



POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 21ST FEBRUARY 2023

**SUBJECT: 2022/23 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE MONITORING REPORT
(PERIOD 9)**

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

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform members of the projected capital expenditure for the 2022/23 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 2022/23 financial year.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 To ensure that members are advised of projected spend for the 2022/23 Capital Programme.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 The approved Capital Programme for the 2022/23 financial year totals £37.94m, consisting of £10.02m for the General Fund and £27.92m for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as per their approved 2022/23 business plan. Appendix 1 provides details of the 2022/23 approved budget, the 2021/22 slippage carried forward and additional in-year funding for 2022/23 as at period 7.

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 £72m have been identified that are unlikely to be delivered in 2022/23. Consequently, these schemes will be carried forward as slippage into the 2023/24 financial year. Members will note from the table below that the majority of the slippage relates to Education (21%); Private Housing (12%); Social Services (6%); and the HRA programme (12%).

Service Area	Scheme	£'000
Corporate Services	Various Corporate Services	56
Corporate Services	IT Budgets	341
Corporate Services	Funding to be allocated	1,809
Corporate Services	Place Shaping Agenda	25,099
Education	Cwm Gwyddon School	3,950
Education	Education Capital Maintenance Grant	5,152
Education	Schools to Community Grant	1,031
Education	Asset Management	993
Education	Free School Meals Grant	1,979
Education	Basic Needs Accommodation	585
Education	Health and Safety	583
Education	Various Schemes	664
Economy and Environment - Community and Leisure Services	Ty Duffryn Waste Transfer Station	769
Economy and Environment - Community and Leisure Services	Playground Reinstatement (S106)	343
Economy and Environment-Community and Leisure Services	Visitor Centre Penallta Park	897
Economy and Environment - Community and Leisure Services	Cemeteries	246
Economy and Environment-Community & Leisure Services	Various Schemes	269
Economy and Environment-Economic Regeneration	Cwm lfor Solar Farm	240
Economy and Environment-Economic Regeneration	Various Economic Regeneration Schemes	308
Economy and Environment-Infrastructure	Caerphilly Basin Strategic Highway (S106)	581
Economy and Environment-Infrastructure	Various Historic Highways Liabilities	752
Economy and Environment-Infrastructure	Corporate Maintenance Tips, Mines and Spoils	632
Economy and Environment-Infrastructure	Park and Ride Schemes	520
Economy and Environment-Infrastructure	Various Infrastructure Schemes	718
Economy and Environment- Public Protection	Kitchen Refurbishments	571
Economy and Environment- Public Protection	Various Public Protection Schemes	392
Private Housing	Disabled Facility Grants	2,811
Private Housing	Home Improvement Loans	1,540
Private Housing	Miscellaneous & Renewal Area	711
Private Housing	Home Repair Grant	2,936
Private Housing	Various Private Housing Schemes	408

Property Services	Demolition Pontllanfraith School	820
Property Services	Former Meals On Wheels Pengam	160
Property Services	Other Property Schemes	175
Social Services	New Respite Facility	4,632
HRA	HRA	8,342
Total: -		72,015

5.3 Members are asked to note the following reasons for the cause of large capital budgets that are forecasted to slip into 2023/24 financial year:

- The £25.099m within Corporate Services is the balance available on the Council's 'Place Shaping Agenda' capital earmarked reserve.
- £3.950m of the Education slippage is in relation to Cwm Gwyddon primary school. This is planned work into 23/24.
- £5.152m Education capital maintenance grant is in relation to additional Welsh Government (WG) grant monies that were awarded to the Council late in the financial year. These monies have displaced expenditure from the original budget allocated. Works have been identified for these monies however due to the impact of the works on school operational times these works are likely to be undertaken in Summer 2023. This is also applicable to the Free School Meals Grant and Schools to Community Grant of £1.979m and £1.031m respectively.
- £769m in relation to Ty Duffryn Waste Station, this scheme is no longer going ahead. However, a Waste Strategy is due to be approved by Cabinet with the intention that these monies will be reallocated for alternative uses within the Waste Division.
- £897k is in relation to a Visitor Penallta Park. This scheme is under review due to increase in build costs.
- £799k is held in relation to Historic Highways Liabilities and Outstanding Claims.
- £632m is held against Corporate Maintenance Tips, Mines & Spoils. A scheme at Fochriw Tip is currently ongoing.
- £1.5m slippage in relation to Private Housing is ringfenced to make Home Improvement Loans. £5.7m slippage of Private Housing Grants has been due to the fact that applications to the funds were put on hold in 2020-21 due to Covid-19 and subsequent resourcing issues with contractors. These funds are expected to be carried forward to deal with the backlog of applications in 2023-24.
- £833k held against the demolition Pontllanfraith School – These works are currently commencing.
- £4.632m has been earmarked to provide a new respite facility.

5.4 The £8.342m slippage on HRA is due to the delay in progressing the Post Asset Management Strategy (PAMS) programme.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

6.1 The details set out in the report are based on actual expenditure between 1st April 2022 and 31st December 2022 and projected expenditure to 31st March 2023.

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 – Period 9 2022/23 Financial Summary