

## MEMBER'S PRIORITIES CAPITAL MONITORING – July 2007

<b>CHILDREN'S SERVICES</b>			
<b>Programme</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Anticipated Output</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Rainham Youth Community Centre from the capital budget approved 1 March 2007		Increased facilities for young people and the community in the Rainham area	Officers within the youth service are developing options for discussion with the portfolio holders for children's services and community services and ward members.
Children's minibus from the capital budget approved 1 March 2007	Provision of a minibus for transporting young people to youth service activities.	To improve access for young people to activities for young people	Minibus purchased and project launched.

<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>			
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Allotments Improvements - Phase 3	Improvements to allotments	Infrastructure improvements to allotments to improve occupancy and satisfaction levels.	Plot clearance work started and orders placed for improved water supply on sites.
Castle Interpretations	Improvements to castle visitor facilities at Rochester and Upnor.	New audio guide and refurbished shop at Rochester. New interpretation panels, self -service café area, renovated room in barrack block at Upnor.	New project, which has yet to start. Needs to be completed by 31 December 2007 to ensure grant funding can be claimed.

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Greenspace project	Fencing - Chestnut Open Space	Creation of a dog-free kick-about area.	Project not going ahead due to residents' objections. Funding has been returned for reallocation.
Chatham Waterfront	Provision of a skate/wheel park	A new quality skate park / wheel park at Chatham Waterfront.	This scheme has not progressed. Funding has been returned for reallocation.
Splashes Leisure Centre	Essential repairs.	Essential repairs to be carried out at the Splashes leisure facility – to include replacement boilers and air handling systems	The centre re-opened on 19 March 2007 as planned. Ventilation works are now fully completed. Final building works completed. Ventilation to the gym will be dealt with as a separate order.
Lordswood Ball Park	Additional sports facilities in Lordswood.	The provision of a ball park and improved new youth facilities at Lordswood Library	Project Completed
Strand Park	Improvements to the Strand	The installation of security systems such as CCTV and provide for general environmental improvement works such as the clearance of shrubs and bushes.	The project has been completed.
Greenspace project	Improvements to Priestfields Area	Environmental and infrastructure improvements to Priestfields Recreation Ground.	Car park works completed in July 2007. A cost estimate for the new water supply is awaited from Design and Surveying. Following receipt of this information environmental improvements to the entrance and play areas can be progressed.

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New Boxing Facility	Provision of a New Boxing Facility at Lordswood Leisure Centre	Provision of a boxing facility within Lordswood Leisure Centre using an existing hall.	Discussions are being held with the boxing club and Lordswood Leisure Centre. Plans from the design and surveying team are awaited. Progress may depend on the ability of the boxing club to secure funding for the project and the overall position of Lordswood Leisure Centre.
Jackson's Wheelpark	Provision of a wheelpark.	Provision of a wheelpark that conforms to British Standard PAS 35 (2001) specification for wheeled sports facilities.	Programme completion is now scheduled for the end of September. Concrete Bowls commenced.
Green Flag schemes in Rochester	Green Flag schemes in Rochester	Completion of Improvement Plan to help support the PSA2 Target for Green Flag (National Quality Standard for Parks).	Project Completed
Hempstead Library Improvements	Improved Library, Youth and play facilities at Hempstead	Improved Library, Youth and play facilities at Hempstead	The installation of the ball stop fencing is complete. The surfacing of the car park is being reviewed, as there is a concern that the loose stone surface may promote vandalism. Unspent monies within this scheme will be used to fund additional costs relating to the Lordswood Ball Park project.

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Corn Exchange	Refurbishment of the queens hall, princes hall, bar and reception area.	Improved facilities at the Corn Exchange.	A range of works is in progress. Carpet replacement to be completed during September. Scheme due to be completed in December 2007.
Replacement of contact point signage	Replacement of contact point signage at Gillingham Library	Replacement of contact point signage at Gillingham Library	Scheme in progress. Meeting with First Point of Contact staff to assess work and materials needed.
Rainham library improvements	Redecoration and rebuild of toilet facilities.	Improved facilities at Rainham Library	Project Completed
Hook Meadow Youth/Community Centre	Provision of a Ballpark and Community Safety Improvements (Fencing, CCTV and Car Park).	Improved facilities for young people and the community at Hook Meadow.	Project Completed.
Borstal Recreation Ground	Provision of a temporary pavilion.	Will provide mobile provision of showers, WC and changing facilities at Borstal until permanent facility is in place.	Two options have been identified within the budget available. Pre-planning meetings have taken place prior to planning permission being sought. Design issues need to be resolved and have delayed this project.
Medway Extreme Sports	Provision of an outdoor event for young people.	An excellent outdoor event involving young people in the summer.	The summer event was held and was very successful. The target attendance was over-achieved by 2000 (40%). External income is being sought to offset the expenditure exceeding the budget provision.

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Castle Gardens	Soundproofing for concerts	Reduced noise for local residents in line with licence restrictions.	All baffling was in place for the July set of summer concerts. The project is complete, but payment of final invoices is awaited.
Riverside and Capstone Country Parks	Improvements - CCTV and security	Based on bid to Capital and Property board and Community safety partnership. Will provide more secure premises to reduce vandalism costs.	Initial meetings have taken place to determine requirements. The CCTV and fencing will be in place by the end of December 2007.
Watts Meadow	Provision of environmental improvements.	Deliver the Watts Meadow draft management action plan.	The Plan has been distributed to members of the Watts Meadow volunteer group for comments. Additional litter and dog bins have been ordered. Contact has been made with members of the group requesting dates for a meeting to discuss proposals.
Mobile Children/YP Library	Provision of a mobile library	Improved facilities for young people and the community.	Project Completed. The vehicle went into full service in June 2007 and the project is complete. The project has incurred an overspending of £3,119, which needs to be addressed.

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CCTV	Increase in the number of CCTV camera within Medway to promote a safer living environment	Increased number of CCTV cameras	A works programme is currently being progressed. Some difficulties have been experienced with siting of cameras and relaying images back to the control centre.
Local Development Framework	Production of the Local Development Framework document	To meet our legal obligations to produce the development plan documents	Current works are on target to meet our statutory deadlines
New Pavement – Lower Rainham	A new pavement at Berengrave lane	A safer route for pedestrians	Scheme design to commence short;y.
Pavement Repairs – Rest of Medway	Improve and repair a number of pavements.	Provide a better and safer environment for pedestrians	Identification of schemes to commence shortly..
Warden Vehicles – Sign Writing	Implementing a standard sign format for all of the council's vehicles.	Provide clear and visible presence of Wardens within the community.	Work has now been completed.
Medway Tunnel – Dot Matrix Signs	Erection of information signs	Improved information regarding tunnel closure	This is linked to the Urban Traffic Management Control Scheme and is currently being designed
Road Speed Warning Signs	Installation of a number of speed warning signs	Improve road safety	Currently working on batch 2 and the further £150K has now been released schemes have been identified and are currently being progressed.
Roundabout/Road Improvements	A number of road improvement schemes	Improve road safety	Further schemes are currently being investigated.

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Other Improvements – Mierscourt Road and Coach Park VIC	Footway works and removal of wall.	Improved and safer access for pedestrians	Footway works are now complete.
Corporation Street Car Park Improvements	Removal of public convenience	New parking spaces being created and improved image of this car park	Works have now been completed
Improvements to Gillingham High Street	To improve the street scene in Gillingham High Street	Enhance the street scene, including car parks, in the Gillingham Town Centre area.	Parking changes complete, studs still required, gates being designed.
Rainham Car Park Signage	Design and installation of car park signage	Improve access to parking facilities	Car parking signs are being designed
Napier Road V A Signs	Installation of 2 vehicle activated signs	2 Vas signs to combat excessive vehicular speed	Traffic survey completed. Ward Members informed of proposals and consultation now commenced.
Chatham Hill Iron Railings			Missing railing have been reinstated therefore need to fund replacement is not now required.
Churchfields to Esplanade Footpath Improvements	Footpath improvements	Repaired and improved hand railing	Works complete
Wainscott School Railings	Repair hand railing	Repainted and improved safety barrier	Works complete
Rainham Alleyway Lighting	Installation of lighting	Improved safety for pedestrians using alleyway	Negotiations with owners of property to fix lights on wall as preferred option.

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Cliffe Toilets Refurbishment	Toilet refurbishment	Provide better facilities for the public and improve the aesthetics of the local environment, aiming to reduce the possibility of vandalism by removing potential items that are targeted.	Work has now commenced. Completion end of August.
Other Improvements - Angel Corner	Soft furnishings	Improved seating and planting	Work has now been completed.