

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Remote Meeting, 16th November, 2022.

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Present: Councillor J. Protheroe (Chair), Councillor E. Goodjohn (Vice-Chair); Councillors G.D.D. Carroll, C.P. Franks, S.J. Haines, H.C. Hamilton, S.M. Hanks, Dr. I.J. Johnson, B. Loveluck-Edwards and N.J. Wood.

Also Present: Councillors L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources) , G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing), N.C. Thomas and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health).

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor P. Drake.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October, 2022 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 31ST AUGUST 2022 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) **T H A T** the progress made on delivering the 2022/23 Capital Programme be noted.
- (2) **T H A T** the use of Delegated Authority as set out in the report be noted.
- (3) **T H A T** the use of Emergency Powers as detailed in the Appendix attached to the report, be noted.
- (4) **T H A T** the following changes to the 2022/23 and future years' Capital Programme be noted:

- St. Brides Primary School – Increase this scheme budget by £11k in the 2022/23 Capital Programme, to be funded by a contribution from the School’s revenue budget.
- Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme – Band B – Re-profile and increase the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme as requested in the table in paragraph 2.15 of the report.
- Y Bont Faen Primary – Combine the Y Bont Faen Primary Flat Roof Renewal Phase 2 scheme and Y Bont Faen Primary Flat Roof Renewal Phase 3 / Window and Cladding repairs scheme in the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- St. Richard Gwyn Ventilation Scheme – Vire £2k from the improving Ventilation in Education Settings scheme to the St. Richard Gwyn Ventilation scheme.
- Zero Carbon Llanfair Primary School – Carry forward £240k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme to reflect the amended profile of delivering the scheme.
- Romilly Tennis Courts – Reduce this budget by £8k in the 2022/23 Capital Programme in line with actual grant spend.
- Neighbourhood Services Highway Improvements – Combine the Neighbourhood Services Highway Improvements scheme and the Highway Resurfacing scheme in the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Sport Wales Grant – Vire £24k from the Neighbourhood Services Community and Leisure Centre scheme to the Sports Wales Grant scheme in the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Penarth Pier Refurbishment – Vire £20k from the Coastal Facilities and Infrastructure including Pier Structural Work scheme to the Penarth Pier Refurbishment scheme in the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Housing Improvement Programme 2022/23 – 7 St. Pauls Avenue refurbishment – Include this scheme in the 2022/23 Capital Programme, with a budget of £315k to be funded from £177k HRA internal virement (£124k HRA Internals and £53k HRA Emergency Works) and £138k Social Services Revenue contribution.
- HRA Internal Works – Carry forward £830k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- HRA New Build – Carry forward £6.344m into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- HRA External Works – Carry forward £1.775m into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Individual Schemes – Carry forward £2.1m into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Common Parts – Carry forward £2m into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Environmental Works – Carry forward £1.2m into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Energy Efficiency – Carry forward £870k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Vehicle Replacement Programme – Carry forward £1.384m into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.

- Atlantic Trading Estate – Operations Fleet Parking – Carry forward £250k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- New household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) – Carry forward £1.455m into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Goodshed repayment to Welsh Government – Increase the current scheme in the 2022/23 Capital Programme by £6k, to be funded from capital receipts.
- Cosmeston Works Programme – Carry forward £120k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Country Parks ANPR – Carry forward £200k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- BSC2 – Carry forward £248k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Disabled Facilities Grant/Additional Facility Grants – Re-profile the budget as set out in paragraph 2.39 of the report.
- Country Parks as Social and Economic Connectors – Increase the scheme by £10k, to be funded by a revenue contribution from the Country Parks budget.

Reason for recommendations

(1-4) Having regard to the content of the report on Capital Programme progress, the use of Delegated Authority, the use of Emergency Powers and changes to the Capital Programme.

AGENDA ITEM 5. DRAFT CAPITAL STRATEGY 2023/24 AND INITIAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROPOSALS 2023/24 TO 2027/28 (REF) –

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the Initial Capital Programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28 and Capital Bids be noted, subject to the typographical error on paragraph 3.14, page 19 of the Draft Capital Strategy 2023/24 being amended.

Reason for recommendation

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2023/24 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN REFRESH (REF) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T Cabinet be informed of the following comments and recommendations made by the Committee regarding the Financial Strategy 2023/24 and Medium Term Financial Plan Refresh, for their consideration:

- The Council focuses on, and investigates, reshaping of services and invest to save opportunities.
- The Council reviews the use of external consultants.

- The Council continues to invest in recruitment opportunities for young people and apprenticeships.

(2) T H A T the Committee supported the comments made by the Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee and asks Cabinet to consider these, namely:

- The Cost Pressures set out within the report, that lie within the remit of the Committee, are legitimate and fully endorsed by the Committee.
- The majority of services provided by the Council under the Social Services Directorate are statutory provision and therefore, the Council has very little choice over the spending in relation to these services. Therefore, meeting the needs of the most vulnerable to ensure that the Council complies with its statutory duties remains paramount.
- Committee notes the significant pressures placed on the Domiciliary Care Service in terms of recruitment and the need to enhance the Council's employment offer to potential employees in order to improve recruitment and subsequently provide the level of care the Council is required to provide.

(3) T H A T the Committee supported the comments made by the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee and asked Cabinet to consider these, namely:

- To consider exploring joint in-house recruitment services and further joint procurement opportunities with other Local Authorities, for example joint fleet management and purchasing of consumables.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) In order that Cabinet be informed of the comments made by Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee as part of their consideration of the Financial Strategy 2023/24 and Medium Term Financial Plan Refresh.

(2-3) In order that Cabinet be informed of the recommendations of the relevant Scrutiny Committees as part of their consideration of the Financial Strategy 2023/24 and Medium Term Financial Plan Refresh.

AGENDA ITEM 7. CAPITAL MONITORING FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 (DCR) –

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the progress made on delivering the 2022/23 Capital Programme be noted.
- (2) T H A T the use of Delegated Authority as set out in the report be noted.
- (3) T H A T the use of Emergency Powers as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.

(4) T H A T the changes to the 2022/23 and future years' Capital Programme as set below be noted:

- Street Lighting along Frampton Lane – Increase this scheme budget by £5k in the 2022/23 Capital Programme, to be funded by a contribution from S106 monies.
- Dinas Powys Library Bridge – Include this scheme in the 2022/23 Capital Programme with a budget of £2k to be funded from an Environment and Housing revenue contribution.
- Cosmeston Play Area – Vire £13k from the Cosmeston Play Area scheme to the Porthkerry Play Area Scheme.
- The Knap Gardens – water and biodiversity project – Include this scheme in the 2022/23 Capital Programme with a budget of £6k, to be funded from a contribution from S106 monies.
- Ysgol Sant Curig – Lighting renewal – Carry forward £56k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Review alterations of parking permit schemes - Carry forward £55k to 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Penarth Leisure Centre – High Level Glazing - Carry forward £1,546k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.
- Barry Regeneration Partnership Fund - Carry forward £689k into the 2022/23 Capital Programme.
- Murchfield Community Sports Facilities - Carry forward £178k into the 2023/24 Capital Programme.

Reason for recommendations

(1-4) Having regard to the content of the report on Capital Programme progress, the use of Delegated Authority, the use of Emergency Powers and changes to the Capital Programme.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER SCRUTINY
RECOMMENDATION TRACKING 2022/23 AND UPDATED COMMITTEE
FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME SCHEDULE 2022/23 (CX) –

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the status of the actions listed in Appendices A to C to the report be agreed.

(2) T H A T the Committee's updated Forward Work Programme Schedule for 2022/23 attached at Appendix D to the report be approved and uploaded to the Council's website.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) To maintain effective tracking of the Committee's recommendations.

(2) For public information.