

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/06

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report reviews the current Capital Programme following closure of accounts for 2004/05.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 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 for 2005/06 only based on the Budget Strategy agreed earlier this year. The programme has been updated with new information principally following the closure of accounts for 2004/2005. The full five year programme will be considered as part of the coming Budget Strategy. Key items to note are as follows:

Line Ref.	Item	Change
1	IS/IT Strategy	Revised estimate added following confirmation of grant for 2005/06 plus carry forward of unused grant from 2004/05.
24	Photocopiers	New machines will be purchased during 2005/06, so budget carried forward from last year.
30	Rayleigh Windmill	The timing of payments to contractors was later than originally expected, so budget brought forward.
32	Pavilions	Remaining budget brought forward to cover the completion of works this year.
34	Civic Suite	Main works have happened in this financial year so budget brought forward
35	Public Conveniences	Remaining budget brought forward to cover the completion of works this year.

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40	Hall Road Cemetery Extension	Feasibility and option appraisal work on this will start later in the year so it is not expected that there will be any major expenditure in this financial year.
46	Quys Lane	Environmental Services Committee of 7 July 2005 agreed the change of use of this provision from the “Compulsory Purchase of properties in West Street , Rochford” and this was confirmed by Council (Min 273/05).
47	Rayleigh Town Centre – Websters Way Enhancements	Main works have occurred in this financial year so budget brought forward. This is being fully funded by grant from Thames Gateway.
62	Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park	Progress on the Park now dependent upon land purchases. A bid for funding through Thames Gateway has been made and a response is awaited. Available budget therefore carried forward from 2004/05 to 2005/06.
67	Rayleigh Leisure Centre	Some expenditure was incurred in 2004/05, therefore provision for 2005/06 reduced accordingly
75	Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay	Part of the costs of the Civic Suite works are being met from revenue (a contribution from savings on the repairs and maintenance budgets in the General Fund). As the budget for the cost of the works has been moved into 2005/06 (see Line Ref: 34), the matching revenue funding has been brought forward into 2005/06 as well.
76	Town Centre Regeneration Reserve	Unused reserve brought forward from 2004/05.
77	Capital Grant - IS/IT	Confirmation of the amount of grant available has now been received plus the unused portion from 2005/06.
81	Prudential Borrowing	Amount has been adjusted because some of the expenditure on the Leisure Centre occurred in 2004/05.

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82	Thames Gateway	This is the grant funding from the Thames Gateway for the Windmill and Websters Way. The main works have occurred in 2005/06
83	Capital Receipts Required	New estimate to finance the amended programme.
86	Capital Receipts b/fwd	The actual end of year balance was higher than estimated because of better than expected receipts during 2004/05.
87	Received in year – Housing	There has been a sharp decline in the volume of council house sales during this year and this is reflected in the reduced estimate.
91	Capital Receipts c/fwd	This shows the overall balance on the Capital Programme.
92	Cash Incentive Scheme	Available budget in 2004/05 carried forward to 2005/06.
95	Boilers – Sheltered Housing	Budget for outstanding items carried forward to 2005/06, plus £15,000 has been moved from Smoke Alarms (Line Ref: 109) to enable completion of the two boiler replacement schemes this year?
99	Electrical Upgrades	Budget for outstanding items carried forward to 2005/06.
103	Loft Insulation	Budget for outstanding items carried forward to 2005/06.
109	Smoke Alarms	Smoke Alarms are being fitted as part of the kitchen replacements, so the expenditure to be charged to this budget will be lower. £15,000 of this budget has been moved to the two Sheltered Housing boiler replacements (Line Ref: 95).
130	Conversion of Properties	Available budget in 2004/05 carried forward to 2005/06.
144	Major Repairs Allowance – brought forward	More of the allowance was used in 2004/05 than originally estimated, reducing the balance to carry forward.

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145	Major Repairs Allowance – carried forward	Based on current estimates, there will be no carry forward of unused Major Repairs Allowance.
148	Slippage	Based on current revised estimates the HRA programme will go overdrawn. However, as in previous years, it is anticipated that there will be some cost reduction due to lower tenders and slippage due to the timing of works.
151	Disabled Facilities Grants	Budget for outstanding items carried forward to 2005/06 plus additional funding from Government.
154	Grant - Disabled Facilities	Additional grant allocated by Government
157	New Capital Receipts	Budget for Disabled Facilities Grant carried forward from 2004/05

- 3.2 The full Capital Programme for 2005/06 to 2009/10 will be presented to Members as part of the Budget Setting process later in the year.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 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 needs to be carefully managed to ensure that the Programme is properly funded and the revenue consequences are included in the Budget Strategy for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Capital Programme has a financial impact on the revenue budget and this is included in the Budget Strategy

6 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

To agree the revised Capital Programme for 2005/06

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Background Papers:-

None

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