

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2001/2

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members to consider the proposed Capital programme for 2001/2 and to determine priorities.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Council is required to submit on an annual basis to the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR) a bid for capital resources as part of its Housing Investment Programme and Strategy (HIPS). As in previous years, a substantial proportion of this bid will be for the repairs and improvements to the Council's housing stock.
- 2.2 It falls to this Sub-Committee to put forward its suggestions for bidding to the Community Services Committee to consider and to incorporate into a final bid as Council feels appropriate. This year's bid represents an acknowledged backlog of repairs and improvements.
- 2.3 The short time scales for bid submission and available Committee time has meant that Officers have had to submit a preliminary bid by 31 July 2000. At this meeting there is a need to prioritise items in preparation for the actual amount which will emerge from the HIP process later this year.

3 BID

- 3.1 The total bid for resources suggested to Community Services Committee is £ 2,870,200. Details of the bid and the appropriate categories are shown on the appendix to this report. The final out-turn bid will need to comply with set limits and, accordingly, Members are asked to prioritise the schedule either as set out or otherwise.
- 3.2 The division into "essential", "necessary" or "desirable" can give a reasonable prioritisation to enable a realistic bid for the Programme. The actual works undertaken will depend largely upon the bid's success and an affordable top-up from Housing Revenue Account balances.

4. CATEGORISATION

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| "Essential" | These works, as in previous years, comprise mainly window replacement, rewiring and heating. These should form the basis of next year's stock improvement. |
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“Necessary”	These works are likely to become “essential” within the next 2-5 years.
“Desirable”	These are longer-term works and other improvements to sheltered housing schemes which may never come to fruition under the existing funding arrangements.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Members should be aware that officers from Government Office Eastern Region have advised that bids need to be “realistic” and that is why the programme for these H.R.A. works categorised as being of an essential nature have been restricted to £ 521,200.

6 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RESOLVES** its suggestions for bidding and forwards these to the Community Services Committee. (HRHM)

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Background Papers:

None

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