

**BUSINESS SUPPORT
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/2011 AND BEYOND

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Summary

This report sets out a provisional programme of capital investment for 2010/2011 and beyond.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 According to the Council's constitution, it is the responsibility of Cabinet, supported by the Management Team, to publish initial budget proposals. These proposals should be submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Committees for their views.

2. Background

2.1 The comments and recommendations of all Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be channelled through this Committee on 2 February 2010, for onward despatch to the Cabinet.

2.2 Cabinet, on 24 November 2009, considered the draft Capital budget for 2010/2011 and beyond. This budget report is attached, in its entirety, as an appendix to this report.

2.3 Cabinet made the following decisions at it's meeting:

***Decision
number:***

Decision:

The Cabinet noted the unsupported capital commitments from 2009/2010 as summarised in Tables 1(a) and 1(b) of the report.

The Cabinet noted the scheme funded from unsupported borrowing as summarised in Table 2 of the report.

The Cabinet noted the additional funding required for Disabled Facilities Grants, as indicated in paragraph 3.6 of the report, for consideration in the draft capital programme.

The Cabinet noted the actual and indicative capital allocations for 2010/2011 as summarised in Tables 3 and 4 of the report.

193/2009 The Cabinet agreed to forward the provisional draft capital programme to Overview and Scrutiny as work in progress inviting them to offer comments on the proposals outlined.

2.4 Cabinet also considered a report seeking capital funding for a further Historic Grants Scheme for the Lower High Street area between Rochester and Chatham. It was noted that the existing Townscape Heritage Initiative grant scheme for Rochester and Chatham would end in January 2011 and by that date £1.6 million of Council and Heritage Lottery Fund monies would have been spent on restoring over 35 historic buildings within the Star Hill – Sun Pier Conservation Area. It was noted that there was currently no budget provision for this project, but in principle support was being sought subject to funding being made available at a later stage.

2.5 Cabinet made the following decision:

198/2009 The Cabinet agreed to confirm its support in principle for applying for an English Heritage grant under the “Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas” (PSiCAs) scheme and agreed to consider the inclusion of the sum of £300,000 (over 3 years) as the Council’s contribution to the PSiCAs scheme into the discussions on the Council’s capital programme.

2.6 The timetable for consideration by overview and scrutiny is as follows:

Regeneration, Community and Culture	13 January 2010
Children and Adult’s	19 January 2010
Health and Adult Social Care	21 January 2010
Business Support	2 February 2010
Cabinet	16 February 2010
Council	25 February 2010

3. Financial and legal implications

3.1 As stated in the Cabinet Report.

4. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the provisional programme of capital investment for 2010/2011 and beyond, including the additional scheme referred to in paragraph 2.5, and forward the programme to individual Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

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Background papers

Report to Cabinet 24 November 2009