Government because of delays with two schemes. No expenditure has been incurred against these schemes by the authority.

**Regeneration:**

Additional grant funding for the Cross Hands East Plot 3 Development of £3,900k has been awarded and received from the Welsh Government which covers the additional costs of the project. The Authority has not had to provide additional match funding to secure this grant.

Transformation Strategy Fund budget has now been allocated to specific projects within the Regeneration capital programme, namely:

£100k Cross Hands East Plot 3 Development, £1,400k to Pendine Attractor Project in gap funding which will be reimbursed by insurance monies in future, £261k to the Transforming Towns budget.

**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
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>

### 3. Finance

The capital programme shows an in-year forecasted variance of **-£83,965k** against the 2022/23 approved budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

### 7. Physical Assets

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

## 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 request for pre-determination**

N/A

**If yes include the following information: -**

- 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 MEMBER PORTFOLIO  
HOLDER AWARE/CONSULTED**

**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
2022/23 Capital Programme		Corporate Service Department, County Hall, Carmarthen.  On-line via corporate website – Minutes of County Council Meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022.