

**Wiltshire Council**

**Council**

**20 October 2020**

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Subject: **Financial Year 2020/21 – Quarter 1 Additions to the Capital Programme**

Cabinet Member: **Cllr Pauline Church – Cabinet member for Finance and Procurement, and Commercial Investment**

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**Executive Summary**

As part of the Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring report presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 18 August 2020 it was agreed to recommend to Full Council to approve additions to the capital programme.

[Report to Cabinet and minutes of the meeting.](#)

**Quarter 1 Capital Budget Monitoring**

The additions to the capital programme are requested to be approved so that schemes can progress. The report confirms the current additions to the capital programme that require formal approval as funding is sought from capital receipts or borrowing.

**Proposal**

Council is asked to approve additions to the capital programme of £0.464m as per Appendix A.

**Reason for Proposal**

To ensure sound financial management as part of the Councils overall control environment and to allow capital schemes to progress.

**Terence Herbert – Chief Executive**

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### **Purpose of Report**

1. As part of the Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring report presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 18 August 2020 it was agreed to recommend to Full Council to approve additions to the capital programme as at 30 June 2020.

### **CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2020/21 – QUARTER 1**

2. In February 2020, Council approved a capital programme totalling £261.535m. At its meeting on 9 June 2020 Cabinet approved the deferral of £101.684m of schemes and on 14 July 2020 Cabinet approved the Area Board Grants be brought back into the 2020/21 programme, resulting in an approved programme of £160.733m.
3. Since the beginning of the year there have been a number of other changes to the capital programme for 2020/21, largely due to reprogramming of budget from 2019/20 to 2020/21; but also, to reflect additional funding being available.
4. Budget additions largely reflect increases in funding being available and brought into the programme under the Chief Financial Officer delegated authority. They comprise of additional grants from Central Government and Section 106 contributions and other contributions used to finance capital spend within the capital programme.
5. At its meeting on 18 August Cabinet agreed to recommend to Council an increase to the overall capital programme, that included 2 schemes that required funding from council resources, namely Capital Receipts or Borrowing. These increases and the schemes can be seen in Appendix A.
6. The Carbon reduction budget is to deliver the operational property energy efficiency and generation programme as a step towards achieving carbon neutrality for its operational property portfolio. An indicative budget was allocated at 20/21 budget setting which was then followed by a detailed Cabinet report. The budget allocation sought in the Cabinet report was £0.400m more than the indicative

budget approved as part for budget setting, this amendment aligns the budget to the Cabinet report approval.

7. The Wiltshire Online programme was designed to provide a fibre broadband service to those premises that commercial broadband providers considered to be financially non-viable, additional funding of £0.064m is required this financial year.

## **OVERALL CONCLUSIONS**

8. Ongoing budget monitoring and management provides forecasts for the capital programme and identifies mitigations to ensure early identification of issues. Impacts are assessed, and action is taken to ensure overspends are not simply presented, and part of this action is to identify funding requirements that are in excess of current approvals. This report sets out the request endorsed by Cabinet at its meeting on 18 August 2020 to increase the capital programme by £0.464m from council resources.

## **Overview & Scrutiny Engagement**

9. Regular reports are taken to Overview & Scrutiny relating to the Council's financial position.

## **Safeguarding Implications**

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

## **Public Health Implications**

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

## **Procurement Implications**

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

## **Equalities and diversity impact of the proposals**

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

## **Environmental and Climate Change Considerations**

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

## **Risks Assessment**

15. Ongoing budget monitoring and management is a mitigating process to ensure early identification of issues and that action is taken.

## **Financial implications**

16. Increases to the capital programme from council resources have the impact of reducing resources available to fund other capital schemes (capital receipts) or have a cost implication to revenue (borrowing). These impacts have been assessed and are built into the financial planning forecasts for future years.

### **Legal Implications**

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

### **Proposals**

Council is asked to approve additions to the capital programme of £0.464m per Appendix A.

### **Background Papers and Consultation**

Cabinet 18 August 2020: Financial Year 2020/21 – Quarter One Budget Monitoring

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#### **Appendices:**

Appendix A: Capital Programme Additions Quarter 1 2020/21

**APPENDIX A – CAPITAL PROGRAMME ADDITIONS QUARTER 1 2020/21**

<b>SECTION 3 - REQUESTS TO CABINET FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES</b>							
<i>"Adjustment/addition of scheme to the capital programme which places an additional funding requirement on the programme"</i>							
<b>Project Name:</b>	Wiltshire Online						
<b>Budget Change:</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>	<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>		
	64,381						
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Wiltshire Council Resources (Borrowing & Capital Receipts)						
<b>Project Name:</b>	Carbon Reduction						
<b>Budget Change:</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>	<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>		
	400,000						
<b>Funding Source:</b>	Wiltshire Council Resources (Borrowing & Capital Receipts)						
	<b>464,381</b>	<b>Total requests for additional resources in Year</b>					
<p><b>In the exercise of my delegated powers (Section 1 and 2), I hereby authorise the amendments to the Capital Programme summarised above.</b></p>							
<b>CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER:</b>	Andy Brown						
<b>DATE:</b>	18th August 2020						