

Committee: Community & Housing

Agenda Item

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Title: 2011/12 Capital Programme

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Item for decision

Summary

1. The Committee is requested to approve its 2011/12 capital programme, which shall be subject to final determination by the Council on 24 February.
2. All committees' capital programmes will be collated and reviewed by the Finance and Administration Committee on 8 February ahead of final determination.
3. For illustrative purposes only, an indicative programme for the years 2012/13 to 2015/16 is provided. This shall be subject to continuous review and a rolling annual approval by the Council. Items in the indicative programme are subject to change. In particular, the amount of expenditure indicated for a new depot, and its timing, is subject to a number of variable factors.
4. Significant items are detailed below.

Recommendations

5. The Committee is recommended to
 - a) approve, for recommendation to the Finance and Administration Committee on 8 February, its 2011/12 capital programme as set out in Appendix A.
 - b) note the indicative capital programme for 2012/13 to 2015/16 as set out in Appendix A.

Financial Implications

6. The capital programme and associated financing costs proposed for the Committee is affordable within the context of the Council's General Fund budget as a whole and the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Background Papers

7. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

[Medium Term Financial Strategy](#) approved by Full Council 18 February 2010

[MTFS update report](#) to Finance & Administration Committee 16 September 2010

[2011/12 Budget Strategy report](#) to Finance & Administration Committee 16 September 2010

Budget Working Papers

Impact

Communication/Consultation	Public consultation was carried out in the Autumn. The majority of responses were in favour of protecting the budgets for areas covered in the Committee's capital programme.
Community Safety	No specific implications.
Equalities	No specific implications.
Health and Safety	No specific implications.
Human Rights/Legal Implications	No specific implications.
Sustainability	No specific implications.
Ward-specific impacts	No specific implications.
Workforce/Workplace	No specific implications.

Community and Housing Committee capital programme – significant issues

8. There are no significant new schemes for 2011/12.
9. The Heritage Quest Centre project has been rescheduled to 2011/12 although Members will be aware that uncertainty still exists over this project.
10. The budget for Disabled Facilities Grants has been increased to reflect current and forecasted levels of expenditure on this mandatory demand led scheme.
11. The HRA programme of works includes an additional £0.5 million of investment to be funded by a revenue contribution from the HRA budget in 2011/12.
12. For 2012/13, there is a need to plan for the Government's reform of council housing finance. The Government has confirmed that it will proceed with abolishing the housing subsidy system, which will require the Council to buy itself out of the system. The precise terms under which this is to be achieved are not yet available but the indications are that these will be less favourable than the exemplifications consulted upon. A report will be brought to Members when the actual details are known.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
In general, actual events may differ from the assumptions and estimates used to produce the draft budget, which will lead to variances from the budget.	2 (some risk that variances will occur requiring action to be taken)	3 (potential impact which could adversely affect the council's financial position if not managed)	Budget monitoring and corrective action taken as necessary.
Failure to identify capital spending pressures and costs accurately	2 (Low)	3 (Medium)	Continual review of the capital programme

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.

COMMUNITY & HOUSING COMMITTEE CAPITAL PROGRAMME (GENERAL FUND SCHEMES)

General Fund Capital Schemes	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2010-16	Explanatory Notes
	Revised Budget	Budget	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
COMMUNITY & HOUSING COMMITTEE								
Approved Schemes and Rolling Programmes								
1. Community Project Grants	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	420,000	Community Project Grants
2. Private Sector Renewal Grants	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	240,000	Rolling programme to continue
3. Disabled Facilities Grants	175,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	1,175,000	Rolling programme to continue
4. Saffron Walden Museum - capital contribution towards Museum Heritage Quest Centre	40,000	937,000	100,000	0	0	0	1,077,000	Lottery Funded project
5. Empty Dwellings	20,000	30,000	0	0	0	0	50,000	
6. Dunmow CCTV	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	New scheme based upon the requirement for a new CCTV system in Great Dunmow. Proposed funding based upon using part of sale receipt of ex-Council office in Great
Externally Funded Schemes								
7. Play Programme	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	3,000	External Grant funded project
8. Swimming Grant	22,000	0	0	0	0	0	22,000	External Grant funded project
9. Felsted Playground	25,000	0	0	0	0	0	25,000	External Grant funded project
10. Thaxted - Play Equipment	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	External Grant funded project
Total C&H Committee	495,000	1,277,000	410,000	310,000	310,000	310,000	3,112,000	

APPENDIX A

COMMUNITY & HOUSING COMMITTEE CAPITAL PROGRAMME (HRA SCHEMES)

HRA Capital Schemes	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2010-16	Explanatory Notes
	Revised Budget	Budget	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
COMMUNITY & HOUSING COMMITTEE HRA Approved Schemes and Rolling Programmes								
1. Annual programme of works for maintaining the housing stock	2,065,000	2,470,600	2,005,000	2,050,000	2,100,000	2,150,000	12,840,600	Annual programme of works for maintaining the housing stock
2. Cash Incentive Scheme Grant	40,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	140,000	Rolling programme proposed to continue to 2011/12
3. Light Vehicle Replacement	238,000	0	0	0	0	0	238,000	Transferred over from the F&A budget
4. Holloway Crescent	650,000	0	0	0	0	0	650,000	Development of bungalows at Holloway Crescent
5. Additional disabled works	44,000	0	0	0	0	0	44,000	
6. Additional works depot	89,000	0	0	0	0	0	89,000	
New Schemes								
7. HRA debt financing	0	0	90,000,000	0	0	0	90,000,000	The government proposed re-financing of the HRA requires UDC to take on £90 million (TBC) of debt. As a result of this UDC will no longer be required to make negative subsidy payments
8. HRA new housing allocations system	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	20,000	Replacement of the housing allocations system
Total C&H Committee HRA	3,126,000	2,510,600	92,025,000	2,070,000	2,120,000	2,170,000	104,021,600	