

COUNCIL

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ADDITION TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

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Summary

This report presents an addition to the Capital Programme for approval.

1. Budget and policy framework

1.1 It is the responsibility of Cabinet to ensure that expenditure for each capital scheme remains within the budget approved by the Council but it remains the responsibility of Council to approve schemes for inclusion in the capital programme.

2. Background

2.1 The Cabinet considered a Gateway 3 Procurement Tender Process Review and Contract Award in respect of improvements to Medway Crematorium Stage 2 on 17 April 2012, following initial consideration at the Strategic Procurement Board on 14 March 2012.

2.2 This project is for the provision of new cremators, mercury abatement equipment (which will be a statutory requirement as of 31 December 2012), together with better car parking arrangements and the enlargement of two chapels, both of which are intended to improve the facilities for visitors.

2.3 The Cabinet agreed the award of this contract to Provian Construction.

2.4 The Cabinet report detailed the budget requirement to undertake the project and that an addition to the existing capital programme of £969,437 was required to reflect the revised scheme total of £2,726,437.

2.5 The exempt appendix to the Cabinet report provided detailed information as to the increase in the total budget and that it was anticipated that the additional £969,437 would be funded via prudential borrowing.

3. Risk Management

3.1 Risk management regarding the contract award was set out in the Cabinet report.

4. Financial and Legal Implications

- 4.1 The financial implications are set out in the main body of the report.
- 4.2 The legal implications regarding the contract award were set out in the Cabinet report. There are no direct legal implications regarding the addition to the Capital Programme.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Cabinet recommends that Council approve the addition to the existing Capital Programme for the Improvements to Medway Crematorium Stage 2 project as detailed in paragraph 2.4 of the report.

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Background papers

Gateway 3 Procurement Tender Process Review and Contract Award: Improvements to Medway Crematorium Stage 2 report to Cabinet 17 April 2012
Capital Budget approved by Council 24 February 2011
Capital Budget Monitoring report – Cabinet 2 August 2011
Monthly monitoring returns submitted by budget managers