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## 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 2007/08, which is shown in the appendix to this report.

### 2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The revised Capital Programme for 2007/08 was agreed by Council on 26 June 2007, in the light of updated information following the closure of the accounts for 2006/07.

### 3 CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 20% of the projected capital expenditure has been spent and committed to the end of the third quarter. The majority of the programme relates to land areas, and therefore the works are subject to planning applications and legal processes that have delayed the projects. In particular Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park accounts for 44% of the programme. At the present time it is anticipated that the purchase of land will happen prior to the 31 March, however this is dependent on the purchase of land.
- 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 2007/08 was net receipts of £100,000. 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 2007/08, three properties have been sold giving net receipts of £92,875. Following LSVT, the Council will only be receiving capital receipts in the year after the sale happened, therefore we will not be receiving any further receipts in this financial year. We do not know what the impact of the housing transfer process will have on right to buy sales.

### 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 Board **RESOLVES** to note the contents of this report on the General Fund Capital Programme for 2007/08.

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**Background Papers:-**

None

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## GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007/08 – EXPENDITURE &amp; COMMITMENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

PROGRAMME ITEM	Responsible Officer (See Key)	Capital Strategy Objective (See Key)	Original Provision	Revised Provision	Spent & Committed	Notes
IT requirements	HICS	A / D	30,000	8,000	8,000	No further expenditure.
Wheelie Bins	HLS	A	50,000	50,000	20,124	New bins are purchased as required, if this is not used before 3 March, the budget will be rolled into 2008/09 to assist with the new contract.
Vehicle Replacement	HLS	A	15,700	15,700	0	New vehicle will be purchased prior to 31 March.
Elections	HICS	C	10,000	10,000	7,500	The order for this software has been placed, although will not be installed until June/July 2008.
Hall Road Cemetery - Land Acquisition	HLS	C	45,000	40,000	2,908	Surveys have now been commissioned. The remainder of the budget will be rolled forward to be available for the major works.
Oxford Parade Footway	HLS	C	10,000	10,000	9,792	Works Completed
Playspaces	HLS	D	50,000	50,000	0	This work will be carried out in April, therefore the budget will be carried forward.
Rayleigh Leisure Centre	HCS	C / D	73,200	74,600	74,620	Works Completed
Sweyne Park/Rayleigh Leisure Centre	HCS	C / D	50,000	50,000	6,943	The planning application for this site is dependent on Ecological Surveys that cannot be completed prior to 31 March so the majority of this budget will be carried forward to enable the works to be done in 2008/09.
Great Wakering Youth Facilities	HCS	C / D	0	25,000	0	The Executive Board agreed earlier in January to provide two teen shelters in Great Wakering, this will be

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						completed before the 31 March.
Freight House Lighting	HLS	B	18,000	18,000	965	The base of the work has been completed but completion is reliant on the Electricity suppliers connecting the supply pillar. It is anticipated that this will be before 31 March.
Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park	HCS	C / D	270,500	270,500	2,967	Negotiations are underway with the land owner to complete the purchase of one area of land to extend the Country Park before the 31 March.
GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME TOTAL			622,400	621,800	125,827	Percentage complete = 20%

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