

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND LIFELONG LEARNING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 30TH OCTOBER 2007

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a regular update on the Children and Young People's Capital Programme. Members are asked to note the report.

1.0 Approved Programme

1.1 The Capital Programme is formulated and planned on a three-year basis within the Council's Capital Strategy. The overall Capital Programme for 2007-10 was approved by Council on 18 December 2006 and confirmed as part of the budget at Council on 1 March 2007. A specific report for the Children and Young People's Department Schools 2007-08 Capital Programme was approved by Cabinet on the 7th June 2007. The 2007-08 Capital Programme expenditure for the department was reported to the 12th September Scrutiny Committee as £26,977,500.

2.0 Programme Changes

2.1 A summary of the changes to the programme is shown below. Appendix 1 lists the programme schemes.

2007-08 Current Approved Expenditure £	2007-08 Latest Forecast Expenditure £	2007-08 Expenditure to date £
26,977,500	25,216,100	9,654,980

2.2 The reduction in the forecast expenditure of £1,761,400 is due to slippage from the 2007-08 programme into 2008-09. A number of schemes have been revised to take account of likely spend profiles. The slippage results in both the programmed spend and the available resources being put back to the 2008-09 programme.

2.3 The Modernisation programme run across multiple financial years. It is anticipated that some Modernisation schemes will slip into 2008-09, along with the available funding.

2.4 Childrens Invest to Save currently has three care order cases approved and a further case under consideration. Whilst further uses for prudential borrowing are being investigated, there are no plans in development at this stage to utilise the remaining resources this financial year. This will mean the prudential borrowing will slip into the 2008-09 programme.

- 2.5 On the 10th October the School Capital Allocations for the Comprehensive Spending Review period of 2008-09 to 2010-11 were announced totalling £60m for Wirral. The funding sources for this (such as capital grant, supported borrowing, etc) are still to be detailed. With further work required to fully appreciate the changed allocations over this period, they have not yet been reflected within this report.

3.0 Programme Update

- 3.1 The Building Schools for the Future (BSF) – One School Pathfinder project is progressing as envisaged through its early design phases; with the Local Authority team working very closely with appointed specialists such as architects, structural engineers, mechanical engineers, information technology and curriculum advisors etc. Following representations to the Department of Children, Schools and Families revisions have been made to allocations for BSF projects to reflect construction timescales and there is an expected additional payment for buildings to meet Carbon Neutral standards; the revised funding allocation should be known shortly.
- 3.2 An extension to Bidston Village CE Primary School as part of the modernisation programme has yet to start, having been badly delayed due to a drainage issue with United Utilities.
- 3.3 The Children’s Centre Phase 1 centres are now open, with only retention payments left to pay. Work is proceeding with the nine Phase 2 centres, with many under construction. This involves the development of a small number of “satellite” centres, which are in the design stage. The forecast spend has been amended and shows all Phase 2 being completed by 31st March 2008.

4.0 Current Year Actual and Forecast Expenditure

- 4.1 The 2007-08 Capital Programme for Children and Young People’s Department is expected to be delivered within the resources identified in this report.

5.0 Financial And Staffing Implications

- 5.1 The Capital Programme is based upon resources expected from Central Government, contributions from other sources and assumes the use of capital receipts generated from the sales of assets.
- 5.2 Chief Officers are responsible for ensuring that their expenditure has been incurred on projects within the approved capital programme. The issues described above are additions or variation to the previously approved programme.
- 5.3 Chief Officers, in consultation with the Director of Finance, are responsible for reporting all overspends and underspends on capital schemes to Cabinet.
- 5.4 There are no immediate staffing implications arising directly from this report.

6.0 Equal Opportunities Implications

- 6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

7.0 Human Rights Implications

- 7.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

8.0 Community Safety Implications

8.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

9.0 Local Agenda 21 Implications

9.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

10.0 Local Members Support Implications

10.1 There are no specific implications for any Member or Ward.

11.0 Planning Implications

11.1 There are none specific to this report with individual schemes being submitted for statutory approvals as and when necessary.

12.0 Background Papers

12.1 None used in the preparation of this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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Appendix 1 - Programme Details –Children and Young People

Project	2007/08 Previous y Reported £	2007/08 Forecast Expenditur e £	2008/09 Forecast Expenditur e £	2009/10 Forecast Expenditur e £
City Learning Centres	364,400	364,400	50,000	0
Children's Centres Phase 1	50,000	50,000	0	0
Children's Centres Phase 2	1,975,800	3,121,100	0	0
Children's Services – Invest to Save	1,480,000	80,000	1,400,000	0
PFI	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Modernisation	6,012,100	4,947,600	3,984,700	3,999,900
Health and Safety	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
Targeted Capital Schemes	4,023,300	4,152,500	1,565,400	0
Formula Capital	5,956,700	5,788,200	5,475,000	5,500,000
Extended Schools	801,600	801,600	0	0
Disabled Access Schemes	560,000	560,000	560,000	560,000
PPM	205,800	205,800	200,000	200,000
Surplus Places Schemes / Primary re-organisation	465,000	315,000	400,000	0
National Grid for Learning	133,000	133,000	133,000	133,000
Old Final Accounts	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Specialist Schools	745,600	595,600	150,000	0
Playing Field Refurbishment	881,900	881,900	488,200	0
YOS/YOF schemes	444,600	444,600	0	0
Computers for Pupils	1,013,100	1,013,100	0	0
Computers for Social Work	0	97,000	0	0
Integrated Children's System	110,000	110,000	0	0
Building Schools for the Future	754,700	754,700	11,625,500	10,028,300
Poolwood / Willowtree	250,000	50,000	200,000	0
Boiler renewals	250,000	250,000	250,000	0
Emergency works	200,000	200,000	200,000	0
Oaklands Centre	0	0	350,000	0
Total	26,977,600	25,216,100	27,331,800	20,521,200

FUNDING

Source	2007/08 Forecast	2007/08 Forecast	2008/09 Forecast	2009/10 Forecast
	£	£	£	£
<u>General Capital Resources</u>				
Access Grant	560,000	560,000	560,000	560,000
SCE Modernisation	4,870,700	4,113,500	3,534,500	999,900
General Capital Resources	2,233,000	2,425,700	2,471,400	2,121,200
Sub Total	7,663,700	7,099,200	6,565,900	3,681,100
<u>Specific Capital Resources</u>				
Targeted Capital Grant	3,024,700	3,952,400	1,540,400	0
Prudential Borrowing	1,480,000	80,000	1,400,000	0
Other Grant - Education	13,527,400	13,635,500	17,412,400	16,790,100
Revenue reserve, contributions	1,281,800	450,000	413,100	50,000
Sub Total	19,313,900	18,116,900	20,765,900	16,840,100
Total	26,977,600	25,216,100	27,331,800	20,521,200