
CAPITAL PROGRAMME & CAPITAL STRATEGY

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The report is to bring Members up to date with the current position on the Capital Programme. It also draws attention to the new requirements of the Authority to submit Capital Strategy Statements.
- 1.2 Appended to this report is the revised Capital Programme for 2000/01 through to 2002/3. The key points of the statement are as follows.

Note 1 Car Park Machines

In view of the recent decision by Council the provision has been reduced to £9,000 to cover the planned replacement under previous arrangements.

Note 2 Wheeled Bin Replacements

This is the ongoing provision for the replacement of the existing wheelie bins throughout the District.

Note 3 Recycling

Proposals will be formulated following submission of the refuse collection tenders.

Note 4 Playspaces

These are currently out to consultation and tenders are expected in October. The schemes for this financial year are Rowan Way, Canewdon and Elsenham Court, Rayleigh.

Note 5 Doggetts Runway

This relates to work required following the decision to relocate the runway. The works will be undertaken over the summer months.

Note 6 Glebe and Morrins Playspace

This is currently out to consultation and then a report will be submitted to Community Services Committee in September.

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| Note 7 | <u>Purchase of Land from MOD, Great Wakering</u>

There are problems with the MOD as they are clarifying legal ownership. |
| Note 8 | <u>Rayleigh Town Centre Contribution</u>

A retention of £20,000 is being withheld pending finalisation of the works. |
| Note 9 | <u>37-39 West Street, Rochford</u>

The budget has been moved from 1999/2000. The owner has objected to the CPO and therefore a Public Inquiry must be held. |
| Note 10 | <u>50-54 West Street, Rochford</u>

Awaiting developments on the 37-39 West Street. |
| Note 11 | <u>Mill Hall Improvements</u>

The balance of the budget has been moved from 1999/2000. The works are underway |
| Note 14 | <u>Vehicles (2001/02)</u>

The future need for vehicles will follow on from the refuse collection and ground maintenance contracts and in particular the future monitoring requirements. |
| Note 20 | <u>I.T. Requirements Non Contract (2001/02)</u>

The provision has been increased from £50,000 to £100,000 following advice from the new contractors about anticipated costs. This provision relates to the re wiring of the corporate network. The works will be the subject of a specific report. |
| Note 21 | <u>Software New Replacements</u>

Provision has been carried over from 1999/2000; any expenditure will follow from a specific committee report. |
| Note 24 | <u>Public Conveniences</u>

The works are underway at the moment for both Back Lane and Crown Hill. The works are scheduled until |

	October. The budget has been reduced to tender prices.
Note 25	<u>Blatches Farm</u> Awaiting formal response from Essex County Council.
Note 26	<u>Community Initiative – St. Mark’s Hall</u> Negotiations continuing between the Parish Council, Springboard Housing Association and the Authority.
Note 27	<u>Mill Hall Rayleigh – Sports & Social Club</u> The tender process is nearing completion and demolition is expected in August
Note 28	<u>Presentation Equipment – Council Chamber</u> Report submitted to Finance and General Purposes Committee and will be out to tender following discussions with Councillor S P Smith. Budget increased in line with potential requirements.
Note 29	<u>Rayleigh Windmill</u> There will be a Members’ visit prior to Council on 25 July 2000 and further consideration of the scheme before works are authorised.
Notes 30-32	<u>Town Centre Development</u> To be developed with the Working Groups.
Note 33	<u>CCTV Shopping Parades</u> A report has been submitted to Community Safety Sub-Committee. Applications to be made for Government funding.
Note 34	<u>Road Safety – School and Pedestrian Crossings</u> A meeting to be held with Essex County Council to identify priorities.
Note 35	<u>Upgrade Lighting and Security in Long Stay Car Park</u> The report will be submitted to Transportation and Environmental Services Committee in September.

- Note 36 Downhall Road/Lower Road
Essex County Council to report after the recess.
- Note 37 Upgrade Street Cleansing Town Centres
Originally included as a capital item. This has now been included within the current contract with Serviceteam. The cost is £ 13,917 per year. For 2000/01 this will be financed by moving revenue support for the capital programme to revenue.
- Note 75 Capital Receipts - At the close of the 2002/03 programme it is estimated that Capital Receipts will be overdrawn by around £480,000.
- Note 83 Housing – Central Heating – Gas heating was originally approved at £ 455,000 with a proviso that only the first stage contract should be let. This would allow for the outstanding works relating to fire prevention to be considered. Broadly speaking all of the works have now been carried out within the first phase of the contract. This is due to favourable tender prices and a number of tenants refusing the improvements. This will allow the remaining fire prevention works to be considered. A report will be submitted to the next Housing Management Sub Committee.
- Note 90 Social Housing Grant – Bids are being invited from Registered Social Landlords and will be reported to Community Services Committee.
- General The Housing forward programme does not take account of the potential changes that might apply with the introduction of resource accounting for the Housing Revenue Account.

2 CAPITAL STRATEGY

- 2.1 The Authority will be required to produce a Capital Strategy Statement for 2001/02. Prior to this the D.E.T.R. have requested a strategy for the current financial year. This “ dry run “ strategy has to be submitted in July.
- 2.2 The attached is a draft of the strategy and as it is for information only will not require the authorisation of Council.

3 CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Capital Programme potentially affects all of the Council's priorities

4 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 It is proposed that the Working Group **RECOMMENDS**

(1) That the revised capital programme be considered.

(2) That the draft Capital Strategy Statement be noted. (HFS)

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Background Papers:

None

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