
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2009/10

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report reviews the current Capital Programme following closure of the Accounts for 2008/09.

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.

3 2008/09 RESULTS

- 3.1 The total capital expenditure was £2.9m compared to a budget of £3.3m and the attached Appendix shows the actual expenditure in 2008/09 for all the projects. The areas where significant expenditure did not happen as planned are detailed below. Where capital projects are delayed, the remaining budgets have been rolled into 2009/10. This does not have any additional impact on capital receipt balances as the expenditure is just delayed.

Depot yard resurfacing

- 3.2 The works at the depot had to be arranged around the requirements for access by the contractors to avoid affecting the recycling service. There were also delays in obtaining the Operator Licence for the temporary storage of vehicles on an alternative site whilst the resurfacing works were completed in that part of the depot used by our contractor. As a result the resurfacing of the part of the depot used for our operations did not commence until this financial year and the funding of these is shown by the carry forward of budget of £65,000. The depot will be fully operational by mid July 2009.

District Boundary signs

- 3.3 The unused budget has been carried forward into the new financial year to finance this scheme.

Great Wakering public toilets

- 3.4 This project was delayed because of problems with vandalism. The expenditure showing for 2008/09 relates to the work done in preparing the tender, plans and Building Regulation application.

Play spaces/open spaces programme

- 3.5 There is an ongoing programme of play space refurbishments, with an allocation of £50,000 per annum. In 2008/09, there were delays in securing

the approval of the programme due to other work pressures. The contract has been let for the 2008/09 programme (Conway Avenue, Great Wakering and Rawreth Lane, Rayleigh) and tenders are expected back shortly for this year's programme (Althorne Way, Canewdown and Hockley Woods). The allocation for 2008/09 has been carried forward to match the expenditure to the timing of the works.

The Open Space programme for 2008/09 is nearing completion. The timing of completion of the works means that the unused budget has been rolled into 2009/10 and added to the existing budget. Approval for the 2009/10 programme has been delayed due to the need to reprioritise some health and safety works not funded within this year's budget. This will be agreed with the Portfolio Holder shortly.

Rayleigh Accommodation

- 3.6 Part of the 2008/09 allocation has been carried forward into 2009/10 in order to complete the works on the heating system at the Civic Suite. This was not completed in 2008/09 because of issues around the shared system with Todmans which needed to be resolved first.

Capital receipts

- 3.7 During 2008/09 the following monies were received:-

- VAT shelter £403,089
- Disposal of assets £22,703
- Mortgage receipts £6,457
- Right to Buy receipts £84,485
- ECC grant £500,000
- Housing grants £204,000
- Big Lottery £95,300

2009/10 REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME

- 3.8 The attached appendix outlines the revised Capital programme for 2009/10 based on the Medium Term Financial Strategy agreed earlier this year. The Programme has been updated with new information principally following closure of accounts for 2008/09. The changes are shown in the column headed 'Revised 2009/10'.
- 3.9 The full Capital Programme for 2009/10 to 2013/14 will be presented to Members as part of the budget setting process later in the year.

- 3.10 For 2009/10, in addition to the budgets mentioned above from the 2008/09 Programme, the key changes to note are:-

Wheelie Bins

- 3.11 £500,000 was received in grant from Essex County Council (ECC) towards the costs of the new recycling scheme. £67,500 of this grant is being used to buy additional bin caddies and this expenditure will occur in 2009/10. The rest of the grant was used in 2008/9.

Sweyne Park

- 3.12 The provision for 2009/10 has been increased to £191,000 from £40,000. This is due to a carry forward of budget from 2008/9 plus a grant of £75,000 from the Football Foundation.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 When the Capital Programme was agreed in January 2009, the forecast for the capital receipts balance at the end of each year was as follows:-

£000s	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Capital Receipts Balance	1,833	1,437	538	342	(30)	(229)

- 4.2 Following the closure of accounts for 2008/09, with the reprofiling of expenditure and the additional income that was received during the year, the current forecast for capital receipt balances is as follows:-

£000s	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Capital Receipts Balance	2,590	2,140	1,492	1,395	1,271	1,243

- 4.3 The improved position is mainly due to the £500,000 from ECC plus revised estimates from the Rochford Housing Association on their programme of works for 2009/10 as the Council shares in the recovery of VAT.

5 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Delays in completing the items on 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 agreed the monitoring, reporting and decision making arrangements for the Capital Programme items. The Executive receives a quarterly monitoring report on the progress in implementing the Capital Programme.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES** to agree the revised Capital Programme for 2009/10.

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Background Papers:-

None

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Appendix

CAPITAL PROGRAMME & FINANCING ESTIMATES – 2008/09**Statement on Capital Financing**

	Revised 2008/9	Actual 2008/9	Estimated 2009/10	Revised 2009/10
General Fund - Financing				
Capital Grant	-	562,598	50,000	137,500
Reserves/Revenue	-	183,789		-
Capital Receipts required for General Fund	2,889,586	1,804,497	1,046,266	1,454,567
Total	2,889,586	2,550,885	1,096,226	1,592,067
Other Housing – financing				
Grant	203,800	203,800	118,000	173,205
New Capital Receipts	158,764	146,509	130,236	130,236
Total	362,564	350,309	248,236	303,441
STATEMENT ON CAPITAL RECEIPTS				
Capital receipts B/fwd	4,015,616	4,015,616	1,815,266	2,589,749
Received in year	100,000	122,049	50,000	50,000
VAT shelter receipt	748,000	403,089	780,000	1,085,000
Use in the year – other Housing	(158,764)	(146,509)	(130,236)	(130,236)
Use in the year – General Fund	(2,889,586)	(1,804,497)	(1,046,226)	(1,454,567)
Capital Receipts C/fwd	1,815,266	2,589,749	1,468,804	2,139,946

Appendix

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008/09 – 2009/10

	Revised 2008/9	Actual 2008/9	Estimated 2009/10	Revised 2009/10
Information & Communications Technologies				
IT requirements	30,000	35,375	81,000	81,000
Vehicles & Equipment				
Wheelie Bins	1,121,165	1,087,389	55,000	122,500
Vehicle Replacements	16,000	15,256	32,000	32,000
Equipment Replacement	60,000	47,904	65,000	65,000
Repairs and Improvements to operational assets				
Depot Yard Resurfacing	318,000	129,601	-	65,000
Hall Road Cemetery Extension	10,000	11,159	250,000	248,841
Rochford Offices – electrical works	78,000	74,682	80,000	80,000
Acacia House boiler				
Rayleigh Accommodation	60,000	15,296	30,000	66,000
One Stop Customer Interface Facility	10,000	-	25,000	35,000
Office Accommodation – building works	50,000	-	50,000	50,000
Pavilion Refurbishments	-	-	30,000	30,000
District Boundary Signs	30,000	500	-	29,500
Great Wakering Public Conveniences	34,000	3,500	-	30,500
Open Spaces & Play Facilities				
Play Spaces	100,000	45,766	50,000	100,000
Big Lottery Play Equipment	-	83,058	-	-

Appendix

	Revised 2008/9	Actual 2008/9	Estimated 2009/10	Revised 2009/10
Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park	762,013	755,663	100,200	100,200
Open Space Programme	50,000	-	50,000	100,000
Sweyne Park	91,408	15,188	40,000	191,000
Great Wakering Youth Facilities	9,000	8,535	80,026	80,026
Teen Shelters Rolling Programme	20,000	4,117	20,000	27,500
Clements Hall Bridleway extension	-	-	28,000	28,000
Rawreth Recreation Ground – car park extension	-	-	30,000	30,000
Car Parks				
Freight House	40,000	42,340	-	-
Other				
West Street (CPO Properties – financed from Reserve)	-	175,556	-	-
Total for General Fund	2,889,586	2,550,885	1,096,226	1,592,067
Other Housing				
Home maintenance & adaptation grants	184,564	172,556	52,236	107,441
Disabled grants	178,000	177,753	196,000	196,000
Total	362,564	350,309	248,236	303,441
Total Capital Programme	3,252,150	2,901,193	1,344,462	1,895,508