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ADDITIONS TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

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Summary

This report provides details of two schemes to be added to the Council's Capital Programme.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 Additions to the Capital Programme are a matter for Council.

2. Background

2.1 The Cabinet has recently recommended to Full Council to add two schemes to the Council's Capital Programme. Specifically, Cabinet considered the Capital Budget Monitoring report on 29 October 2013 and recommended to Full Council to add a sum to the Capital Programme to fund pressures against the Integrated Care System project.

2.2 In addition, Cabinet considered a report on the Integration of the Youth Offending Team and Youth Service on 17 December 2013 which recommended to Full Council to add a sum to the Capital Programme for the development of the Strood Youth Centre Training Room.

3. Integrated Care System

3.1 The Cabinet recommended to Full Council a £59,085 addition to the capital programme for 2013-14. This a revenue contribution to capital, funded from a New Burdens Grant. It is needed to fund additional costs of implementation, including purchase of additional scanners and an extension of the 'floorwalkers' support to assist staff in using the new system.

4. Integrating the Youth Offending Team and Youth Service

- 4.1 The Cabinet considered a report on the integration of the Youth Offending Team (YOT) and the Youth Service. Part of the proposals related to the co-location of the YOT and the Youth Service at the Strood Youth Centre and the need for the development of an open plan office at this location. The Cabinet recommended to Full Council to add up to £50,000 for the development of the Strood Youth Centre Training Room. This would be funded by the capital receipt generated from the disposal of 67 Balfour Road (the current location for the YOT).

5. Advice and analysis

- 5.1 This is set out in the body of the report.

6. Risk management

Risk	Description	Action to avoid or mitigate risk	Risk rating
Failure to deliver the ICS project within budget.		Additional non-ringfenced grant made available to respond to new reporting requirements. However, the project had already addressed this, so the funds are available to support implementation.	
Failure to deliver the proposed restructure of Youth Services with YOT.	It is essential that the two services co-locate in order to facilitate more integrated working and deliver efficiencies.	Use of part of the receipt from disposal of 67 Balfour Road, to fund development of the training room at Strood Youth Centre.	
Failure to dispose of 67 Balfour Road.	The disposal of Balfour Road and the co-location of the YOT with Youth Services are interdependent. Without the move to Strood Youth Centre, Balfour Road cannot be disposed of and part of the capital receipt from Balfour Road is to be used to fund the re-location.	Development of the training room at Strood Youth Centre will allow the relocation to take place and free up 67 Balfour Road for disposal.	

7. Consultation

- 7.1 This is set out in the body of the report.

8. Financial and legal implications

8.1 These are set out in the body of the report.

9. Recommendations

9.1 Council is asked to approve the addition to the Capital Programme of a £59,085 revenue contribution to capital, funded from a New Burdens Grant, to fund pressures against the Integrated Care System project.

9.2 Council is asked approve the addition to the Capital Programme of up to £50,000 for the development of the Strood Youth Centre Training Room.

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Background papers

Capital Budget Monitoring - Cabinet 29 October 2013:
<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=11103>

Integrating Youth Offending Team and Youth Service – Cabinet 17 December 2013
<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=11972>