

Business & Transformation Scrutiny Panel

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APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2017
Report of: CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER
Report Number: RD 29/17

Purpose / Summary: This report provides an overview of the budgetary position for the City Council's capital programme for the period April to September 2017 and was considered by the Executive on 20th November 2017.

Questions for / input required from Scrutiny:

Members are asked to note the variances contained within this report.

Recommendations:

The Members of the Business & Transformation Scrutiny Panel are asked to note the overall budgetary position for the period April to September 2017.

Tracking

Executive:	20 th November 2017
Overview and Scrutiny:	5 th December 2017
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Purpose / Summary:

This report provides an overview of the budgetary position of the City Council's capital programme for the period April to September 2017.

Recommendations:

The Executive is asked to:

- (i) Note and comment on the budgetary position and performance aspects of the capital programme for the period April to September 2017;
- (ii) Note adjustments to the 2017/18 capital programme as detailed in paragraph 2.1.

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Executive:	20 th November 2017
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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In accordance with the City Council's Financial Procedure Rules, the Chief Finance Officer is required to report to the Executive on the overall budget position, the monitoring and control of expenditure against budget allocations and the exercise of virement on a regular basis. It is the responsibility of individual Chief Officers to control income and expenditure within their areas of responsibility and to monitor performance, taking account of financial information provided by the Chief Finance Officer.
- 1.2 All Managers receive a monthly budget monitoring report covering their areas of responsibility. Information is collated from the main accounting system and then adjusted to correct any known budget profiling trends, timing differences and commitments. The report has been developed in line with the need to provide sound financial management information to inform the decision making process.
- 1.3 Throughout the report, the use of brackets indicates a credit or income budget, and the term underspend also relates to additional income generated.
- 1.4 It is important to understand the distinction between capital and revenue expenditure.

The general rule is that all expenditure must be treated as revenue expenditure unless it meets strict criteria allowing it to be treated as capital expenditure.

Capital expenditure is for fixed assets such as acquisition of land and buildings, construction, conversion or enhancement of existing buildings, or the purchase of new technology, vehicles, plant, machinery or equipment that yields benefits to the Council and the services it provides for more than one year.

Revenue expenditure is for the day to day running costs of providing Council services such as staff costs, premises, transport, and goods and services used in the delivery of services.

2. CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW

- 2.1 The following statement shows the annual capital programme for 2017/18:

2017/18 Capital Budget	£
2017/18 Capital Programme (RD04/17 Council 11/07/17)	9,010,700
Affordable Homes (S106) (ED24/17 Executive 31/07/17)	229,400
Additional contributions & increased revenue financing including use of GLL Reserve for Harraby Cycle Track (OD92/17)	157,300
Increase for additional contributions to Public Realm Scheme	25,000
Release of funding from reserve for ICT Strategy (CE01/17 13/02/17)	49,600
Revenue contributions towards Talkin Tarn Play Area	41,400
Revised 2017/18 Capital Programme (at Sept 2017)	9,513,400
Less Capital Reserves to be released by Executive	(505,000)
Revised 2017/18 Capital Programme	9,008,400

2.2 A breakdown of the revised capital programme can be found in **Appendix A**.

2.3 The Council has approved (CS22/17) the release of a further sum, up to a prescribed amount, from the GLL Reserve to provide a contingency to ensure that the Council meets its contractual obligations on the Harraby Cycle Track project.

3. 2017/18 BUDGET MONITORING

3.1 The position statement as at September 2017 can be summarised as follows:

Directorate	Revised Annual Budget £	Budget to Date £	Spend to date £	Variance to date £	Para. Ref.
Community Services	3,639,800	1,430,277	1,521,959	91,682	3.3
Corporate Support & Resources	185,200	117,430	102,968	(14,462)	-
Economic Development	667,600	86,875	54,406	(32,469)	3.4
Governance & Regulatory Services	3,802,300	1,797,252	939,422	(857,830)	3.5
Total	8,294,900	3,431,834	2,618,755	(813,079)	
Flood Related Capital	713,500	713,500	1,076,448	362,948	3.6
Total	9,008,400	4,145,334	3,695,203	(450,131)	
Reserves to be released	505,000	0	0	0	3.7
Total	9,513,400	4,145,334	3,695,203	(450,131)	

Schemes still to be released by the Executive are outwith the budget monitoring process until the budgets have been released.

A detailed analysis of the schemes within each directorate can be found in **Appendices B to F** with the main issues being summarised in the paragraphs below.

- 3.2 As at the end of September, expenditure of £3,695,203 has been incurred. When considered against the profiled budget of £4,145,334 this equates to an underspend of £450,131.

The unspent balance remaining of the revised annual budget of £9,008,400 is £5,313,197. This will be closely monitored over the following months to identify accurate project profiles and any potential slippage into future years.

- 3.3 The variance in Community Services is attributable to the following:

- (i) An overspend of £29,374 on vehicle replacements to date. The overspend to date will be managed and contained within the overall vehicle replacement budget allocation.
- (ii) An overspend of £92,822 on Waste Minimisation purchases. A review of expenditure is currently underway including the level of stock held.
- (iii) An underspend of £17,711 on Open Space Improvements.

- 3.4 The variance in Economic Development is attributable to the following:

- (i) An underspend of £34,969 on Durranhill Industrial Estate improvements.

- 3.5 The variance in Governance & Regulatory Services is attributable to the following:

- (i) An underspend of £838,011 on Disabled Facilities Grants. The DFG funding increased in 2016 and the Government expects Council's to produce action plans for expenditure between 2017 and 2019. The plans should involve health and social care. The target is to have a completed plan of expenditure by February 2018.

- 3.6 The variance in Flood Related Projects is attributable to the following:

- (i) An overspend of £362,948 on Building reinstatement costs. Budgets will be adjusted once final accounts from the contractors have been received and insurance settlement figures have been agreed with the loss adjusters. This will then determine the balance to be funded from the Council's own balances and reserves.

- 3.7 A number of schemes are included in the capital programme for 2017/18 that require reports to be presented to the Executive for the release of funding before the project can go ahead, some of which may slip into future years capital programmes.

Scheme	Budget £	Note
ICT Infrastructure	100,000	1
Old Town Hall / Greenmarket	380,000	
Play Area Green Gyms	25,000	
Total	505,000	

Notes:

1. A report was considered by Executive on 23rd October for the release of this budget (CS20/17).

4. FINANCING

- 4.1 The 2017/18 capital programme can be financed as follows:

	Annual Budget £	Current Programme £
Total Programme to be financed (para 2.1)	9,513,400	9,008,400
Financed by:		
Capital Receipts / Internal Borrowing	3,782,100	3,277,100
Capital Grants		
• Disabled Facilities Grant	1,613,900	1,613,900
• General	1,144,100	1,144,100
Direct Revenue Financing	1,976,500	1,976,500
Other Contributions	987,000	987,000
Earmarked Reserves	9,800	9,800
Total Financing	9,513,400	9,008,400

5. CAPITAL RESOURCES

- 5.1 The following table shows the position as at September 2017 of the capital resources due to be received during 2017/18:

	2017/18 Revised Budget £	2017/18 Actual £	2017/18 Not yet received £	Note
Capital Receipts				
· General	0	0	0	1
· Asset Review	(200,000)	(47,400)	152,600	1
· Vehicle Sales	0	(2,800)	(2,800)	2
· PRTB Sharing agreement	(150,000)	0	150,000	3
Capital Grants				
· Disabled Facilities Grant	(1,613,900)	(1,613,944)	(44)	4
· Tennis Facilities	(400,000)	0	400,000	5
· Cycle Track Development	(68,000)	0	68,000	5
· General	0	(2,000)	(2,000)	
Capital Contributions				
· Section 106	(856,600)	(338,295)	518,305	6
· Cycle Track Development	(90,400)	(90,480)	(80)	
· General	(40,000)	(61,044)	(21,044)	7
Total	(3,418,900)	(2,155,963)	1,262,937	

Notes:

1. Receipts for 2017/18 are anticipated to be received from asset review sales (£200,000). The asset review sales anticipated to be received have been revised downwards in line with the updated expectations included within the Capital Strategy that was approved by Council in September.
2. Included within vehicle sales are receipts of £2,800 for individual vehicle sales that are below the deminimis of £10,000 for capital receipts. These will be transferred to revenue at the year end and will be used to fund the capital programme in line with the capital strategy.
3. PRTB income for the year is received on 28 April following the year-end but is accrued into the relevant year. It should be noted that Riverside Group are currently preparing forecasts for PRTB receipts for 2017/18. Forecast projections will be provided in a future report to the Executive.
4. Disabled facilities grant allocation for 2017/18 received totalling £1,613,944.
5. Capital grants are received once associated capital expenditure has been incurred and the amounts then reclaimed from the sponsoring body.
6. Contributions from Section 106 agreements to Castle Way scheme (£266,000), Public Realm S106 (£49,600), Crindledyke Cycleway (£268,700), Open Space Improvements (£42,900) and Affordable Homes (£229,400).

7. Additional contributions received towards Public Realm (£25,000) and Public Realm/Cracker Packer (£15,000).

6. BALANCE SHEET MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 In line with CIPFA guidance and best practice, information relating to significant capital items on the Council's balance sheet is provided in this section. The information concentrates on those items that may have a material impact on the Council if not reviewed on a regular basis and will ensure that the Council is using its resources effectively and that appropriate governance arrangements are in place around the use of Council assets and liabilities.
- 6.2 Fixed assets are revalued annually to ensure that an up to date value is held in the balance sheet. The revaluation programme is the responsibility of Property Services. It should be noted that some expenditure will be incurred during the course of the year which can be correctly classified as capital expenditure, but which will not increase the value of any of the Council's assets. This expenditure is written off to the revaluation reserve or through the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account as appropriate.
- 6.3 The value of fixed assets is a significant part of the balance sheet. In the 2016/17 accounts, fixed assets totalled £161million (2015/16 £160million). This represents 94% of the net current assets of the City Council.
- 6.4 Debtors
This relates to the amount of income due to the Council that has not yet been received. For capital items, this mainly relates to grants and contributions that the Council is able to claim towards funding capital expenditure, and receipts for the Council's share of the PRTB (Preserved Right to Buy) agreement. Generally capital debtors arise due to timing differences where a cut off point occurs (e.g. the financial year-end) and/or expenditure has been incurred in advance of making the grant claim. As at September 2017 debtors of £11,935 (£226,803 at 31 March 2017) were outstanding for capital grants, contributions and receipts. PRTB receipts for 2016/17 were received in April in accordance with the agreement.
- 6.5 Creditors
This is the amount of money due to be paid by the Council for goods and services received from its external customers and contractors. For capital schemes this also includes retentions i.e. the amount due to the contractor after a specified period (normally one year) following the completion of a project; this time is used to assess

and correct any defects outstanding on the scheme. Amounts earmarked for retention as at September 2017 totalled £114,435 (£456,407 at 31 March 2017).

7. PERFORMANCE

- 7.1 The 2017/18 programme has been kept to a level that takes account of the Council's ability to deliver schemes with regard to capacity and available resources. Work is ongoing to continue to monitor the profiling of budgets, and these are adjusted to reflect progress in current capital schemes. It is likely that there will still be a requirement for some carry forwards at the year end due to further slippage and delays on projects. Members are reminded that budgets totalling £505,000 are being held in reserves until approved by Executive for release.
- 7.2 The Senior Management Team will provide strategic overview and monitor the effectiveness of the overall programme of work in delivering the Council's priorities and objectives. Technical project support and quality assurance of business cases and associated project management activities will be managed by a Transformation Sub-Group chaired by the Chief Executive. Decisions to proceed or otherwise with proposed projects will be made in the usual way in accordance with the Council decision making framework.
- 7.3 A review of all capital expenditure incurred is ongoing to ensure that the expenditure has been correctly allocated between revenue and capital schemes. This will facilitate the year end classification of assets.

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Consultation to Date
SMT & JMT have considered the issues raised in this report.
- 8.2 Consultation Proposed
Business & Transformation Scrutiny Panel will consider the report on 5th December 2017.

9. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The Executive is asked to:
- (i) Note and comment on the budgetary position and performance aspects of the capital programme for the period April to September 2017;
 - (ii) Note adjustments to the 2017/18 capital programme as detailed in paragraph 2.1.

10. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARLISLE PLAN PRIORITIES

10.1 The Council's capital programme supports the current priorities in the Carlisle Plan.

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Appendices A to F
attached to report:

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- None

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS:

Community Service – Not applicable

Corporate Support & Resources – Financial implications are contained in the main body of the report.

Economic Development – Not applicable

Governance & Regulatory Services – The Council has a fiduciary duty to manage its finances properly and the proper reporting of the budget monitoring is part of this process.

2017/18 CAPITAL PROGRAMME**APPENDIX A**

Scheme	Original Capital Programme 2017/18 £	Other Adjustments £	Revised Capital Programme 2017/18 £
<u>Current non-recurring commitments</u>			
Public Realm/Cracker Packer (S106)	64,600	0	64,600
Castle Way (S106)	266,000	0	266,000
Arts Centre	47,300	0	47,300
Tennis Facilities	497,000	0	497,000
Cycle Track Development	717,000	157,300	874,300
Market Hall Roof	460,000	0	460,000
Crindledyke Cycleway	268,700	0	268,700
Durranhill Industrial Estate	105,400	0	105,400
Play Area Developments	10,900	0	10,900
Open Space Improvements	42,900	0	42,900
Kingstown Industrial Estate	9,800	0	9,800
Public Realm Improvements	243,200	25,000	268,200
IC Buildings Flood Reinstatement	713,500	0	713,500
Revenues & Benefits ICT Upgrades	45,200	0	45,200
Asset Review	203,600	0	203,600
Talkin Tarn	0	41,400	41,400
Affordable Homes (S106)	0	229,400	229,400
	3,695,100	453,100	4,148,200
<u>Recurring commitments</u>			
Planned Enhancements to Council Property	215,000	0	215,000
Vehicles, Plant & Equipment	1,857,300	0	1,857,300
ICT Infrastructure	90,400	49,600	140,000
	2,162,700	49,600	2,212,300
<u>Disabled Facilities Grants</u>			
Private Sector Grants	2,594,700	0	2,594,700
Minor Works Grants	53,200	0	53,200
	2,647,900	0	2,647,900
TOTAL	8,505,700	502,700	9,008,400
<u>Capital Reserves to be released</u>			
ICT Infrastructure	100,000	0	100,000
Play Area Green Gyms	25,000	0	25,000
Old Town Hall / Greenmarket	380,000	0	380,000
	505,000	0	505,000
REVISED TOTAL	9,010,700	502,700	9,513,400

SEPTEMBER 2017 - CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING**APPENDIX B****COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Scheme	Revised Annual Budget	Budget to date	Expenditure to date	Variance to date	Details of major variance
	£	£	£	£	
Art Centre	47,300	6,773	0	(6,773)	Budget carried forward to provide for works postponed due to the 2015 floods.
Vehicles & Plant	1,857,300	597,400	626,774	29,374	Replacement of vehicle purchases in 2017/18 on target to date. Overspend to date will be retained within the overall budget allocation.
Waste Minimisation	0	0	92,822	92,822	A review of expenditure is currently underway.
Tennis Facilities	497,000	0	0	0	Approved by Council 08/09/15 (SD16/15).
Cycle Track Developments	874,300	618,873	618,246	(627)	Approved by Executive 27/07/15 (SD13/15). Budget increased for additional grant, contributions and funding approved by Council from GLL Reserve.
Play Area Developments	10,900	5,452	0	(5,452)	External funding carried forward to complete schemes.
Open Space Improvements	42,900	21,462	3,751	(17,711)	External funding carried forward to complete schemes.
Crindledyke Cycleway (S106)	268,700	138,917	138,932	15	Approved by Executive 01/06/15 (LE10/15). Funded by Section 106 monies. Various factors have delayed the project.
Talkin Tarn	41,400	41,400	41,434	34	
Grand Total	3,639,800	1,430,277	1,521,959	91,682	

SEPTEMBER 2017 - CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING**APPENDIX C****CORPORATE SUPPORT & RESOURCES**

Scheme	Revised Annual Budget	Budget to date	Expenditure to date	Variance to date	Details of major variance
	£	£	£	£	
ICT Infrastructure	140,000	94,820	102,968	8,148	Part of ICT Strategy Business Case. Budget carried forward to accommodate contracts and orders placed to upgrade IT infrastructure, network & equipment. Additional £100,000 budget now released by Executive on 23/10/17 (CS20/17). Not currently included in the figures presented.
Revenues and Benefits ICT Upgrades	45,200	22,610	0	(22,610)	Budget carried forward as part of ICT Strategy.
Grand Total	185,200	117,430	102,968	(14,462)	

SEPTEMBER 2017 - CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING**APPENDIX D****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Scheme	Revised Annual Budget	Budget to date	Expenditure to date	Variance to date	Details of major variance
	£	£	£	£	
Public Realm Work	268,200	24,139	24,196	57	Budget released by Executive 10/03/14 (ED10/14). Additional budget released by Executive 07/04/15 (ED15/15). Revised Project Plan developed and is being implemented in line with revised timescales.
EA Central Plaza	0	0	2,442	2,442	Implementation of work under the Corporate Director of Economic Development's emergency powers with reference to the Building Act 1984 S78 Dangerous building - emergency measures (OD.104/16).
Public Realm (S106)	64,600	10,015	10,016	1	Approved by Executive 3/9/12 (RD34/12). Funded by Section 106 monies. Tender awarded and work progressing.
Durranhill Industrial Estate	105,400	52,721	17,752	(34,969)	Approved by Executive 15/01/14 (ED02/14). Revised programme of works approved by Executive 7/04/15 (ED14/15).
Affordable Homes	229,400	0	0	0	Approved by Executive 31/07/17 (ED24/17). Spend expected by end December 2017.
Grand Total	667,600	86,875	54,406	(32,469)	

SEPTEMBER 2017 - CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING**APPENDIX E****GOVERNANCE & REGULATORY SERVICES**

Scheme	Revised Annual Budget	Budget to date	Expenditure to date	Variance to date	Details of major variance
	£	£	£	£	
Planned Enhancements to Council Property	215,000	124,187	115,015	(9,172)	Individual projects progressing as planned.
Market Hall Roof	460,000	0	0	0	Budget released by Executive 26/09/16 (GD51/16). Negotiations ongoing regarding the Council's contribution towards the works.
Asset Management Plan	203,600	146,477	146,431	(46)	Budget carried forward in relation to remaining payments from Escrow account & demolition costs.
Kingstown Industrial Estate Roads	9,800	4,904	0	(4,904)	Remaining budget required for additional public realm signage on the estate.
Castle Way (S106)	266,000	188,062	188,197	135	Approved by Executive 11/4/12 (RD01/12). Funded by Section 106 monies. Completed early 2017/18. Final account due to be paid to contractor.
Disabled Facilities Grants	2,594,700	1,297,872	459,861	(838,011)	Mandatory Grants. Increased grant allocation for 2017/18. The position is being closely monitored.
Minor Works Grants	53,200	35,750	29,918	(5,832)	Budget approved by Executive 04/04/16 (ED09/16).
Grand Total	3,802,300	1,797,252	939,422	(857,830)	

SEPTEMBER 2017 - CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING**APPENDIX F****FLOOD RELATED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

Scheme	Revised Annual Budget	Budget to date	Expenditure to date	Variance to date	Details of major variance
	£	£	£	£	
IC Buildings Flood Capital	713,500	713,500	1,076,448	362,948	Capitalisation of building improvements as a result of the flood.
Grand Total	713,500	713,500	1,076,448	362,948	