

## **METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WIRRAL**

### **FINANCE AND BEST VALUE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**21 JUNE 2006**

### **CABINET**

**28 JUNE 2006**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

#### **CAPITAL MONITORING SUMMARY 2006/07**

#### **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1. A capital monitoring report for each department has been presented to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee during the current cycle. This report provides a summary of the progress on the overall programme.

#### **2. CAPITAL MONITORING**

- 2.1. The Executive Board on 6 April 2006 agreed that a capital monitoring report would be presented to each cycle of meetings and that the report would compare progress against the approved programme.
- 2.2. Each departmental Chief Officer will report to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the progress being made on the schemes / projects approved as part of the capital programme. This report is to include references to the approval (including any approved variations), the progress (including any forecast changes and implications for future years) and the funding.
- 2.3. From the departmental reports presented to Committees I will provide a summary report to both the Finance Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet.

#### **3. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/07**

- 3.1. The capital programme for 2006/09 was submitted to Cabinet on 1 December 2005 when the base programme for the current year together with a priority list of schemes was approved. This priority ranking was based upon the appraisal criteria which links the capital strategy to the corporate plan and improvements plans.
- 3.2. Cabinet on 20 February 2006 agreed to the undertaking of additional prudential borrowing for Invest-To-Save schemes in respect of the Oval Sports Centre, Building Energy Management and Cultural Services Energy Management. The revised programme was confirmed as part of the budget at Council on 1 March 2006.

3.3 The agreed programme was reported to Committees during the current cycle of meetings.

#### 4. COUNCIL / CABINET DECISIONS

4.1 Under the Disposal of Playing Field Regulations a receipt equivalent to the playing field site area must be recycled into improvements in other sports facilities used by schools. As a result of PFI sites and the former Mount Primary School £1,457,000 is available and Cabinet on 27 April 2006 agreed a report on the usage.

#### 5. CAPITAL PROGRAMME SUMMARY

5.1. The table below compares the base programme that was approved in December 2005 with the revised programme taking account of the changes above, the creation of the new departments and the latest forecast position.

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Approved £000</b>	<b>Forecast £000</b>
Adult Social Services	4,688	3,177
Children & Young People	17,303	19,810
Corporate Services	4,555	4,773
Cultural Services	2,842	3,852
Regeneration	31,711	31,067
Technical Services	12,251	13,353
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>73,350</b>	<b>76,032</b>

5.2 The resources similarly compare the developing programme and reflect the changes above with the over-programming identified at December 2005 being covered by the need to borrow or utilise additional capital receipts.

5.3 The generation of capital receipts through the sale of assets is used to fund the programme and at this stage £7 million is included for use in 2006/07. This income, whilst uncertain in the exact timing of receipt, offers flexibility in the timing of its use and can be used to either balance the 2006/07 programme or to address future budgetary issues.

<b>Resources</b>	<b>Base £000</b>	<b>Forecast £000</b>
Supported Capital	17,020	18,591
Prudential Borrowing	9,086	10,638
Grant – HMRI	11,300	11,300
Grant – Education	12,902	13,202
Grant – Other	15,000	15,025
Revenue and Other Contributions	228	318
Capital Receipts	6,500	6,958
<b>Total resources</b>	<b>72,036</b>	<b>76,032</b>

## **6. PROGRESS ON THE PROGRAMME**

The main items reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees during the current cycle were on the composition of the programme for 2006/07 taking account of the changes. With the accounts for 2005/06 presently being completed details of any slippage in schemes will be reported to the next cycle of meetings.

### **6.1. Adult Social Services**

6.1.1 The programme reflects the functions of the new department with the prudential borrowing schemes being formulated as a key decision for Cabinet in September 2006.

### **6.2. Childrens & Young People Services**

6.2.1 The Childrens Services Invest-To-Save Schemes have now been incorporated from the former Social Services Department together with the works on playing field refurbishment which have been phased over a three year period.

### **6.3 Corporate Services**

6.3.1 A report on the Property Maintenance programme for 2006/07 is presently being prepared by the Director of Corporate Services. The 1 Business project has been included in the capital programme and is forecast to spend £1.8 million in 2006-07.

### **6.4. Cultural Services**

6.4.1 The increase is due to both the implementation of the Invest-To-Save schemes in respect of the Oval Sports Centre 5-a-side development and energy schemes and the slippage of the works, and associated grant, to Birkenhead Park.

### **6.5. Regeneration**

6.5.1 Programme reduced, along with the related grant, in respect of Single Regeneration Budget initiatives.

### **6.6 Technical Services**

6.6.1 The programme now incorporates the Energy Efficiency schemes funded through prudential borrowing.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 The variations reported above are included in the Capital Programme.

**8. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

**9. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are equal opportunities implications arising from this report for people with disabilities.

**10. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

**11. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

11.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

**12. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

12.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

**13. PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

13.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

**14. MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS**

14.1. There are none arising directly from this report.

**15. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

15.1 The Capital Monitoring reports presented to the current cycle of Committee meetings were used in the preparation of this report.

**16. RECOMMENDATIONS**

16.1 That Members note the report.

16.2 That an updated report be presented to the next meeting.

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