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## EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON 22 NOVEMBER 2012

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COSP.80/12 BUDGET 2013/14 – 2017/18

### Capital Budget Reports

#### **(d) Revised Capital Programme 2012/13 and Provisional Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2017/18**

The Director of Resources submitted report RD.46/12 detailing the revised capital programme for 2012/13, together with the proposed method of financing as set out in Appendices A and B. The report also summarised the proposed programme for 2013/14 to 2017/18 in the light of the new capital pressures identified, and summarised the estimated and much reduced capital resources available to fund the programme.

The Executive had on 19 November 2012 (EX.140/12) considered the report and decided:

That the Executive :

1. Noted the revised capital programme and relevant financing for 2012/13 as set out in Appendices A and B of Report RD.46/12;
2. Recommended that the City Council approve reprofiling of £3,000,000 and savings of £2,080,300 from 2012/13 identified in the review;
3. Made recommendations to Council to approve virements from underspends from Kingstown Industrial Estate (£150,100) and Families Accommodation Replacement (£100,000) to fund additional expenditure at the Resource Centre;
4. Had given initial consideration to the capital spending requests for 2013/14 to 2017/18 contained in Report RD.46/12 in the light of the estimated available resources; and
5. Noted that any capital scheme for which funding had been approved by the Council may only proceed after a full report, including business case and financial appraisal, had been approved."

Details of the new capital spending proposals which fell within the area of responsibility of the Panel were as detailed on the Agenda for the meeting.

- **Disabled Facilities Grants** – The Disabled Facilities Grant allocation would not be announced until January 2013, it had been indicated that the grant would be

protected at the 2012/13 levels. A further report would be presented to the Executive once the 2013/14 allocation had been received.

- **Methodist Arts Centre** – A 3 year programme of works to develop a sustainable Arts Centre in the Methodist Hall. If the scheme was approved there may be a requirement to utilise some of the funding in 2012/13.
- **Harraby School and Community Campus** – The Harraby School and Community Project was a capita new build scheme designed to deliver a three form entry primary school, community centre, library, theatre and other sports facilities in the former North Cumbria Technology College site.
- **Leisure Facilities** – Sports and leisure facilities would be significantly improved through a capital scheme which would address the need of appropriate wet and dry facilities servicing the whole of the district. It would be informed by a sports facility strategy which was in production.

In considering the report Members raised the following comments and questions:

- Did the Harraby School and Community Campus project fall within the remit of Carlisle City Council?

The Director of Resources confirmed that the project was a community project opposed to an educational project, the project would affect the whole ward and would link into the City's Sports Strategy. The figure set out in the report was not final and would be subject to negotiations.

The Director of Community Engagement reminded the Panel that work on the Sports Strategy was underway and the full document would be available in early December.

- Would the location of the proposed swimming pool go out to consultation with the public?

The Director of Community Engagement responded that consultation had taken place with key stakeholders on the site appraisal. The recommendations from the consultants report would be used as advice for the Council. It would be the Council's decision if they wanted to hold a public consultation.

- Did the Council plan to buy the Methodist Hall on Fisher Street?

The Director of Community Engagement stated that it was the Council's aspiration to gain access to the Methodist Hall without purchasing it; it was hoped that a third party would purchase the Hall and have an agreement to allow the City Council access. If this did not happen then other options would be explored further.

A Member asked how the proposed Arts Centre in the Methodist Hall would work with Tullie House. The Director of Community Engagement felt that the proposals would be very positive for the historic quarter and projects for the area and would be in partnership with Tullie House. He was clear that it was important to ensure that the proposed Arts Centre would enhance the offer in the area and not replace any.

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendations as set out in Report RD.46/12.