

## **MINUTE EXTRACT**

### **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**30 JUNE, 2021**

#### **24 CAPITAL OUTTURN FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/21**

Shaer Halewood, Director of Resources, introduced a report which detailed the Capital Out-turn for 2020/21, the resources used to fund the Programme and provided a review of the progress of the delivery of the agreed Capital Programme. The capital expenditure for the year amounted to £46.465m. This was funded from borrowing of £25.182m, Capital Grants of £20.311m, capital receipts of £0.784 m and other revenue/reserve contributions of £0.188m.

As a result of the £25.182m borrowed to finance the Capital Programme in 2020/21, the General Fund would be charged with its first repayment via the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) in 2021/22 of £0.815m. This would bring the total MRP charge for 2021/22 to £4.462m for borrowing associated with delivering the Capital Programme.

The re-profiling of schemes from 2020/21 to 2021/22 had seen the funding similarly re-profiled. This included the planned borrowing which had been deferred and had contributed towards the cost reductions in Treasury Management activities within the revenue budget. A permanent saving only occurred if schemes ceased, otherwise the full budget would be required in 2021/22 when the re-profiled expenditure was incurred. It must be noted too that this was a draft position as this was subject to External Audit sign-off of the accounts by the Council's auditor, Grant Thornton.

In response to Members' comments, Shaer Halewood stated that the appendices to the report listed all the capital programme schemes as approved at the start of the year, and that the quarter 1 financial monitoring report to come before committees in September would list where schemes were up to. She agreed that the way this was presented would be looked at as to how best the information could be shared with Members and to inform on the achievability of schemes. With regard to those schemes listed as proposed virements she agreed to provide a written response listing those which were still going ahead, where there had been slippage and those which were not, or which had been underspent. She also agreed to provide an update on proposed work at Riverside Primary School, Wallasey.

On a motion by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Yvonne Nolan, it was –

#### **RECOMMENDED – To Council,**

- (1) that the additional year end re-profiling of £27.4m from 2020/21 to 2021/22 be noted;**
- (2) that the financing of the Programme for 2020/21 be noted;**

- (3) the approval of the virements referred to in Appendix 3 of the report;**
- (4) that the Programme for 2021/22 and beyond be kept under review to ensure it is realistic, deliverable and affordable.**