



POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – INFORMATION ITEM

**SUBJECT: 2020/21 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE MONITORING REPORT
(PERIOD 9)**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE
SERVICES**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Scrutiny Committee of projected capital expenditure for the 2020/21 financial year.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The report provides details of actual and projected capital expenditure based on information available as at month 9 of the 2020/21 financial year.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To ensure that Members are updated on projected spend for the 2020/21 Capital Programme.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 The approved Capital Programme for the 2020/21 financial year totalled £46.042m, consisting of £11.363m for the General Fund and £34.679m for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). Appendix 1 provides details of the 2020/21 approved budget, the 2019/20 slippage carried forward and additional in-year funding for 2020/21 as at period 9.
- 5.2 Actual expenditure as at period 9 has been reviewed and budget holders have provided updates on anticipated spend for the remainder of the financial year. Schemes totalling £68.705m have been identified that are unlikely to be delivered in 2020/21. Consequently, these schemes will be carried forward as slippage into the 2021/22 financial year. A summary is provided in the table below: -

Service Area	Scheme	£'000
Corporate Services	Various Corporate Services	24
Corporate Services	Corporate Projects	18,461
Corporate Services	IT Hardware and Software	426
Corporate Services	Funding to be allocated	5,653
Education	Education Capital Maintenance Grant	3,226
Education	Asset Management	663
Education	Various Education Schemes	184
Environment - Community & Leisure Services	Ty Duffryn Waste Transfer Station	769
Environment - Community & Leisure Services	Playground Reinstatement (S106)	290
Environment - Community & Leisure Services	Various CLS Schemes	495
Environment-Business Enterprise Renewal Team	Various Business Enterprise Renewal Team Schemes	121
Environment- Infrastructure	Passenger Transport Capital	122
Environment- Infrastructure	Caerphilly Basin Strategic Highway (S106)	366
Environment- Infrastructure	General s106 Balances	752
Environment- Infrastructure	Various Highways Liabilities	671
Environment- Infrastructure	Infrastructure Retaining Walls	72
Environment- Infrastructure	Ystrad Mynach Park & Ride	170
Environment- Infrastructure	Bridge Strengthening	254
Environment-Infrastructure	Footway Resurfacing	460
Environment- Infrastructure	Various Infrastructure Schemes	1336
Environment- Infrastructure	Corporate Maintenance Tips, Mines & Spoils	816
Environment- Infrastructure	Llanbradach Park & Ride	298
Environment- Infrastructure	Monmouth & Brecon Canal	666
Environment- Public Protection	Kitchen Refurbishments	319
Environment- Public Protection	Various Public Protection Schemes	156
Private Housing	Various Private Housing Grant Breaches	54
Private Housing	Disabled Facility Grants	1,688
Private Housing	Home Improvement Loans	1,252
Private Housing	Miscellaneous & Renewal Area	595
Private Housing	Home Repair Grant	1,734
Property Services	Demolition Pontllanfraith School	833
Property Services	Penallta House Car Park Extension	130
Property Services	Former Meals On Wheels Pengam	163
Property Services	Other Property Schemes	81
Social Services	Children's Centre Complex Needs	3,069
Social Services	Other Social Services Schemes	1,944
Housing Revenue Account	HRA	20,392
Total: -		68,705

5.3 Members are asked to note the following reasons for the more significant areas that are forecast to slip into the 2021/22 financial year: -

- £18.461m has been allocated to the Council's Place Shaping Plan.
 - The majority of the £5.653m unallocated in Corporate Services will be allocated to specific projects prior to the 31st March 2021.
 - £3.226m Education capital maintenance grant that was received late in March 2020 is to be carried forward. Works have been identified but not undertaken in 2020/21 due to a lack of resources and the impact of Covid-19, and the impact of the works on school operational times.
 - £769k held against Ty Duffryn relates to funding that was initially set aside for a potential Waste Transfer Station. However, the capital scheme is no longer progressing. The funding is to remain ring-fenced pending a decision on the proposal to expand Penallta Household Waste Recycling Centre into the adjacent Parks Depot, which is deemed to be an alternative waste capital scheme and anticipated to cost circa £690k. A report will be presented to Cabinet in due course.
 - £816k held against Corporate Maintenance Tips, Mines & Spoils. This work has not been undertaken and the funding is to be carried forward.
 - The £5.232m slippage in Private Housing is due to the suspension of various grants and loan schemes as a consequence of Covid-19. These funds will be carried forward to deal with the backlog of applications in 2021/22.
 - £833k held against the demolition Pontllanfraith School – This budget is currently earmarked in the event of demolition being approved.
 - £3.069m for the Children's Centre for Complex Needs – This funding is being held pending the agreement of a final scheme.
- 5.4 The £20.392m slippage on the HRA is as a result of the WHQS completion being extended to December 2021 and the Post Asset Management Strategy (PAMS) programme facing delays as a result of Covid-19.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 The details set out in the report are based on actual expenditure between 1st April 2020 and 31st December 2020 and projected expenditure to 31st March 2021.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 This report is for information purposes, so the Council's Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) process does not need to be applied.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 As detailed throughout the report.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

10. CONSULTATIONS

10.1 There are no consultation responses that have not been reflected in this report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Local Government Acts 1972 and 2003.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Capital Monitoring 2020/21 (Period 9)

Background Papers:

Special Council (20/02/20) – Budget Proposals for 2020/21 and Medium-Term Financial Outlook