

Capital Programme 2007/08 – 2010/11

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Summary

Members are requested to consider the Draft General Fund Capital Programme for this Committee, details of which are included as Appendix 1 to this report. Members' attention is particularly drawn to specific details of individual capital schemes contained within the report.

Recommendations

That Members recommend to the Finance and Administration Committee the proposed revised capital budget for 2007/08 together with the proposed capital budgets for each of 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11.

Background Papers

Capital budgeting, budget monitoring and financial system records held by the Financial Services.

Impact

Communication/Consultation	None.
Community Safety	None.
Equalities	None.
Finance	Details are contained within the report.
Human Rights	None.
Legal implications	None.
Ward-specific impacts	None.
Workforce/Workplace	None.

Situation

- 1 As part of the annual budget setting process, the Council sets the budget for its Capital Programme. The first stage is for officers to consider the progress of those schemes that have been approved in earlier years, and to identify potential new schemes. Each committee then considers those schemes that are relevant to its own portfolio of services, and makes a recommendation to

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the Finance and Administration Committee for the schemes which Members consider should be included in the programme. Finance and Administration Committee will determine the scope for financing the capital programme, and will consider the prioritisation of capital schemes accordingly. Development of the programme involves updating of the current year's budget as well as identifying schemes that occur in each of the three subsequent years.

- 2 The proposed programme for the Environmental Committee is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. The schedule of schemes is divided in to those previously approved, and hence already in the programme, and those which are new schemes for consideration. Where relevant, notes accompany those schemes listed in order to identify any factors that have occurred which have impacted upon the progress of existing schemes.

Dunmow Depot and Vehicle Maintenance Building, Shirehill Depot

- 3 The schemes at the Dunmow and Saffron Walden depots which were planned for 2006/07 will now slip into 2007/08. The Dunmow depot replacement can only commence on the completion of a new civic amenities site by Essex County Council. Delays with this have had an impact on the timing of the relocation and provision of these new facilities at the Council's depots.

Vehicle Replacement Programme

- 4 The current vehicle replacement policy is to replace light goods vehicles, such as transit vans and small mechanical sweepers, every 5 years and to replace heavy goods vehicles, such as refuse freighters and septic tanks every 7 years. It is envisaged that this policy will be reviewed as part of the capital programme appraisal process to ensure the Council maximises its return on these vehicles.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Failure to identify capital spending pressures and costs accurately	Low	Medium	Continual review of the capital programme