

REGENERATION DEPARTMENT - CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides a regular update on The Regeneration Department's Capital Programme. Members are asked to note the report.

2.0 APPROVED PROGRAMME

2.1 The Capital Programme is formulated and planned on a three-year basis within the Council's Capital Strategy. Council 1 March 2007 approved the overall Capital Programme for 2007/10. The original 2007/08 Capital Programme for the department was £30,149,400, however this has been revised for Slippage from 2006/07 and for an increase, approved by Cabinet on 7 June 2007 for Pride in our Promenades – Seacombe to New Brighton, as summarised below:

Areas	2007/08 £0
Regeneration Projects	
Renovation Grants	2,500
Clearance	15,800
Disabled Facility Grants	1,250
Single Programme (Ex Derelict Land)	300
Objective 1	3,200
SRB	1,432
Mersey Waterfront Regional Park	1,000
Business Rates Support	300
Public Conveniences	60
Total Regeneration Projects	25,842
Cultural Services Projects	
Birkenhead Park restoration	1,310
The Oval refurbishment	2,123
The Oval soccer pitches	591
The Oval Grandstand/ changing facilities	150
Play area refurbishment	145
Transform Your Space	39
Football facilities	27
Energy efficiency schemes	399
Frankby Cemetery	300
Landican Cemetery	42
Other Schemes	17
Total Cultural Services Projects	5,143
 Total Programme	 <u>30,985</u>

2.2 For detailed analysis of the revised Capital Programme for 2007/08 to 2009/10 see Appendix 1.

3.0 PROGRESS

3.1 A summary of the progress is shown below along with reasons for any significant variances. The increase from current approved expenditure to latest forecast expenditure is mainly due to slippage from 2006/07 and new schemes as detailed in the report.

Services Area:	2007/08 Current Approved Programme £	2007/08 Latest Forecast Expenditure £	2007/08 Expenditure To Date £
Regeneration Projects:	25,842,000	25,842,000	3,963,420
Cultural Services Projects:	5,143,000	5,143,000	761,950
Total Programme	30,985,000	30,985,000	4,725,370

HMRI 2007/08 and Clearance

3.2 During 2006/07 an additional £0.9million funding from the North West Development Agency and English Partnerships was received. This ensured that no resources allocated for 2007/08 had to be brought forward.

3.3 A report will be going to Cabinet on 6 September which will provide details of the requirements to adjust the 2007/08 acquisitions programme by deferring acquisitions in one area in order to facilitate acquisitions elsewhere, this is led by demand from residents and for the need to reduce speculative purchasing, and the need for the Council to stabilise and control security in the area. Actual spend to date being £1,870,000.

Public Conveniences

3.4 Slippage from 2006/07 of £60,000 will be used in 2007/08 to cover any residual costs and retentions that are outstanding. Spend to date £51,000.

Home Improvement Programme schemes

3.5 Significant progress is being made in the Triangles Group Repair Scheme with £717,000 being spent to date. An additional £186,000 has been on the Home Improvement Programme.

Objective 1

3.6 The Objective 1 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) programme covers a number of individual schemes within the Authority with the majority of expenditure being incurred under the umbrella of the Strategic Investment Area. The programme will continue to the end of March 2008, and is currently on target.

Single Regeneration Budget

3.7 Wirral Waterfront is the Authority's only remaining live SRB. Funding for this scheme is received from the North West Development Agency (NWDA) and has been extended to 2007/8. The balance of capital expenditure (£1.4m) from 2006/07 has been carried forward to 2007/08.

Mersey Waterfront Regional Park

3.8 Wirral is the accountable body for this partnership, which involves a number of Local Authorities covering the Mersey Waterfront. The programme was completed in 2006/07. Cabinet on the 7 June agreed to the inclusion in the Capital programme of the Pride in Promenades (£1m) to be funded from grant.

Birkenhead Park Restoration

- 3.9 The Birkenhead Park Heritage Lottery funded restoration is substantially complete with all of the major contracts having achieved practical completion. The planting works are subject to a one year maintenance regime as part of the landscape package 5 contract. A claim by Balfour Beatty has been evaluated and valid items agreed which are considerably below the initial claim and this can be met within the project budget. Once all the final accounts have been assessed a small amount of additional work may be possible. There are still some additional improvements to be carried out, outside the HLF remit but within the initiative, over the next year to finish off the project.

The Oval Sports Centre Refurbishment

- 3.10 The contractor, has been on site since June of this year. The refurbishment works are slightly behind schedule by one or two weeks but progress is now good. If the programme of works continues to go well then completion should still be before Christmas, allowing the centre to re-open in early January 2008.

8 Five A Side Soccer Pitches at The Oval

- 3.11 Due to the extent of other contractual works taking place across the whole of the Oval site and subsequent difficulties in agreeing shared access to the work area for the pitch contractor, it has been necessary to delay the construction of this facility. Therefore, this 20 week programme of works is likely to commence late January 2008.

The Oval Grandstand/ changing facilities

- 3.12 Phase 2 of the Grandstand changing room improvements will commence in September and be completed by the end of December for re-opening to the public in January 2008.

Play Area Refurbishment

- 3.13 Consultation is continuing with Resident Groups resulting in the implementation at Shorefields being delayed. If all issues can be resolved we are hopeful that work will commence this financial year.

Transform Your Space

- 3.14 This is a Big Lottery Fund (BLF) Grant initiative of £1.6m including match funding which is now complete. Final retention payments will be made during this financial year.

Energy Efficiency Schemes

- 3.15 The new air handling unit & dehumidification system for the swimming pool hall at Woodchurch Leisure Centre has now been installed and commissioned.

Borough Road Play Area

- 3.16 This scheme will provide a play area using money provided by a developer under the Section 106 agreement.

Cemeteries and Crematorium

- 3.17 Council on the 1 March 2007 approved prudential borrowing of £300,000 towards an extension to the existing cemetery at Frankby. The work will include drainage, kerbs and new road links plus other minor improvements.

Other Schemes

- 3.18 There are a number of schemes that have incurred slippage from 2006/07 including the football facilities improvements and The Oval running track. These schemes are mainly grant funded and should be completed this financial year.

New Scheme

3.19 The Executive Board on 26 April 2007 agreed to the progression of the New Brighton Development subject to final clarification over a number of issues. The phase 1 costs are estimated to be £11.945m. This is to be funded from a mixture of grant funding (£8.25m) and the balance potentially from the Councils own resources if phase 2 does not proceed. When the timing of the scheme has been agreed this will be incorporated into the capital programme.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Regeneration Department Capital Programme is based upon resources expected from Central Government, use of reserves and assumes the use of capital receipts generated from the sale of assets.

4.2 Chief Officers are responsible for ensuring that their expenditure has been incurred on projects within the approved capital programme. All expenditure detailed in this report is approved.

4.3 Chief Officers, in consultation with the Director of Finance, are responsible for reporting all overspends and underspends on capital schemes to Cabinet. At this early stage in the financial year I am not aware of any other likely overspends or underspends.

5.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

5.1 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 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

8.0 LOCAL MEMBERS SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

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

9.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

10.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are none arising from this report.

11.0 ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no known anti-poverty implications arising from this report.

12.0 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no known social inclusion implications arising from this report.

13.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.1 None used in the preparation of this report.

14.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

14.1 Members are asked to note the content of the report.

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Programme Details – Regeneration Department

Expenditure	Original Approval (as Estimate Book) 2007/08 £	Revised Approval and Forecast 2007/08 £	2008/09 Forecast Expenditure 2008/09 £	2009/10 Forecast Expenditure 2009/10 £
REGENERATION SCHEMES				
Renovation Grants	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Clearance	15,800,000	15,800,000	15,800,000	15,800,000
Disabled Facilities Grants	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000
Single Programme	300,000	300,000	0	0
Objective 1	3,200,000	3,200,000	0	0
SRB	1,432,000	1,432,000	0	0
Mersey Waterfront Regional Park	0	1,000,000	0	0
Public Conveniences - slippage	0	60,000	0	0
Business Rates Support	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
CULTURAL SERVICES SCHEMES				
Expenditure				
Birkenhead Park restoration	1,820,000	1,310,000	0	0
The Oval refurbishment	2,200,000	2,115,800	0	0
The Oval soccer pitches	550,000	590,700	0	0
The Oval Grandstand/ changing facilities	150,000	150,000	0	0
The Oval Running Track	0	6,600	0	0
Play area refurbishment	70,000	70,000	0	0
Transform Your Space	0	38,500	0	0
Football facilities	27,400	27,400	17,000	0
Energy efficiency schemes	250,000	399,300	0	0
Borough Road S106 Play Area	0	75,200	0	0
Frankby Cemetery	300,000	300,000	0	0
Landican Cemetery	0	42,500	300,000	0
Other Schemes	0	17,000	0	0
Total expenditure	30,149,400	30,985,000	20,167,000	19,850,000
Resources				
General Resources	10,314,600	10,335,700	7,700,000	7,700,000
Prudential Borrowing	1,250,000	1,482,500	300,000	0
Grant – HMRI	9,800,000	9,800,000	9,800,000	9,800,000
Grants – Other	8,714,800	9,221,600	2,367,000	2,350,000
Revenue / Reserves	70,000	145,200	0	0
Total Identified Resources	30,149,400	30,985,000	20,167,000	19,850,000