

## CAPITAL PROGRAMME

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report reviews the current Capital Programme following closure of accounts for 2003/04.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the Budget Strategy 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 housing. The programme shows anticipated resources and the programme of expenditure.

### 3 CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The attached Appendix outlines a revised Capital Programme based on the budget strategy agreed earlier this year. The programme has been updated with new information principally following the closure of accounts for 2003/04. Key items to note are as follows:

Line	Item	Change
1	IS/IT Strategy - Government Funding	Confirmation of the amount of grant available has been received.
9	Root Grinder	New provision added to purchase equipment to remove the stumps of felled trees to avoid injuries.
30	Clements Hall Pool Leak	Works completed and whole provision no longer required.
32	Disability Discrimination Act – Office Accommodation	Works not carried out during 2003/04 pending the Accommodation review. Now shown in 2004/05
33	Public Conveniences	Works will be undertaken in 2004/05, so budget for 2003/04 carried forward. Minor increase in budget to cover the increased cost of tenders.
43	Holt Farm School Crossing (Essex County Council)	Works undertaken. Awaiting invoice from ECC. Funds now shown in 2004/05

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45	Downhall/London Road Junction (Essex County Council)	Works undertaken. Awaiting invoice from ECC. Funds now shown in 2004/05
57	Park Sports Centre	Final budget agreed by now included in programme.
67	Capital Receipts Required	New estimate to finance the amended programme.
68	Capital Grant (IS/IT)	Confirmation of the amount of grant available has now been received.
71	Park Sports - Grant	Contribution from Site Developer now included in programme.
76	Capital Receipts b/fwd	Actual is higher than estimated because of better than expected receipts during 2003/04.
81	Overall Balance on the Capital Programme	Programme is currently overdrawn, but this has been reduced by nearly £210,000 compared to previous estimates and this is due to programme alterations and additional capital receipts.
84	Window Replacements	Budget for outstanding items carried forward to 2004/05.
89	Bathroom Replacements	Budget for outstanding items carried forward to 2004/05.
90	Kitchen Replacements	Budget for outstanding items carried forward to 2004/05.
99	Rochford Garden Way Regeneration	Budget for outstanding items carried forward to 2004/05.
114	Ormond Avenue Car Park Provision	Consultation completed and showed no real support for this item, so provision removed.
125	Support for Housing Associations	Available budget in 2003/04 carried forward to 2004/05
126	Private Sector Renewal Grants	Available budget in 2003/04 carried forward to 2004/05
127	Disabled Facilities Grants	Available budget in 2003/04 carried forward to 2004/05

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122, 131 & 132	Credit Approvals	Now removed from Capital Programme following the introduction of prudential borrowing

#### 4 **OTHER ITEMS FOR THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

- 4.1 There are a number of items which are not shown in the detailed capital programme. Firstly, Members will be aware that consideration is currently being given to the future of office accommodation. The scheme is being developed on the basis of being self-financing. This will be included within the capital programme following approval to any scheme.
- 4.2 Also, bids made to Thames Gateway are not yet included within the programme. Following approvals of any final scheme by Thames Gateway and this Council, they will be included.

#### 5 **IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Capital Programme has the potential to impact on all corporate objectives and revenue budgets.

#### 6 **RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES** to agree the revised Capital Programme

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#### 7 Background Papers:

The Prudential Code (CIPFA)

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