

Committee: Environment

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 & 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 & 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.

Environment Committee capital programme – significant issues

8. An increase in the annual budgeted sum for new and replacement wheelie bins is required to reflect the actual level of expenditure being incurred. The increase is from £10,000 to £50,000. This corrects what appears to be an under-budgeting issue rather than signifying any unusual increase in activity. Officers feel that consideration should be given to charging developers or householders for the cost of new bins, and for replacement bins where the damage is caused by the householder.
9. The 2011/12 capital programme includes car park repairs rescheduled from 2010/11. Repairs to SW Fairycroft Road Car Park have been deferred pending resolution of Waitrose proposals, and repairs to GD White Street Car Park have been deferred to allow for discussions with the Town Council.
10. The scheme to carry out repairs to the Elizabeth Way culvert is restored to the Capital Programme for 2011/12.
11. There are no other significant items for 2011/12. For 2012/13, there is a need to plan for alternative depot provision and a new refuse collection vehicle fleet. The amounts indicated are purely indicative and subject to an evaluation of alternatives. Officers are researching the possibilities and reports will be brought to Members during 2011.

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.

APPENDIX A

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

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	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE								
Approved Schemes and Rolling Programmes								
1. Trade Waste Bins	17,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	67,000	Trade waste bins replacement.
2. Refuse Collection Vehicles	0	0	2,000,000	0	0	0	2,000,000	Replacement of Refuse Collection
3. Trade Waste Vehicles	655,000	0	0	120,000	80,000	0	855,000	Replacement of trade waste vehicles and smaller refuse collection vehicles
4. Light Vehicles	36,000	0	0	0	0	0	36,000	Replacement of Light Vehicles
5. Recycling Vehicles	166,000	0	0	0	0	0	166,000	Replacement of Recycling Vehicles
6. Street Cleansing Vehicles	147,000	0	100,000	240,000	0	0	487,000	Replacement of Street Cleansing Vehicles
7. Elizabeth Way Culvert	0	300,000	0	0	0	0	300,000	Repairs to the Culvert on Elizabeth Way
8. Pest Control Light Vehicles	36,000	0	0	0	0	0	36,000	Three vehicles
9. Museum Grounds Boundary Wall	37,000	0	0	0	0	0	37,000	Museum Grounds Boundary Wall
10. Repairs to car park, White St	85,000	0	0	0	0	0	85,000	Capital repair
11. New Depot	0	0	1,300,000	0	0	0	1,300,000	New Depot for the refuse service
12. Hard to Reach Properties Vehicle	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	100,000	Hard to Reach Properties Vehicle
13. Grant to SW Town Council	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	
14. Ashton/DEFRA Project	83,000	0	0	0	0	0	83,000	Flood defence
15. Repairs to car park, Fairycroft	0	154,000	0	0	0	0	154,000	Capital repair - Moved from 2010/11 Budget (Dependent on the outcome of the Waitrose planning application)
16. Energy Efficiency Programme	25,000	25,000	0	0	0	0	50,000	Funding towards the Council's target of achieving energy savings
New Schemes								
17. Household Waste Collection System - Purchase of Wheelie Bins	42,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	292,000	Rolling programme for the purchase of additional wheelie bins for new developments and replacements - Extra £40k required to fund annual replacement of wheelie bins -
18. Buffer Vehicle	32,000	0	0	0	0	0	32,000	Purchase of second hand crash buffer vehicle for dangerous roads. Could be shared by Braintree and so costs shared
19. Takeley Air Quality Monitor	17,500	0	0	0	0	0	17,500	PM10 monitor can not be fixed replacement needed.
Total Environment Committee	1,528,500	539,000	3,460,000	420,000	140,000	60,000	6,147,500	