# CAPITAL PROGRAMME – MONITORING REPORT

#### 1 SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides an update on the financial progress in completing the General Fund Capital Programme for 2006/07, which is shown in the appendix to this report.

# 2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 The revised Capital Programme for 2006/07 was agreed by Council on 27 June, in the light of updated information following the closure of the accounts for 2005/06.

#### 3 CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 62% of the projected capital expenditure has been spent and committed in the first half of the year.
- 3.2 All the major items of expenditure are the subject of separate reports to the responsible committee detailing progress, so this report provides only a summary.
- 3.3 The Capital Programme is the subject of regular reviews by a multidisciplinary officer group who review progress and identify any risks to completing the projects.

#### 4 CAPITAL RECEIPTS

- 4.1 The capital programme is mainly funded by capital receipts from the sale of council housing and the forecast for 2006/07 was net receipts of £200,000. This takes into account the pooling payment where the Authority is required to pay over 75% of right to buy receipts to central Government.
- 4.2 For the first half of this year, we have sold 4 properties and our net receipts are £121,800, which is 61% of the target. This compares to one property sold in the first half of 2005/06. For the whole of 2005/06 we received net receipts of £185,000 from the sale of 6 right to buy properties.
- 4.3 We do not know what the impact of the housing transfer process will be on right to buy sales. A further update on the estimate for capital receipts will be provided as part of the budget setting process later in the year.

#### 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 for the Council. The allocation of resources is therefore carefully managed to

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ensure that the Programme is properly funded and the revenue consequences are included in the Budget Strategy for the General Fund.

# **6 RECOMMENDATION**

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES** to note the contents of this report on the General Fund Capital Programme for 2006/07.

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# **Background Papers:-**

None

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### GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/07 - EXPENDITURE & COMMITMENTS AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

PROGRAMME ITEM	Responsible Officer (See Key)	Capital Strategy Objective (See Key)	Original Provision	Revised Provision	Spent & Committed	Notes
IT requirements	HAMS	A / D	30,000	30,000	1,700	Programme to implement IT Strategy; the bids for funding are being prioritised for implementation and so the budget will be spent by the end of the year.
Wheelie Bins	РМНМ	А	45,000	45,000	20,945	Second tender will be completed as planned later in the year
Vehicle Replacement	PMHM	А	22,800	-	-	No longer required pending LSVT ballot - provision will be revised to zero as part of budget process
Clements Hall - Car Park	PMHM	С	21,000	21,000	-	Tenders have been returned and price is £19,800. Start date is planned for November 2006
Market car park - resurfacing	PMHM	С	25,000	25,000	-	Tenders have been returned and work is planned for completion in November 2006.
Depot	PMHM	В	20,000	20,000	-	Programmed to start in the last quarter of the year
Industrial Estate environmental works	PMHM	С	15,000	15,000		Works planned to be carried out by February
Websters Way	HPT	С	-	-	29,018	Final figure subject to ongoing discussions with Essex County and the consultants
Hall Road Cemetery - Land Acquisition	HLS	С	20,000	117,000	102,925	Land purchase complete 29/06/06. Preliminary accommodation works underway

Key: Capital Strategy Priorities

A Investment in statutory and priority services

B Undertake landlord and owner responsibilities

C Improve infrastructure

D Priority items from key strategy documents

Responsible Officer

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HPT - Head of Planning & Transportation

HLS - Head of Legal Services

HAMS - Head of Admin & Member Services

PMHM - Property Maintenance & Highways Manager

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District Boundary Signs	РМНМ	С	7,000	7,000	-	Database of district boundary signs collated and design to be used for discussion. Report to go to Leisure, Tourism and Heritage Committee on 16 November
Clements Hall - Replace Skateboard Ramp	PMHM	D	10,000	26,000	-	Tenders received May 2006 - additional funding required and now obtained from the Crime & Disorder Partnership. Subject to planning permission, works will be completed by December.
Great Wakering Youth Facilities	HCS	D	25,000	25,000	-	Subject of detailed consultation with Parish Councils on best way forward. Meetings have been held with representatives of Great Wakering Parish Council on utilising this capital sum in addition to £10,000 from the Parish Council for the building of a small "youth room" adjoining the Sports Centre. Pending further research and consultation it is hoped to submit a committee report before the end of this financial year.
Playspaces	PMHM	D	50,000	50,000	31,483	Work is well underway to deliver the 2006/07 programme.
Rayleigh Leisure Centre	HCS	C / D	736,000	473,000	513,766	Retention still to be paid
Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park	HCS	C/D	295,000	295,000	12,163	Land Acquisition is the subject of negotiations with land owners. Other works developing the site are on target
GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME TOTAL			1,321,800	1,149,000	711,999	Percentage complete = 62%

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