

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 2006, in the light of updated information following the closure of the accounts for 2005/06.

3 CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 66% of the projected capital expenditure has been spent and committed to the end of the third quarter. The majority of the provision for Cherry Orchard is likely to be carried forward to 2007/08 because of the timing of any land acquisition.
- 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 multi-disciplinary 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 six properties and our net receipts are £172,750, which is 86% of the target. This compares to five properties sold for the same period in 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 have 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 financial 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 ensure that the Programme is properly funded and the revenue consequences are included in the Budget Strategy for the General Fund.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 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 31 DECEMBER 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	12,563	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	PMHM	A	45,000	45,000	20,930	2 nd tender will be completed as planned later in the year.
Vehicle Replacement	PMHM	A	22,800	15,300	15,288	Woodlands vehicle purchased.
Clements Hall - Car Park	PMHM	C	21,000	21,000	19,800	Resurfacing has been completed. To be relined in the new year.
Market car park - resurfacing	PMHM	C	25,000	25,000	1,000	Removed from the programme for 2006-07 as work is not now felt to be essential. Relining of the car park will take place at an estimated cost of £1,000.
Depot	PMHM	B	20,000	20,000	-	Deferred to Early 2007-08 due to staff sickness.
Industrial Estate environmental works	PMHM	C	15,000	15,000	11,925	Works completed.
Websters Way	HPT	C	-	-	29,018	This is likely to be the final figure through discussions with Essex County Council.
Hall Road Cemetery - Land Acquisition	HLS	C	20,000	117,000	107,055	Land purchase complete 29/06/06. Preliminary accommodation works underway.
District Boundary Signs	PMHM	C	7,000	7,000	-	This item has been deferred due to the Corporate Identity Review, which will be completed in March 2007.
Clements Hall - Replace	PMHM	D	10,000	26,000	38,000	Ramp has been purchased and work will be completed by

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- HPT - Head of Planning & Transportation
- HAMS - Head of Admin & Member Services
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Skateboard Ramp						March 2007. The Crime and Disorder Reserve is funding the additional £12,000.
Great Wakering Youth Facilities	HCS	D	25,000	25,000	-	Meetings with the Parish Council have been continuing. It has been agreed to design and cost up a single floor building adjacent to the sports centre for the provision of a youth facility. There will be a consultation in the new year involving the Parish Council, Youth Services and Local Youths to identify what they would like to see and would use in these facilities. External funding opportunities are being explored. There is to be a report to the Leisure, Tourism and Heritage Committee in February 2007.
Playspaces	PMHM	D	50,000	50,000	36,657	Work is well underway to deliver the 2006/07 programme.
Rayleigh Leisure Centre	HCS	C / D	736,000	473,000	515,041	Retention to be paid in May 2007. There is provision of £72k in the 2007/08 capital programme for this.
Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park	HCS	C / D	295,000	295,000	23,617	A planning application is being put together with all ecological surveys having been carried out or commissioned. A consultant has been commissioned to develop the traffic/road layout part of the application. The application will be submitted in February. The majority of the uncommitted budget will be carried forward to 2007/08 for the purchase of the additional land.
GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME TOTAL			1,321,800	1,164,300	765,169	Percentage complete = 66%

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