

## Wiltshire Council

### Cabinet

18 October 2011

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**Subject: Recommendations on the Capital Programme**

**Cabinet member: Councillor John Brady  
Finance, Performance and Risk**

**Key Decision: No**

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#### **Executive Summary**

To agree changes to the capital programme as recommended by the Cabinet Capital Assets Committee (CCAC) for onward recommendation to Council as changes to the previously approved programme.

For completeness, the report also refers to Cabinet's decision dated 13 September 2011 to recommend to Council the provision of up to £0.375 million of capital funding for the Wiltshire Incubation Environment Network.

#### **Proposals**

That the following changes to the capital programme be recommended to Council:

- a. approval of an additional £8.295m to the Transformation Programme;
- b. Cabinet Capital Assets Committee's decision to redevelop Middlefields / Hungerdown lane site for a new care home and extra care housing: The capital receipt that was factored into the capital programme be recouped from the sale of a section of the Middlefields / Hungerdown site, Seymour House, Chippenham and the sale of the Paddocks, Trowbridge and Coombe End Court, Marlborough sites as agreed by CCAC at its meeting on 14 September 2011 and
- c. approve the provision of up to £0.375 million of capital funding in respect of the Wiltshire Incubation Environment Network (as previously agreed by Cabinet).

**Reasons for Proposals**

To seek Council approval for changes to the capital programme in accordance with the constitution.

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**Interim Chief Finance Officer**

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### Purpose of Report

1. To agree changes to the capital programme as recommended by the Cabinet Capital Assets Committee (CCAC) for onward recommendation to Council as changes to the previously approved programme.

### Background

2. Under the constitution of the Council, the CCAC can only make recommendations on Capital decisions to Cabinet. Any proposed changes to the Council approved capital programme would require Council approval.

### Summary of decisions from the Cabinet Capital Assets Committee (CCAC) requiring approval:

#### Transformation programme Additional budget

3. Agenda item 5 of the CCAC meeting of the 14 September 2011 recommended to Council, via Cabinet, the approval of an additional £8.295m to the Transformation Programme as part of the Depot strategy. Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council the approval of these additional funds.

#### Older People Accommodation Development Strategy

4. The Older People Accommodation Development Strategy identified Seymour House as the preferred location to provide a specialist Care Home and Extra Care Units in Chippenham. Due to planning restrictions on developing the parkland surrounding the site, this site is no longer sufficient. The suggested site for the development is now the Middlefields / Hungerdown lane site, which was planned to be disposed of to generate a capital receipt for the capital programme. The disposal of Seymour house alone would not recoup enough of a capital receipt to pay back the capital programme.
5. In order to recoup the full receipt required to offset the loss of capital receipt for the Middlefields / Hungerdown lane site, four sources of capital receipts are

proposed: any remaining land following construction at Middlefields / Hungerdown; the sale of Seymour House once vacant; sale of the Paddocks Care home, Trowbridge to the Order of St John's (see CCAC agenda item 12); and the sale of Coombe End Court, Marlborough (see CCAC agenda item 13).

Link to CCAC reports referred to above:

<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=980&MId=5946&Ver=4>

6. If the above four sales are undertaken then the capital receipt generated will be sufficient to repay the capital programme for the loss of Middlefields / Hungerdown Lane. Cabinet is asked to recommend the change to the planned capital programme financing to Council. A breakdown of the capital receipts is included in confidential appendix A.

#### Wiltshire Incubation Environment Network

7. Cabinet at its meeting on 13 September 2011 in considering a report agreed the provision of up to £0. 375 million capital funding that would provide the capital proportion of the match funding required to draw down European Union grant aid for this project. This would enable the creation of four new business incubation and enterprise spaces to support new business and job creation in communities that were either dependent on military employment or have been hardest hit by job losses. This whilst having been previously agreed by Cabinet is included in this report in the context of capital approvals which would require Council approval.

Link to Cabinet report referred to above:

<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=5650&Ver=4>

#### **Equality and Diversity Impact of the Proposal**

8. No equality and diversity issues have been identified arising from this report

#### **Financial Implications**

9. These have been examined and are implicit throughout the report

#### **Legal Implications**

10. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

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Interim Chief Finance Officer

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the preparation of this report: NONE  
Environmental impact of the recommendations contained in this report: NONE