

WIRRAL COUNCIL

SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND INCLUSION OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 8 NOVEMBER 2007

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *This report provides the regular update on Adult Social Services Capital Expenditure and Members are asked to note the report.*

2 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007-10

- 2.1 The Capital Programme is formulated and planned on a three-year basis within the Council's Capital Strategy. The Capital Programme for Adult Services approved at Council 1 March 2007 was £3,680,000 for 2007-08.

3 PROGRESS

- 3.1 A summary of the progress is shown below along with reasons for any significant variances. Appendix 1 details the programme on a scheme-by-scheme basis

Current Approved Programme £000	Variance from original £000	Forecast Year End £000	Actual To Date £000
3,680	(1,037)	2,643	97

- 3.2 *Dale Farm* – The scheme was estimated at 40% completion. Handover is scheduled for mid-December. The current variation represents slippage from 2006/07 of the approved scheme allocation of £376,000 less architect's fees.
- 3.3 *Adult Accommodation* - Further discussions are being held with Regeneration to ensure there is a corporate approach to this strategy and a business case will be reported to Cabinet in due course. The current variation represents slippage from 2006/07.
- 3.4 *Poulton House* – Technical Services are currently preparing documents to invite tenders. The contract period is anticipated to be May–December 2008. This was a key decision, which was first identified in the Forward Plan dated 1st April 2007. The scheme and estimate were accepted at £1.9 million to be funded from within the existing Prudential Programme. The variation in 2007/08 is the result of the scheme not starting until 2008/09.
- 3.5 *Girtrell Court* - Initial consultation has taken place, and the light of the current financial climate no clear scheme is ready to be presented to Cabinet. Options will now be explored which will have the most significant impact on the Council's budget

- 3.6 *The Information Management Grant* – The grant is used to fund IT and leasing costs, and is initially included at £180,000; this figure could increase on final confirmation from the Department of Health.
- 3.7 *Dignity in care* The Department of Health has made available a grant to Local Authorities for Improving the Care Home Environment for Older People. The Grant is available for public, private and voluntary homes where the majority of places were for Older People. It aimed to improve quality through improving the physical environment and must be spent during 2007/08. Wirral's allocation is £890,000 and 10% of the total sum is to be retained by Wirral Council for administration and contingencies. Cabinet on 10th July 2007 approved arrangements made for distributing the capital improvement grant in Wirral.

4 FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Capital Programme is based upon resources expected to be received from Central Government, contributions from other sources and assumes the use of capital receipts generated from the sales 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 overspend and underspend on capital schemes to cabinet. There are no forecast variances on capital schemes in Adult Social Services other than Dale Farm, which is subject to a further report to Cabinet.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

6 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

7 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

8 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

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

9 ANTI POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

10 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

11 LOCAL MEMBERS SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

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

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1 None used in the preparation of this report.

13 RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

JOHN WEBB
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Appendix 1 - Programme Details

EXPENDITURE

Project	Current Approval 2007-08 £000	Variation From Original £000	2007/08 Forecast Expenditure £000	2007/08 Expenditure To Date £000	2008/09 Forecast Expenditure £000	2009/10 Forecast Expenditure £000
Dale Farm	0	348	348	0	0	0
Adult Accommodation	500	725	1,225	0	0	0
Poulton House	1,500	(1,500)	0	20	1,969	0
Girtrell Court	1,500	(1,500)	0	0	1,000	0
Information Management	180	0	180	0	0	0
Dignity in Care	0	890	890	77	0	0
Total	3,680	(1,037)	2,643	97	2,969	0

Source	Current Approval 2007-08 £000	2007/08 Forecast Expenditure £000	2008/09 Forecast Expenditure £000	2009/10 Forecast Expenditure £000
<u>General Capital Resources</u>				
General Capital Resources	0	348	0	0
<u>Specific Capital Resources</u>				
Prudential Borrowing	3,500	1,225	2,969	
Grants	180	1,070	0	0
Total	3,680	2,643	2,969	0