

Written response to: Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel

Resolution:

That the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources provides the Panel with written responses with regard to the following:

- a breakdown of the asset review sales and general sales receipts
- an update on the emergency works that were outstanding on the Central Plaza Scheme.

That the Panel receive information on the timescales and methods which the Council will use to deal with the Disabled Facilities Grants backlog as a result of Covid-19.

Written response from: Corporate Director of Finance & Resources

Response:

Capital receipts

As reported in the Q1 monitoring report (RD21/20) the Council has received:

- £180,000 of general capital receipts in relation to a Building Agreement at Durranhill Industrial Estate, and
- £5,000 in Asset Review receipts in relation to a wayleave - given the value this will be transferred to the revenue budget at the year end.

The annual budget for asset review capital receipts is reported at £1,898,000 and a breakdown is provided as a Part B/Private response given the commercial sensitivity of the information. Members should note that this was the assumed position as at the end of June 2020, and these figures may change in both value and year as part of the 2021/22 budget process.

Central Plaza

There is a budget provision of £12,300 in this year's capital programme (carried forward from 2019/20) to fund outstanding professional fees in relation to the emergency work undertaken at the Central Plaza. This will be fully expended during 2020/21.

Written response from: Regulatory Services Manager

Response

Disabled Facilities Grants

Spend in the second quarter of 2020/21 has picked up to £730,582. DFG work is now picking up and the DFG teams in Housing and Pollution and Homelife are very busy. There will be some carry forward but it is expected that we should be near to spending our allocation of £1.8million by the end of the fourth quarter; it should be remembered that £640,800 of the

capital shown is committed for salaries (Homelife Liaison Officer and Trusted Assessor) and the Additional Assistance for Mandatory Grant Fund. Having the Trusted Assessor Post working within Housing and Pollution is quickening the processing of applications compared to 2019/20.

Date: 15 October 2020