

Cabinet - 5 February 2015

Report of the County Treasurer

Electoral Division affected: All

Money Matters - The Capital Investment Programme 2015/16 and Beyond (Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The County Council has previously approved Capital Investment Programmes for new starts up to and including 2014/15. Given the announcement in the Local Government Finance Settlement of a number of long term capital grants and the continuation of budgetary provision for vehicle replacement it is appropriate for the Cabinet to consider recommendations to the Full Council which incorporate these resources into the capital programme.

The details set out in the report at Appendix 'A' and Annexes 1 and 2 continue the previous practice of passporting resources to the relevant service in order to meet known demands. There do, however, remain a range of risks both in terms of future demand and resources which should be considered in framing the County Council's overall budget covering both revenue and capital spending.

Recommendation

Cabinet is recommended to:

- (i) Note the level of additional capital resources made available through the Local Government Finance Settlement, and approve the passporting of central government resources announced for all years to the relevant programmes;

- (ii) Recommend to Full Council the capital investment programme for 2015/16 including the incorporation of the following resources from Capital Grants into the relevant forward Capital Investment Programme, and delegate any adjustments in phasing to the s151 Officer in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council:

Start Year	2015/16 £m	2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m	Total £m
Schools (Provisional)	21.168			21.168
Integrated Transport	6.054	6.054	6.054	18.162
Highway Maintenance	23.075	21.154	20.514	64.743
Adult Social Care – Extra Housing Strategy	3.073			3.073
Adult Social Care – Disabled Facilities Grants	6.365			6.365
Total	59.735	27.208	26.568	113.511

- (iii) Passport the Disabled Facilities Grant to the City and Borough Councils in line with the relevant grant conditions;
- (iv) Note that the service offer proposals to 2017/18 includes provision of £3.2m per annum for the financing of the vehicle replacement programme, and recommends the Full Council to incorporate these resources into the relevant forward Capital Programme;
- (v) To consider the allocation of £5m from the available one-off resources as set out in the 2015/16 revenue budget report to support the forecast shortfall on capital receipts;
- (vi) Note the draft programme at Annex 1 incorporating changes in phasing and the nature of various schemes together with the above recommendations and consider recommendations to Full Council;
- (vii) Consider the allocation of Highways and Transport capital resources for new starts as set out in Annex 2 and appropriate recommendations to Full Council;
- (viii) Note the County Treasurer's assessment of the financial risks associated with the Capital Investment programme.

Background and Advice

As set out at Appendix 'A'.

Consultations

As set out at Appendix 'A'.

Implications:

As set out at Appendix 'A'.

Risk management

As set out at Appendix 'A'.

List of Background Papers

N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A