
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report reviews the current Capital Programme for 2013/14 following closure of the Accounts for 2012/13.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 As part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), each year the Council agrees a Capital Programme for the coming financial year and the following four years. The Programme covers all General Fund services and other Housing and shows the programme of expenditure and how it will be financed.
- 2.2 The Capital Programme for 2013/14 needs to be revised following the closure of the accounts for 2012/13 so that, where capital projects have been delayed or to match the timing of payments, the remaining budgets have been rolled into 2013/14. This does not have any additional impact on capital receipts balances as the expenditure is just delayed.

3 2012/13 RESULTS

- 3.1 The total capital expenditure was £0.84m compared to a budget of £1.4m and the attached Appendix shows the actual expenditure in 2012/13 for all the projects. In the Appendix there is an explanation of where expenditure did not happen as planned and details of where unspent budget has been rolled forward into 2013/14.

4 2013/14 REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME

- 4.1 The attached Appendix outlines the revised Capital programme for 2013/14, updated with new information principally following the closure of accounts for 2012/13. The current allocations for 2013/14 are shown in the column headed 'Revised 2013/14'.
- 4.2 The full Capital Programme for 2013/14 to 2017/18 will be presented to Members as part of the budget setting process later in the year.

5 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Delays in completing the items in the Capital programme could prevent the Council from achieving its strategic objectives and lead to adverse publicity. The allocation of resources needs to be carefully managed to ensure that the Programme is properly funded and the revenue consequences are included in the MTFS for the General Fund.

- 5.2 When agreeing the MTFs, Council also agrees the monitoring, reporting and decision making arrangement for the Capital Programme items. The Executive received a quarterly monitoring report on the progress in implementing the Capital Programme.
- 5.3 In the Spending Review announced in October 2010 a number of grants had been removed or reduced. Although currently there is currently no impact on the Capital Grants received, this situation may alter in the future reducing the amount of resource available for the Capital Programme.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 When the Capital Programme was agreed in January 2013, the forecast for the capital receipts balance at the end of each year was as follows:-

£000s	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Capital Receipts Balance	1,428	483	350	121	-	-

- 6.2 The main source of capital receipts is from the sharing arrangements established as part of the Large Scale Voluntary Transfer of the Council's housing stock. The right to buy receipts for 2012/13 were £0.13m and VAT Shelter was £0.15m; a total of £0.280m compared to an estimate of £0.386m.
- 6.3 Following the closure of accounts for 2012/13, with the reprofiling of expenditure and the additional income that was received during the year, the current forecast for capital receipts balances is as follows:-

£000s	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Capital Receipts Balance	1,858	596	302	73	-	-

7 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES** to agree the revised Capital Programme for 2013/14.

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Background Papers:-

None.

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Capital Programme, Actuals for 2012/13 and Revised for 2013/14

	Approved	Actual	Approved	Revised	Commentary
	2012/13	2012/13	2013/14	2013/14	
Information & Communications					
ICT Strategy	62,342	44,945	55,000	72,397	The 2013-14 CoCo assessment is going to be stricter and therefore this budget will be retained to meet the requirements.
Vehicles and Equipment					
Wheelie Bins	73,936	14,809	55,000	114,127	The 2012-13 budget is being rolled forward to enable changes to be made to bin storage that will ultimately generate revenue savings. There is also the annual replacement requirement.
Vehicle Replacements	32,100	10,663	73,000	73,000	This programme has been frozen pending a review of vehicles. However in 2013-14, a vehicle is due to be replaced that was stolen in 2012-13, and due to the changes in grounds maintenance, and cemeteries, a new vehicle is to be purchased. The remaining budget will be to fund any urgent replacements.

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	2012/13	2012/13	2013/14	2013/14	
Cemetery Equipment	30,000	-	35,000	65,000	This budget is to fund the equipment requirements of the new in-house cemeteries function.
Replacement Telephony System	-	-	100,000	100,000	Review is being carried out of required functionality of the new system.
Equipment Replacement Programme	128,235	101,965	41,500	53,500	Outstanding budget from 2012/13 will be rolled forward to cover the franking machine. The remaining programme is for Information and customer support equipment.
Operational Assets					
Cemeteries	40,000	9,660	160,101	30,000	Budget moved to 14/15 as no essential works, £30,000 retained for potential works.
Cemetery Staff Facilities	-	-	12,000	12,000	Provide facilities at Rayleigh Cemetery.
Rochford Offices - Heating and Electrical Works	125,759	103,917	-	21,842	The remaining budget is for the final payment (held as a retention).
Rochford Offices Window Enhancements	35,000	24,727	49,635	59,908	2 nd year of the programme to improve energy efficiency in the office buildings.

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Depot	-	-	31,000	31,000	To enable feasibility studies of options for replacement of existing buildings and health & safety works to be carried out. This expenditure will be approved by Head of Service. The final depot budget and proposals will be approved by the Executive.
Rochford Offices – Print Room	-	-	10,000	10,000	Installation of ventilation. Expenditure will be approved by Head of Service.
Rochford Offices – Upgrade of Loft insulation	10,000	9,144	21,000	25,147	2 nd year of the programme to improve energy efficiency in the office buildings.
Rayleigh Office _ Structural Repairs	-	-	12,000	12,000	Scheme approved for 2012/13 was deferred to 2013/14. (waterproofing roof bitumen to extend life). Expenditure will be approved by Head of Service.
Windmill	-	-	2,500	2,500	Heating alterations to ensure that systems work effectively. Expenditure will be approved by Head of Service.
Acacia House	12,700	12,700	537,300	21,200	Removed following Executive decision 17/7. Remaining budget is to cover costs to date.

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	2012/13	2012/13	2013/14	2013/14	
Pavilion Refurbishments	17,000	13,709	60,000	56,709	A report has been presented to Executive on this budget for 2013-14.
Town & Village improvements					
Public Conveniences	30,000	-	-	30,000	Programme to upgrade the facilities for 2013/14 to be agreed by Executive
Big society Funding	41,500	11,469	18,500	48,472	Provide capital funds to the third sector. Allocation based on bids which have been completed for 2013/14.
Hockley Car Park (Southend Road)	36,937	36,937	-	-	Project Completed
Signage Enhancements	5,000	2,662	5,000	5,000	Programme to replace and upgrade the highway and other directional signage to our facilities, including council offices and leisure facilities etc is under development. Expenditure will be approved by Head of Service
Parks & Play Facilities					
Play Spaces	50,000	43,583	50,000	50,000	The programme for 2013/14 to be agreed by Executive.

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	2012/13	2012/13	2013/14	2013/14	
Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park	40,000	15,154	287,800	312,646	There is currently a moratorium on expenditure on all Cherry Orchard projects, other than the pet memorial park, until a revised programme of works is approved by Members.
Hockley Woods	105,000	88,307	20,000	20,000	The new budget is for staff facilities at Hockley woods.
Land Purchase	-	-	25,000	25,000	Agents Fees for Land Purchase
Magnolia Public Open Space	18,563	6,200	-	-	Project Completed.
Rayleigh Leisure Centre - ground reinforcement to overflow car park	30,000	-	-	30,000	Unfavourable weather meant this project had to be rolled forward.
Parks & Open Spaces Programme	60,000	23,261	50,000	43,739	The programme is to be agreed by the Executive. There were 2 projects in 2012-13 that were subject to match funding that were not approved prior to year end.
Externally Funded Projects					
Thames Gateway Decent Homes	31,131	9,111	-	-	This spend relates to grant received in 2010/11. The project has now been completed, therefore there will only be expenditure on any projects that are still with the administering body, Climate Energy.

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	2012/13	2012/13	2013/14	2013/14	
Sub Total	1,015,203	582,923	1,711,336	1,325,187	
Housing					
Home maintenance and Adaptation Grants	104,049	31,922	70,000	142,126	Last year's unspent budget has been rolled forward.
Disabled Facilities Grants	313,408	222,011	250,000	341,397	Allocation is linked to amount of funding from Government.
Total Housing	417,457	253,933	320,000	483,523	
Total Capital Programme	1,432,660	836,856	2,031,336	1,808,710	
Financed by:					
Capital Grant	31,131	9,111	-	-	
Housing Grants	213,408	214,969	150,000	150,000	
Prudential Borrowing	-	-	157,027	-	
Capital Receipts Required for General Fund	1,188,121	612,777	1,724,309	1,658,710	
Total Financing	1,432,660	836,856	2,031,336	1,808,710	
Capital Receipts B/fwd	2,187,430	2,187,430	1,385,309	1,857,958	
Received in Year	50,000	130,072	10,000	67,500	Right to buy and mortgages
VAT shelter receipt	336,000	153,233	329,000	329,000	
Use in year	(1,188,121)	(612,777)	(1,724,309)	(1,658,710)	
Capital Receipts C/fwd	1,385,309	1,857,958	-	595,748	

