

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22 UPDATE1. Purpose of report

To seek approval to revise the Capital Programme for 2021/22.

2. Detail

The previous year's Capital Programme was delayed in several areas due primarily to the effects of the pandemic and national restrictions on activity. Accordingly, the outturn report for 2020/21 identified carry forward budgets of £8,495,900 into 2021/22. All projects are being reviewed to ensure revised timescales are identified, phasing of expenditure matches to activity and that all targets can be met. A summary expenditure analysis of progress with all capital schemes will be brought to the next meeting of this Committee in December.

In the meantime, there are a number of new projects that are required in respect of property asset development, transport and ICT technical infrastructure. The table in the appendix sets out amendments identified in the Capital Programme together with likely financing that will be confirmed at the end of the current financial year.

Any further changes to the Capital Programme will be reported to Committee as necessary.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the capital budget variations for 2021/22 as set out in the appendix be approved.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

Capital Budget Amendments and Capital Financial

Activity	Spend £	Commentary	Financing
Purchase of two new electric vehicles for mobile cleaning staff	44,000	The Council is currently renting two vehicles for use by mobile cleaning staff at a cost of £5,500 per unit per annum. The anticipated cost of purchasing two new electric vehicles is £44,000 with an expected life of 15 years. This represents a short payback period for the purchases when compared to current rental arrangements.	Funded by Housing Revenue Account (HRA) borrowing. While the HRA will pick up the borrowing costs over the anticipated asset life, this should be comfortably offset by the rental savings. These costs/savings will be reflected in the HRA budgets for subsequent years.
Further Beeston Square Redevelopment	500,000	Redevelopment of the 'Argos block' in Beeston Square as agreed by the Beeston Town Centres Board in September 2021.	The redevelopment may be met from General Fund (GF) capital receipts, if available. Otherwise the scheme will be funded by borrowing.
Technical Infrastructure Architecture – Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (EA) Renewal	(100,000)	Additional cost of changes to the Microsoft EA as part of the upgrade of the telephony solution. Microsoft has finalised the Government pricing strategy (DTA21) used to determine prices for the next three years. The resulting revenue cost increase will be funded by a further £100k being removed from the ICT Technical Infrastructure Architecture capital budget.	Reduction in the capital budget will reduce the impact on GF capital receipts and additional borrowing.
Leisure Facilities Strategy – Feasibility Study for Bramcote Leisure Centre	11,000	Following the report to Policy and Performance Committee on 1 July 2021, further development on Leisure Facilities Strategy with consultancy on a feasibility/option appraisal of the Bramcote site.	Additional borrowing.
Total	455,000		