

Report to Business & Transformation Scrutiny Panel

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Questions for / input required from Scrutiny:

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

Recommendations:

Members of the Business & Transformation Scrutiny Panel are asked to scrutinise the overall budgetary position for the period April to December 2020.

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- (ii) Note adjustments to the 2020/21 capital programme as detailed in paragraph 2.1;
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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In accordance with the City Council's Financial Procedure Rules, the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources 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 Corporate Director of Finance and Resources.
- 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 2020/21:

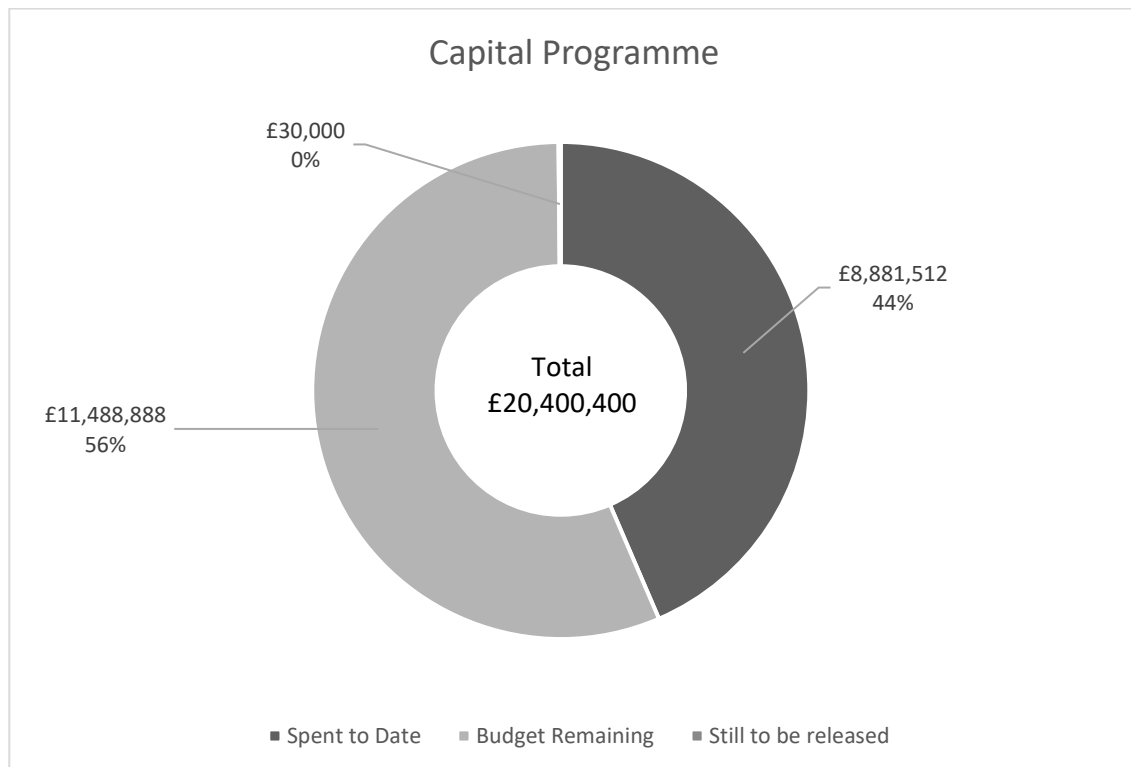
2020/21 Capital Budget	£
2020/21 Capital Programme (RD14/20 Council 14/07/20)	29,915,800
Virement from Planned Improvements of Council Properties to Civic	(20,000)
Grant received for Rough Sleeping Initiative (OD.65/20)	50,000
Reprofiling of Budget for Sands Centre (CS28/20 Council 13/10/2020)	(10,644,100)
S106 contribution towards Affordable Housing (OD.90/20)	50,700
S106 contribution towards Play Area Improvements (OD.84/20)	8,000
External Grant towards Play Area Improvements (OD.84/20)	30,000
Towns Deal Funding for Bitts Park and Caldeu Riverside (Executive 14/12/20)	1,000,000
Revenue contribution towards purchase of Waste Receptacles	10,000
Revised 2020/21 Capital Programme (at Dec 2020)	20,400,400
Less Capital Reserves to be released by Executive (see para 3.9)	(30,000)
Revised 2020/21 Capital Programme (released)	20,370,400

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

3. 2020/21 BUDGET MONITORING

3.1 The position statement as at December 2020 can be summarised as follows:

Directorate	Revised Annual Budget £	Budget to Date £	Spend to date £	Variance to date £	Para. Ref.
Community Services	10,631,200	3,688,306	3,687,229	(1,077)	3.3
Corporate Support	311,000	80,513	80,516	3	3.4
Economic Development	1,063,000	158,902	86,510	(72,392)	3.5
Governance & Regulatory Services	8,343,300	5,893,679	5,015,137	(878,542)	3.6
Total	20,348,500	9,821,400	8,869,392	(952,008)	
Exceptional Items	21,900	16,500	12,120	(4,380)	3.7
Total	20,370,400	9,837,900	8,881,512	(956,388)	
Reserves to be released	30,000	0	0	0	3.9
Total	20,400,400	9,837,900	8,881,512	(956,388)	



Schemes still to be released by the Executive are out with 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 December, expenditure of £8,881,512 has been incurred on the Council's core capital programme. When considered against the profiled budget of £9,837,900 this equates to an underspend of £965,388.
- 3.3 There are no significant variances to report in Community Services.
- 3.4 There are no significant variances to report in Corporate Support.
- 3.5 The variance in Economic Development is attributable to an underspend of £75,030 on Planning Software. This project had been delayed and has subsequently been put on hold until the impact of further changes required as a result of the Government's White Paper on the Future of Planning can be assessed. Progress has also been delayed due to limited number of market providers who are able to deliver the required product and the project will not commence now until 2021/22.

- 3.6 The variance in Governance & Regulatory Services is attributable to an underspend of £842,861 on Disabled Facilities Grants. Spend to the end of the third quarter of 2020/21 was £1,305,880 which is less than the expenditure for the same period in 2019/20 (£1,478,175). The expenditure is less due to only essential grants being offered over the lock down period and contractors being furloughed at this time. Grant work is now picking up and the DFG teams in Housing and Pollution and Homelife are very busy. The position is being closely monitored.
- 3.7 There are no significant variances to report in Exceptional Items (Flood Recovery capital expenditure).
- 3.8 The unspent balance remaining of the revised annual budget of £20,370,400 is £11,488,888. Therefore, an initial review of the 2020/21 capital programme has been undertaken to identify accurate project profiles and **the Executive are asked to recommend to Council the reprofiling of £3,031,500 from 2020/21 into future years as follows:**

Directorate	Annual Budget £	Carry Forwards 2021/22 £	Revised Annual Budget £	Spend to Date £	Budget Remaining £
Community Services	10,631,200	(2,085,700)	8,545,500	3,687,229	4,858,271
Corporate Support	311,000	(150,000)	161,000	80,516	80,484
Economic Development	1,063,000	(150,000)	913,000	86,510	826,490
Governance & Regulatory	8,343,300	(645,800)	7,697,500	5,015,137	2,682,363
Exceptional Items	21,900	0	21,900	12,120	9,780
Total	20,370,400	(3,031,500)	17,338,900	8,881,512	8,457,388
Reserves to be released	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000
Total	20,400,400	(3,031,500)	17,368,900	8,881,512	8,487,388

The unspent balance remaining of the revised annual budget of £17,368,900 is £8,487,388 as at December 2020.

- 3.9 The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the capital programme is still being fully assessed in terms of costs and progress. There is likely to be additional costs incurred on the Sands Project (as previously reported to Executive, BTSP and Council) of £750,000 for this year. This is now provided for in the revised capital budget for the Sands Project; however, it is hoped emergency government funding can be utilised to cover this.

- 3.10 One scheme is included in the capital programme for 2020/21 that requires a report to be presented to the Executive for the release of funding before the project can go ahead.

Scheme	Budget £
Cemetery Infrastructure	30,000
Total	30,000

4. FINANCING

- 4.1 The 2020/21 capital programme can be financed as follows:

	Annual Budget £	Revised Budget
Total Programme to be financed (para 2.1)	20,400,400	17,368,900
<u>Financed by:</u>		
Capital Receipts / Borrowing	11,727,200	9,607,600
Capital Grants		
• Disabled Facilities Grant	1,899,800	1,899,800
• Towns Deal	1,000,000	875,000
• General	2,336,900	2,306,900
Direct Revenue Financing	3,233,100	2,482,700
Other Contributions	203,400	196,900
Earmarked Reserves	0	0
Total Financing	20,400,400	17,368,900

5. CAPITAL RESOURCES

- 5.1 The following table shows the position as at December 2020 of the capital resources due to be received during 2020/21:

	2020/21 Annual Budget £	2020/21 Revised Budget £	2020/21 Actual £	2020/21 Not yet received £	Note
Capital Receipts					
· General	(180,000)	(180,000)	(180,000)	0	1
· Asset Review	(1,898,000)	(1,208,000)	(845,000)	363,000	1
· Vehicle Sales	0	0	(39,300)	(39,300)	2
Capital Grants					3
· Disabled Facilities Grant	(1,899,800)	(1,899,800)	(1,899,764)	36	
· Sands Centre	(2,000,000)	(2,134,000)	0	2,134,000	
· On Street Charging	(203,700)	(203,700)	(7,747)	195,953	
· Towns Deal	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	0	
· General	(110,000)	(80,000)	(80,000)	0	
Capital Contributions					
· Section 106	(155,400)	(148,900)	(139,650)	9,250	4
· Disabled Facilities Grants	0	0	(10,989)	(10,989)	
· Sands Centre	(48,000)	(48,000)	(48,047)	(47)	
Total	(7,494,900)	(6,902,400)	(4,250,497)	2,651,903	

Notes:

1. Receipts for 2020/21 are anticipated to be received from asset review sales (£1,208,000) and general sales (£180,000). The asset review receipts have been revised downwards and reprofiled into future years in line with the current Asset Disposal Plan. This was considered by Council as part of the 2021/22 budget process on 2nd February 2021.
Included within the asset review sales are receipts of £5,000 that are below the de minimis for capital receipts and will be transferred to revenue.
2. Included within vehicle sales are receipts of £39,300 for individual vehicle sales that are below the de minimis 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. Capital grants are usually received once associated capital expenditure has been incurred and the amounts then reclaimed from the sponsoring body. The anticipated grant for the Sands Centre has been updated based on the revised capital programme considered as part of the 2021/22 budget process. However, the Town Deals grant has been received in advance of spend and an element of this funding (£125,000) will be used to fund the expenditure expected to be incurred in 2021/22 (subject to a carry forward request).
4. Contributions from Section 106 agreements to Open Space Improvements (£80,700), Play Area Developments (£17,500) and Affordable Homes (£50,700).

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 2019/20 accounts, fixed assets totalled £156million (2018/19 £157million). 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. 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 December 2020 debtors of £180,000 (£2,013,685 at 31 March 2020) were outstanding for capital grants, contributions and receipts.
- 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 December 2020 totalled £157,941.93 (£1,054,384 at 31 March 2020).

7. PERFORMANCE

- 7.1 The 2020/21 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 further carry forwards at the year end due to further slippage and delays on projects. Members are reminded that budgets now totalling £30,000 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. RISKS

- 8.1 Individual capital schemes have different risks involved. A risk assessment of the overall capital programme is included in **Appendix G**.

9. CONSULTATION

- 9.1 Consultation to Date
SMT & JMT have considered the issues raised in this report.
- 9.2 Consultation Proposed
Business & Transformation Scrutiny Panel will consider the report on 18 February 2021.

10. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 The Executive is asked to:
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11. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARLISLE PLAN PRIORITIES

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

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Appendices A to G
attached to report:

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- None

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

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

PROPERTY SERVICES – Property asset implications are contained in the main body of the report.

FINANCE – Financial implications are contained in the main body of the report.

EQUALITY – This report raises no explicit issues relating to the public sector Equality Duty.

INFORMATION GOVERNANCE – There are no information governance implications.

2020/21 CAPITAL PROGRAMME
APPENDIX A

Scheme	Original Capital Programme 2020/21 £	Other Adjustments £	Updated Capital Programme 2020/21 £	Proposed Carry Forwards £	Revised Capital Programme 2020/21 £
<u>Current non-recurring commitments</u>					
Sands Centre Redevelopment	16,679,300	(10,644,100)	6,035,200	(700,000)	5,335,200
On Street Charging Points Infrastructure	203,700	0	203,700	0	203,700
Gateway 44	4,621,900	0	4,621,900	0	4,621,900
Civic Centre Development	2,581,400	0	2,581,400	(1,150,000)	1,431,400
Play Area Improvements	47,800	73,000	120,800	(36,500)	84,300
Open Space Improvements	80,700	0	80,700	0	80,700
Cemetery Infrastructure	5,700	0	5,700	(5,700)	0
Central Plaza	12,300	0	12,300	0	12,300
Planning Software	150,000	0	150,000	(150,000)	0
Bitts Park Flood Reinstatement	21,900	0	21,900	0	21,900
LED Footway Lighting Installation	203,100	11,700	214,800	0	214,800
Skew Bridge Deck	0	70,000	70,000	(68,500)	1,500
Rough Sleeping Initiative	0	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
Affordable Housing	0	50,700	50,700	0	50,700
Towns Deal - Bitts Park Improvements	0	150,000	150,000	(125,000)	25,000
Towns Deal - Caldeu Riverside Remediation	0	850,000	850,000	0	850,000
	24,607,800	(9,388,700)	15,219,100	(2,235,700)	12,983,400
<u>Recurring commitments</u>					
Planned Enhancements to Council Property	396,800	(31,700)	365,100	(145,800)	219,300
Vehicles, Plant & Equipment	1,532,400	0	1,532,400	0	1,532,400
Recycling Containers	45,000	10,000	55,000	0	55,000
ICT Infrastructure	311,000	0	311,000	(150,000)	161,000
	2,285,200	(21,700)	2,263,500	(295,800)	1,967,700
<u>Disabled Facilities Grants</u>					
Private Sector Grants	2,864,600	0	2,864,600	(500,000)	2,364,600
Empty Property Grants	23,200	0	23,200	0	23,200
	2,887,800	0	2,887,800	(500,000)	2,387,800
TOTAL	29,780,800	(9,410,400)	20,370,400	(3,031,500)	17,338,900
<u>Capital Reserves to be released</u>					
Cemetery Infrastructure	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000
Skew Bridge Deck	70,000	(70,000)	0	0	0
Play Area Improvements	35,000	(35,000)	0	0	0
	135,000	(105,000)	30,000	0	30,000
REVISED TOTAL	29,915,800	(9,515,400)	20,400,400	(3,031,500)	17,368,900

DECEMBER 2020 - CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

APPENDIX B

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Scheme	Annual Budget £	Proposed Carry Forwards £	Revised Annual Budget £	Budget to date £	Expenditure to date £	Variance to date £	Details of major variance
Vehicles & Plant	1,532,400	0	1,532,400	359,400	363,283	3,883	Replacement of vehicles to date is within the allocated budgets.
Cemetery Infrastructure	5,700	(5,700)	0	3,801	0	(3,801)	Further improvements to Fairy Beck due to be carried out in 2020/21.
Civic Centre Development	2,581,400	(1,150,000)	1,431,400	383,720	378,097	(5,623)	Project progressing as planned with works currently underway.
Play Area Developments	120,800	(36,500)	84,300	84,024	84,004	(20)	Works complete at Carliol Drive Play Area which were delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions. Work still ongoing at Carleton Farm.
Open Space Improvements	80,700	0	80,700	77,976	71,774	(6,202)	Fully funded by Section 106 monies.
Sands Centre Redevelopment	6,035,200	(700,000)	5,335,200	2,720,628	2,720,825	197	Capital expenditure for the enhancement work to Leisure Facilities. Progress is being monitored and a revised expenditure profile has been implemented to take account of delays as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.
Waste Minimisation	55,000	0	55,000	41,257	50,246	8,989	Purchase of waste receptacles are overspent against the profiled budget to date.
Skew Bridge Deck	70,000	(68,500)	1,500	0	1,500	1,500	Budget earmarked towards this scheme as part of the 2020/21 budget process. Released by Executive 13/01/2021.
Towns Deal - Bitts Park Improvements	150,000	(125,000)	25,000	17,500	17,500	0	Funding received from the Town Deal Capital Accelerated Fund and presented and approved by Executive 14/12/2020.
Grand Total	10,631,200	(2,085,700)	8,545,500	3,688,306	3,687,229	(1,077)	

DECEMBER 2020 - CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

APPENDIX C

CORPORATE SUPPORT

Scheme	Annual Budget £	Proposed Carry Forwards £	Revised Annual Budget £	Budget to date £	Expenditure to date £	Variance to date £	Details of major variance
ICT Infrastructure	311,000	(150,000)	161,000	80,513	80,516	3	Part of ICT Strategy Business Case.
Grand Total	311,000	(150,000)	161,000	80,513	80,516	3	

DECEMBER 2020 - CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING**APPENDIX D****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Scheme	Annual Budget £	Proposed Carry Forwards £	Revised Annual Budget £	Budget to date £	Expenditure to date £	Variance to date £	Details of major variance
Central Plaza	12,300	0	12,300	12,300	14,940	2,640	Costs of emergency works at Central Plaza.
Planning Software	150,000	(150,000)	0	75,030	0	(75,030)	Project on hold.
Affordable Housing	50,700	0	50,700	50,700	50,700	0	S106 funding towards provision of Affordable Homes.
Towns Deal - Caldeu Riverside Remediation	850,000	0	850,000	20,872	20,870	(2)	Funding received from the Town Deal Capital Accelerated Fund and presented and approved by Executive 14/12/2020.
Grand Total	1,063,000	(150,000)	913,000	158,902	86,510	(72,392)	

DECEMBER 2020 - CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

APPENDIX E

GOVERNANCE & REGULATORY SERVICES

Scheme	Annual Budget £	Proposed Carry Forwards £	Revised Annual Budget £	Budget to date £	Expenditure to date £	Variance to date £	Details of major variance
Planned Enhancements to Council Property	365,100	(145,800)	219,300	80,944	84,733	3,789	Individual projects progressing as planned.
Rough Sleeping Initiative	50,000	0	50,000	15,000	15,000	0	Capital grant received from MHCLG for the development of the Rough Sleeping Initiative.
Gateway 44	4,621,900	0	4,621,900	3,568,568	3,569,457	889	Development and Improvement costs associated with the Junction 44 development. Initial project nearing completion.
Disabled Facilities Grants	2,864,600	(500,000)	2,364,600	2,148,741	1,305,880	(842,861)	Mandatory Grants. Only essential grants were offered over the lock down period. Grant work is now picking up and the position is being closely monitored.
Empty Property Grants	23,200	0	23,200	20,200	20,200	0	Discretionary grants to assist getting empty properties back in to use.
On Street Charging Infrastructure	203,700	0	203,700	50,925	10,561	(40,364)	To install Electric Vehicle charge points at locations within Carlisle where residents have no access to off-street parking to encourage the uptake of electric vehicles. This project is fully funded by external grant.
LED Footway Lighting Installation	214,800	0	214,800	9,301	9,306	5	To upgrade Footway Lights to LED lanterns throughout the District resulting in energy savings and increased reliability of the lights which should reduce future maintenance costs.
Grand Total	8,343,300	(645,800)	7,697,500	5,893,679	5,015,137	(878,542)	

DECEMBER 2020 - CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING**APPENDIX F****EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

Scheme	Annual Budget £	Proposed Carry Forwards £	Revised Annual Budget £	Budget to date £	Expenditure to date £	Variance to date £	Details of major variance
IC Buildings Flood Capital	21,900	0	21,900	16,500	12,120	(4,380)	Budget in relation to approved expenditure on the reinstatement of Bitts Park.
Grand Total	21,900	0	21,900	16,500	12,120	(4,380)	

APPENDIX G

Capital Programme – Risk Assessment

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation
Capital projects are approved without a full appraisal of the project and associated business case.	Remote	High	Strengthen the role of Transformation Sub-Group when considering capital project appraisals, to include consideration of business cases
Full capital and revenue costs of a project not identified.	Remote	High	Capital spending must meet statutory definitions. Financial Services to regularly review spending charged to capital. Appraisals to identify revenue costs, including whole life costs to improve financial planning.
VAT partial exemption rules are not considered.	Remote	High	Reduced impact following the decision to elect to tax land and property. To be considered as part of Project Appraisals and assessed by Financial Services.
Capital projects are not monitored nor reviewed (post contract) to ensure that the original business case assumptions have been achieved	Reasonably probable	Marginal	Better project management skills (including contract monitoring) have been introduced through PRINCE 2. Project managers to take more ownership and responsibility for the delivery of projects, including post contract reviews.
Capital projects are not delivered to time	Reasonably Probable	High	Significant slippage in the current capital programme. Better project management skills to be introduced through PRINCE 2. Project managers to take more ownership and responsibility for the delivery of projects. The review of the capital programme currently underway will address some of these issues.
Capital projects are not delivered to budget. Major variations in spending impact on the resources of the Council.	Reasonably Probable	High	Improved capital programme monitoring through PRINCE 2 and monthly financial monitoring. Corrective action to be put in place where necessary.
Assumptions on external funding for capital projects are unrealistic	Remote	High	Potential shortfalls arising from changes to external funding have to be met from other Council resources, so assumptions need to be backed by firm offers of funding before projects are submitted for appraisal. Risk increased due to uncertainty around funding, e.g. MHCLG grants
Spending subject to specific grant approvals e.g. housing improvement grants, disabled persons adaptations varies from budget	Remote	Marginal	Specific grants are generally cash limited so variations in projects supported by funding of this nature will be monitored closely to ensure target spend is achieved to avoid loss of grant or restrictions on subsequent years grant funding.
Shortfall in level of capital resources generated from Capital Receipts	Probable	High	Economic downturn will impact - early warning so as not to over commit capital resources.