

# BUSINESS SUPPORT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 26 OCTOBER 2017

## **CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2017/18 – QUARTER 1**

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#### **Summary**

This report presents the results of the Council's capital monitoring for Quarter 1 of the 2017/18 financial year, including out-turn forecasts and reference to any new schemes for approval.

#### 1. Budget and policy framework

1.1. Cabinet are responsible for ensuring that expenditure for each capital scheme remains within the budget approved by Council.

#### 2. Background

2.1. The approved capital programme for 2017/18 is £78.305m, comprising £64.526m in respect of brought forward schemes and £13.779m of new approvals. This report consolidates the capital expenditure forecasts prepared by each directorate. Appendix 1 gives the full programme by programme detail. The notes in section 3 and 4 of this report below represent a commentary on areas of concern or items of particular interest.

#### 3. Forecast Position at Quarter 1

3.1. Table 1 summarises the overall capital programme and the latest forecast position:

	Current Round Budget	2017/18 Forecast	2018/19 Forecast	2019/20 Forecast	2020/21 Forecast	Forecast Variance
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Children and Adults	17,518	13,784	3,803	0	0	69
Regeneration, Culture,	48,480	26,353	16,914	4,180	1,014	(19)
Environment and						
Transformation						
Housing Revenue Account	6,080	5,526	554	0	0	0
Business Support	787	781	0	0	6	0
Digital Transformation	5,187	3,354	1,833	0	0	0
Members Priorities	253	253	0	0	0	0
Total	78,305	50,051	23,104	4,180	1,020	50

3.2. Table 2 shows how the current programme is funded:

Funding Source	C&A	RCET	HRA	BSD	Digital Transformation	Member Priorities	Total
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
Borrowing	0	5,200	0	0	5,187	0	10,465
Capital Grants	9,305	37,296	0	31	0	0	46,632
Capital Receipts	0	2,366	0	532	0	253	3,151
S106 Contributions	8,213	2,156	0	0	0	0	10,369
Revenue / Reserves	0	1,462	6,080	224	0	0	7,766
	17,518	48,480	6,080	787	5,187	253	78,305

- 3.3. The projected overspend of £69,000 on Children and Adults relates to adaptations to social care buildings, and officer discussions on actions to reduce this overspend are ongoing.
- 3.4. The projected underspend on Regeneration, Community, Environment and Transformation relates to the Strand Play Area which has been completed under budget.

#### 4. New Schemes and Virements

4.1 When the Council set the 2017/18 school capital condition budgets, the Local Authority allocations had not been published; therefore a conservative estimate of £1.0m was included within approved capital programme. The allocations have now been published and Medway were awarded £1.466m. The budget will be increased accordingly in quarter 2, under the Chief Finance Officer's delegation.

#### 5. Risk Analysis

5.1. The report provides detailed information regarding individual schemes and no significant risks have been identified to the current programme.

#### 6. Financial and Legal Implications

6.1. The financial implications are fully analysed in the report. There are no direct legal implications to this report.

#### 7. Recommendations

- 7.1. Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee are requested to note the additional funding identified in section 4, to be added to the programme in quarter 2 under the Chief Finance Officer's delegation.
- 7.2. Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee are also asked to note the spending forecasts summarised at Table 1.

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# **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Capital Budget Monitoring details

# **Background Papers**

Capital budget approved by Council 23 February 2017

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