

EXECUTIVE BOARD

24th May 2021

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 UPDATE

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

Recommendations / key decisions required:

That the capital programme update report is received and the virement detailed in the report be approved.

Reasons:

To provide an update of the latest budgetary position for the 2020/21 capital programme, as at the 28th February 2021.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NA

Exec. Board Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Cllr David Jenkins

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This report provides an update on expenditure on the Capital programme against the budgets for 2020/21 as at the 28th February 2021.

Virements to be noted and approved:

Regeneration: £80k virement of Town Centre Green Infrastructure Grant has been approved by the Welsh Government between the Llanelli Library Green Wall project and the Carregaman Car Park project.

Education and Children: £500k virement from Capital Maintenance - education allocation, to provide mobile accommodation for Ysgol Bro Myrddin. An urgent need has arisen to provide mobile accommodation at Ysgol Bro Myrddin because of increasing numbers of pupils on the school roll. The school is oversubscribed and experiencing significant space pressures. This project would be delivered in 2021/22 from slippage in the 2020/21 budget.

Additional Schemes to the Capital Programme to be noted and approved:

Environment: £2.9m funding has been awarded for improvements to Junction 48 (Hendy) of the M4. The authority will deliver this project on behalf of the Welsh Government. Funding will be received in 2020/21 and will be carried forward to deliver the project in 2021/22.

£788k additional funding has been awarded towards Circular Economy grant funded projects, bring the grant funding for these projects to £1.3m

Regeneration: £253k funding from the Arfor Innovation Fund which advances and supports the use of the Welsh language by local businesses. The support will be in the form of third-party grants.

Education and Children: An award of £3.14m grant from the Welsh Government has been received in 2020/21 toward school capital maintenance. Given the late timing of this award at the end of the financial year, this funding will be applied to unrelated capital projects in 2020/21 and the Carmarthen in-house funding displaced will be used to deliver the works in 2021/22. This has been agreed and approved by the Welsh Government.

Appendix A shows a forecasted net spend of £34,525k compared with a working net budget of £76,120k, giving a **-£41,595k** variance. The significant variance projected at this time continues to be attributable to restrictions associated with the COVID19 pandemic and follows an adjustment to the budgets to reflect £38m slipped to future years.

Appendix B details the main variances within each department.

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 capital programme shows an in-year forecasted variance of **-£41,595k** against the 2020/21 approved budget.

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

(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

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**

NO

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
2020/21 Capital Programme		<p>Corporate Service Department, County Hall, Carmarthen.</p> <p>On-line via corporate website – Minutes of County Council Meeting 3rd March 2020.</p>