

Meeting of:	Homes and Safe Communities Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	Wednesday, 11 September 2024
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Homes and Safe Communities
Report Title:	Capital Monitoring for the period 1st April to 30th June 2024
Purpose of Report:	To advise Committee of the progress on the 2024/25 Capital Programme for the period 1st April 2024 to 30th June, 2024 and to request changes to the Capital Programme.
Report Owner:	Director of Environment and Housing
Responsible Officer:	Matt Bowmer, Head of Finance/s151 Officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	Each Scrutiny Committee will receive a monitoring report on their respective areas, which will consider the relevant information relating to the respective Scrutiny Committee. This report does not require Ward Member consultation.
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for Executive decision by Cabinet
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report provides an update on the progress of the Capital Programme for the period 1st April 2024 to 30th June 2024. Details by scheme are shown in Appendix 1. • Appendix 2 provides a summary of the position of the Capital Programme by directorate from approval at Council on 6th March 2024 through to 30th June 2024, including any changes requested within this report. • The report sets out any requested changes to the 2024/25 and future years' Capital Programme. • The report notes the current approved programme of £139.927M. • It is important to note that many areas are continuing to experience an increase in costs associated with delivery of schemes. Tenders are being received over the current allocated budgets and officers are reporting the requirement to re-negotiate submitted tenders. • Schemes will be closely monitored over the coming months and it is anticipated that slippage requests will be requested in future reports. • Officers will continue to work with project managers and sponsors to ensure value for money and that all possible funding opportunities are identified and are fully explored. 	

Recommendations

1. That the progress made on delivering the 2024/25 Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee be noted in the attached Appendix 1.
2. That the use of Delegated Authority within the remit of the Committee, summarised in paragraph 2.5 and detailed in the report at paragraph 2.27 be noted.
3. That the use of Emergency powers within the remit of the Committee, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.
4. That the changes to the 2024/25 Capital Programme and future years Capital Programme within the remit of the Committee, summarised in paragraph 2.4 and detailed within the body of the report from 2.12 be noted.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. To advise Committee of the progress on the Capital Programme.
2. To advise Committee of the use of Delegated Authority.
3. To advise Committee of the use of Emergency Powers.
4. To advise Committee of the changes to the Capital Programme.

1. Background

- 1.1 Council on 6th March 2024 (Minute Reference 892) approved the Capital Programme for 2024/25.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 The approved programme as at final proposals was £112.344M. Slippage from the 2023/24 Capital Programme of £15.013M has been previously agreed and added to the approved programme. During the financial year amendments totalling £12.570M have been approved, which gives a total current approved programme of £139.927M. A directorate analysis taken from Appendix 2 is set out in the Table One below:

Table One – Revised Capital Programme

Directorate	Approved Programme 2024/25	Slippage Approved into 2024/25	Amendments 2024/25	Slippage Approved in 2024/25	Total Capital Programme 2024/25
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Learning & Skills	25,430	3,004	4,050	0	32,484
Social Services	1,731	280	29	0	2,040
Environment	11,916	3,171	4,694	0	19,781

Housing	38,745	6,721	160	0	45,626
Place	4,335	675	2,920	0	7,930
Corporate Resources	992	604	717	0	2,313
City Deal	697	0	0	0	697
Pipeline Schemes	28,498	558	0	0	29,056
Total	112,344	15,013	12,570	0	139,927

2.2 Appendix 1 details financial progress on the Capital Programme as at 30th June 2024 and Table Two below, sets out the summary by each directorate.

Table Two – Summary Capital Programme

Actual Spend to June 2024	Directorate	Approved Programme	Forecast Outturn	Variance	Slippage Requested
		2024/25	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25
£000		£000	£000	£000	£000
2,172	Learning & Skills	32,484	27,142	(5,342)	4,902
78	Social Services	2,040	2,040	0	0
1,097	Environment	19,781	20,185	404	0
4,914	Housing	45,626	45,626	0	0
320	Place	7,930	7,930	0	0
224	Corporate Resources	2,313	2,313	0	0
0	City Deal	697	697	0	0
0	Pipeline Schemes	29,056	29,056	0	0
8,805	Total	139,927	134,989	(4,938)	4,902

2.3 The total spend as at the 30th June is £5.032M for this Scrutiny Committee with forecast outturn £47.134M.

2.4 There is one request under the Additions, Virement and Re-profiling section of the report that is within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee that requests to amend the Disabled Facility Grant scheme budget and add in Discretionary Adaptations Grant.

2.5 There is one Delegated Authority that has been approved within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee in relation to the allocation of the Housing Improvement Programme in the 2024/25 Capital Programme.

Capital Programme Delivery

2.6 The paragraphs below provide details highlighting several capital schemes being delivered this financial year.

Environment - Transport

- 2.7 It is pleasing to note that external funds of £3.708M have been secured from Welsh Government in relation to Transport grants for 2024/25.
- 2.8 £2.102M of the above is from the Active Travel Fund to increase levels of active travel, improve health and well-being, improve air quality, reduce carbon emissions, connect communities and improve active travel access to employment, education and key services, destinations and public transport. One scheme delivered in this financial year has been the green roof shelter at Romilly Primary School.

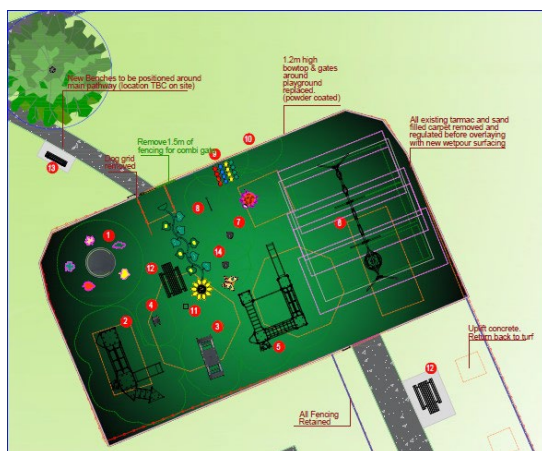
2.9 Romilly Primary – Green Roof Shelter



Environment – Celtic Way Park and Play Area, Rhose

- 2.10 S106 money is currently funding a scheme at Celtic Way. This will provide new playground equipment and safer surfacing at Celtic Way Play area. Designs are being finalised with a view to works starting in October 2024 and anticipated to complete around December 2024.

2.11 Current design for Celtic Way Park and Play Area, Rhoose



Capital Programme Additions, Virements and Re-Profiling

Learning & Skills

- 2.12 Early Years and Childcare – St Athan – This scheme is included in the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £450k. The scheme is funded by Welsh Government Grant, but to ensure the support and the sustainability of a new private childcare setting that was established in the area in 2023, there is no longer a requirement for this scheme to go ahead, as the private provider will be supporting eligible children under the two year old offer. It has been requested to remove this scheme from the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- 2.13 Ysgol Y Deri – Outdoor Area Improvements - A review of revenue expenditure over £10k has been undertaken to determine if the nature of the spend falls under the Council’s definition of capital spend. Following this review works undertaken at Ysgol Y Deri on an outside area will need to be capitalised. It has been requested to include this scheme with a budget of £10k in the 2024/25 Capital Programme to be funded by the school’s revenue budget.
- 2.14 Jenner Park Primary Infant Block Roof Renewal – There is currently a scheme on the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £275k. There is also a scheme for Jenner Park Primary Main Block Roof repairs with a budget of £50k and a scheme for Jenner Park Primary Lightning Protection with a budget of £30k. As all schemes relate to roof works, and the tender has been let as one whole contract, it has been requested to merge all these schemes together and include a new scheme called Jenner Park Primary – Roof Renewal with a total budget of £355k.

Social Services

- 2.15 Rondel house Day Service Improvements – Works are now complete and no further spend will be incurred against this scheme, it has been requested to vire this scheme budget of £5k to the Residential Homes Fire Doors scheme.

Environment

- 2.16 Parkwood – C1V Conversion - Following the relocation of C1V from the Leisure Centre to the Civic Offices, Parkwood Leisure applied to the UK Government Shared Prosperity fund for a grant to repurpose the former call centre into new recreational space. It has been requested to include this new scheme with a budget of £400k in the 2024/25 Capital Programme, to be funded £200k from the UK Government Shared Prosperity fund, £100k contribution from Parkwood Leisure and £100k from the Council's Reshaping Risk and Investment Reserve. A Cabinet report presented on 5th September, 2024 provides further detail regarding this scheme including the request to repurpose this area for recreational use.

Place

- 2.17 Disabled Facility Grants – The Council continues to provide means tested Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) to eligible individuals, however, in the past recipients have often found themselves needing to make high cash contributions to be eligible for this grant. The Council has therefore introduced a new Discretionary Adaptations Grant (DAG) that does not involve means testing applicants but involves placing a charge on the property to the value of the works carried out. The DFG scheme had a budget of £1.096M on the 2024/25 Capital Programme. It was requested to include a new scheme for DAGs and vire £300k to this scheme from the DFG budget. A budget of £796k remains on the DFG scheme.

Slippage

Learning & Skills

- 2.18 Band B Ysgol Y Deri – Due to a number of delays to the scheme including the Welsh government call-in and planning conditions, the spend on the project has slipped. The project started on site in April 2024 and recently the steel work has been erected seeing the project progressing well. It has been requested to reprofile the scheme budget to reflect the revised programme of works as per the table below:

Table Three – Reprofile for Ysgol Y Deri

Year	Current Profile	Revised Profile
	£'000	£'000
2019/20	41	41
2020/21	170	170
2021/22	40	40
2022/23	537	537
2023/24	533	533
2024/25	21,248	16,360
2025/26	360	4,938
2026/27	0	310
Total	22,929	22,929

2.19 Victoria Primary Boundary Wall – The work to the boundary wall is linked to the scheme being undertaken in relation to the new kitchen and dining facility under the Free School Meal grant. As works to progress this scheme require access to the rear of the site, this cannot proceed until the linked scheme is complete. It has been requested to carry forward this scheme budget of £14k into the 2025/26 Capital Programme.

Delegated Authority approvals

2.20 Shared Prosperity Fund – Delegated authority has been approved to amend the 2024/25 Capital Programme for schemes supported by the UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund as indicated in Table four below:

Table Four – Shared Prosperity Capital Schemes – changes to 2024/25 Capital Programme

Scheme	Directorate	Budget change	Amendment
			£'000
Old Hall – New Era	Learning and Skills	Increase	45
OVO Bike Barry	Environment	Remove	(358)
Brompton Bikes, Docks	Environment	Increase	240
Lighting of Subway Road Tunnel	Environment	Increase	96
Murchfield Village Hall Roof	Environment	Increase	235
Barry Swimming Pool	Environment	Increase	85
VZTA Smart Towns	Place	Remove	(118)

Murchfield Recreation Ground	Place	Increase	70
Barry Wayfinding	Place	Increase	122
Country Park Gateway Re-development (Brilliant Basics)	Place	Increase	180
Chickenwood Park	Place	Increase	66
Athletic Club Redevelopment – Community Space	Place	Increase	95
Memo Shaping Up	Place	Increase	100
Fit for the Future	Place	Increase	25
Events Equipment	Place	Increase	8
Public Rights of Way Access Improvement	Place	Increase	2
Memo Arts Centre	Place	Increase	300
Milkshed Workspace, Penarth	Place	Increase	42
TerraDat UK Ltd	Place	Increase	48
A.E Dental Laboratory	Place	Increase	14
TFSLET Ltd	Place	Increase	15
Bashed UK	Place	Increase	30
Ewenny Garden Centre	Place	Increase	18
Love Lagree Ltd	Place	Increase	22
Fablas Ice Cream Ltd	Place	Increase	87
TJ Williams Ltd	Place	Increase	64
CCR Energy – Solar panels	Place	Increase	12
Old Industries Ltd – The Cross Inn	Place	Increase	80
Reggie’s Innovation	Place	Increase	56
Collar Club Summer Field	Place	Increase	12

Eco Friendly Ice Cream Van	Place	Increase	18
Total			1,711

Learning and Skills

- 2.21 Romilly Primary Electrical upgrade phase 1 – Delegated authority has been approved to vire £12k of the Education Asset Renewal Contingency budget to the existing scheme of Romilly Primary Electrical upgrade, phase 1 in the 2024/25 Capital Programme. The budget for this scheme was £120k. The property is a Victorian school that has modern classroom requirements which has resulted in additional costs associated with retrofitting a Victorian building such as bespoke detection device throughout and longer height drops for electrical installation. Following return of the tenders it was identified that the current budget was not sufficient to undertake these works. The new budget for this scheme is £132k in the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
- 2.22 Llantwit Major Comprehensive School – Main Reception Area Improvements – Delegated authority has been approved to include this new scheme in the 2024/25 Capital Programme to be funded from £60k of S106 money. The Council has received an education contribution which has enabled these works for the creation of a new secure reception area with the division of the existing lobby, inclusion of a new attendance reception and private rooms for one-to-one meetings with pupils, and meeting spaces for visitors.

Environment and Housing

- 2.23 Safer Routes in Communities – Sully Primary School – This scheme is included in the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £398k funded from Welsh Government grant. Delegated authority has been approved to increase this scheme budget by £152k funded from S106 money to undertake pedestrian improvement works and associated topographical surveys in Sully. The new budget for this scheme in the 2024/25 Capital Programme is £550k.
- 2.24 Linear Park Proposals, Sully – Delegated Authority has been approved to add this new scheme into the 2024/25 Capital Programme to enhance the Council owned public open space to the north of South Road, sully to form a linear park. The proposed public open space enhancements will be determined following a feasibility study. Suggested works include new planting, seating, way finding signage, exercise equipment and the upgrading of the existing children’s playground. This budget of £175k will be funded by S106 monies.
- 2.25 Old School, South Road, Sully – new bus shelter – Delegated authority has been approved to increase the Council’s Capital Programme for 2024/25 by £46k using S106 money to provide a replacement timber bus shelter and to carry out associated works at the existing bus stop near the Old School on South Road, Sully. The associated works will address the accessibility issue.

- 2.26 Castle Close, Dinas Powys – Street Lighting – Delegated authority has been approved to include this new scheme in the 2024/25 Capital Programme with a budget of £11k to be funded from Section 106 money. The scheme will undertake additional street lighting works near Castle Close in Dinas Powys.
- 2.27 Housing Improvement Programme - Delegated Authority has been approved to allocate the 2024/25 Capital budget of £38.745M as shown in Table Five below. Changes following the approval via emergency powers, together with approved slippage are also shown and the resulting total budget is reflected in the final column:

Table Five – Housing Improvement Programme 2024/25

Scheme	Budget	Slippage Approved	Changes	Total Budget
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
WHQS Internals	4,933	0	0	4,933
WHQS Externals	3,362	0	0	3,362
Larger Homes Fund	0	21	0	21
Individual Schemes	3,325	634	103	4,062
Emergency Works	360	85	0	445
Aids and Adaptations	480	0	0	480
Energy Efficiency	5,848	0	(103)	5,745
Common Parts	3,750	0	(902)	2,848
WHQS Environmental Improvements	2,164	0	1,062	3,226
New Build	14,523	5,809	0	20,332
ICF – Penarth Older Person's Village	0	172	0	172
Total	38,745	6,721	160	45,626

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1 The Capital Programme focuses capital investment to deliver the outcomes identified as part of the Corporate Plan. Some examples are:

- **To work with and for our communities** - Consultations are carried out with the community on capital projects. Participate Vale allows the community to have their say and get involved with Council decisions and local issues in the Vale of Glamorgan.
- **To support learning, employment and sustainable economic growth** - Further investment in schools through the School Investment Programme. Contributing as a partner in the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal will bring economic prosperity to the area.
- **To support people at home and in their community** - Investment in housing through the Housing Improvement Programme will maintain the Welsh Housing Quality Standard, consideration of alternative heating measures and new developments. Other schemes include Disabled Facility Grant, Discretionary Adaptions Grant, Enable schemes, Investment in leisure centres and playgrounds.
- **To respect, enhance and enjoy our environment** - The Council supports decarbonisation as part the Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme, which has seen the first Net Zero Carbon Primary School in Wales. There is a decarbonisation scheme on the 2024/25 Capital Programme totalling £731k, and this budget has been allocated across 12 schemes for installation of LED lighting, PV Panels and interface upgrades.

The setting and the monitoring of the Capital programme follows the Five Ways of Working.

- **Looking to the long term** - The development of the capital programme is a means of planning for the future and takes a strategic approach to ensure services are sustainable and that investments are affordable over the longer term and that future need and demand for services is understood.
- **Taking an integrated approach** – In setting the capital programme, working with partners is encouraged, as it allows the utilisation of funding from various sources, such as Welsh and UK Government and S106 contributions, to deliver schemes.
- **Involving the population in decisions** – As part of the annual budget setting process there is engagement with residents, customers and partners. Prior to the implementation of certain capital schemes, consultation may also take place with the public which may in some cases be statutory.
- **Working in a collaborative way** – It is recognised that more can be achieved, and better services can be provided by collaboration, and it encourages this as a way of working in the future which includes providing funding to work with local communities.

- **Understanding the root cause of issues and preventing them** – The process for setting and monitoring the capital programme is proactive and allows an understanding of the financial and operational issues to be considered together so that issues can be tackled at the source.

4. Climate Change and Nature Implications

- 4.1 The Council understands the importance of decarbonisation to help protect and sustain the environment over the long term and in line with its Climate emergency declaration is working and investing in measures to reduce its CO2 emissions. Several projects are included in the 2024/25 Capital Programme which will assist the work the Council is undertaking as part of Project Zero and commitments in the Council’s Climate Challenge Plan. More detail can be found in the Section 6 of the Capital Strategy. All schemes progressed as part of the Capital Programme proposals set out the decarbonisation considerations that will be considered as part of progressing the bids.

5. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 5.1 As detailed in the body of the report.

Employment

- 5.2 Some of the work included in the capital programme will be undertaken by Council staff and the relevant costs will be recharged to the capital scheme.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 5.3 There are no legal implications.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 None.

Actual Spend 2024/25 £'000	Schemes	Slippage Approved 2024/25	Approved Programme 2024/25 £'000	Projected Outturn 2024/25 £'000	Variance at Outturn 2024/25 £'000	Slippage Requested 2024/25	Project Sponsor	Comments
	Housing Improvement Programme							
0	Larger Homes Fund	21	21	21	0	0	M Ingram	Emergency power approved to carry forward £21k from the 23/24 Capital Programme to finalise the scheme.
211	WHQS Internals	0	4,933	4,933	0	0	M Ingram	Delegated Authority approved and detailed in the report to allocate this scheme budget in the Housing Improvement Programme. Maintenance of WHQS e.g. Kitchens, bathrooms, rewires and heating systems
25	WHQS Externals	0	3,362	3,362	0	0	M Ingram	Delegated Authority approved and detailed in the report to allocate this scheme budget in the Housing Improvement Programme. Continuation of installation of windows & doors, roof replacements, wall repairs and sewage treatment works.
368	Individual Schemes	634	4,062	4,062	0	0	M Ingram	Emergency power approved to carry forward £634k of this scheme budget. Delegated Authority approved and detailed in the report to allocate this scheme budget in the Housing Improvement Programme. Emergency powers approved to vire £103k from the Energy Efficiency scheme budget to this scheme budget. Delivery of individual schemes and the finalisation of external wall insulation on 17 Leaseholder blocks.
0	Emergency Works	85	445	445	0	0	M Ingram	Emergency power approved to carry forward £85k of this scheme budget. Delegated Authority approved and detailed in the report to allocate this scheme budget in the Housing Improvement Programme. Emergency works schemes i.e. Building works to resolve property structural and damp issues.
50	Aids and Adaptions	0	480	480	0	0	M Ingram	Delegated Authority approved and detailed in the report to allocate this scheme budget in the Housing Improvement Programme. Continuation of the adapted extension scheme and other major adaptions
0	Energy Efficiency	0	5,745	5,745	0	0	M Ingram	Delegated Authority approved and detailed in the report to allocate this scheme budget in the Housing Improvement Programme. Emergency powers approved to vire £103k from this scheme budget to the Individual Scheme budget in the 2024/25 Capital Programme. Continuation of External Wall Insulation and Energy efficiency.
286	Common Parts	0	2,848	2,848	0	0	M Ingram	Delegated Authority approved and detailed in the report to allocate this scheme budget in the Housing Improvement Programme. Emergency Power approved to vire £902k from Common Parts to WHQS Environmental scheme budget. Delivery of the fire safety management upgrade works and communal area improvements.
128	WHQS Environmental Improvements	0	3,226	3,226	0	0	M Ingram	Delegated Authority approved and detailed in the report to allocate this scheme budget in the Housing Improvement Programme. Emergency Power approved to vire £902k from Common Parts to WHQS Environmental scheme budget and requested to increase by £160k, funded by grant. On-going works to the Buttrills Estate, Williams/Irving and Owen scheme and Highway Maintenance Schemes.

3,829	New Build	5,809	20,332	20,332	0	0	M Ingram	Emergency power approved to carry forward £5.809m of this scheme budget. Finalisation of Hayeswood Road, and continuation of works on Colcot Clinic, Eagleswell TACP, Coldbrook Road East and new build schemes including Olive Lodge. Also includes feasibility works for new schemes and acquisition of properties/land
17	ICF - Penarth Older Person's Village	172	172	172	0	0	M Ingram	Emergency power approved to carry forward £172k of this scheme budget. Continuation of previous years scheme.
	<u>Place</u>							
	<u>Private Sector Housing</u>							
0	Empty Homes Grant	10	170	170	0	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme is progressing and being marketed. 64 applications have been received, of which 10 have been approved, 20 are being reviewed and 34 have been rejected.
0	ENABLE	0	242	242	0	0	M Goldsworthy	Scheme being delivered in accordance with grant conditions. Report details the request to include a new scheme for Discretionary Adaption Grant (DAG) and to vire £300k from the Disabled Facility Grants scheme in the 2024/25 Capital Programme.
0	Discretionary Adaptions Grant - DAG	0	0	300	300	0	M Goldsworthy	Emergency powers approved to reduce this scheme budget by £210k to fund overspend in 2023/24 Capital Programme. Request detailed in the report to vire £300k from this scheme budget for grant aided adaptation or disabled persons' properties to the new Discretionary Adaptions Grant scheme.
118	Disabled Facility Grants	-210	1,096	796	-300	0	M Goldsworthy	
5,032	Total Committee	6,521	47,134	47,134	0	0		

CAPITAL MONITORING
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Appendix 2

	APPROVED PROGRAMME AS AT FINAL PROPOSALS £'000	SLIPPAGE APPROVED FROM 23/24 TO 2024/25 £'000	ADDITIONS APPROVED 2024/25 £'000	SLIPPAGE APPROVED * 2024/25 £'000	APPROVED PROGRAMME 2024/25 £,000		OTHER MOVEMENT IN JUNE MONITORING £'000	SLIPPAGE REQUESTED 2024/25 £'000	REVISED PROGRAMME 2024/25 £'000
<u>SUMMARY</u>									
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Directorate of Corporate Resources	992	604	717	0	2,313		0	0	2,313
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