



CORPORATE AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 9TH JANUARY 2024

**SUBJECT: 2023/24 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE MONITORING REPORT
(PERIOD 7)**

**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 2023/24 financial year.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 This report provides details of actual and projected capital expenditure based on information available as at month 7 of the 2023/24 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 2023/24 Capital Programme.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 The approved core Capital Programme for the 2023/24 financial year totals £47.289m, consisting of £11.636m for the General Fund and £35.653m for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The total Capital Programme budget for 2023/24 is £151.369m, this includes the 2022/23 slippage brought forward of £90.982m and additional in-year funding of £13.098m. Appendix 1 provides a summary by service as at period 7.

5.2 Actual expenditure as at period 7 has been reviewed and budget holders have provided updates on forecast spend for the remainder of the financial year. Schemes totalling £86.855m have been identified that are unlikely to be delivered in 2023/24. Consequently, these schemes will be carried forward as slippage into the 2024/25 financial year. Members will note from Appendix 1 that the majority of the slippage relates to BERT (26%); Education (21%); Community & Leisure Services (17%); and

Private Housing (11%).

- 5.3 As part of the Mobilising Team Caerphilly work, the capital programme has been reviewed. The capital budget going forward will be profiled over multiple financial years in line with forecast expenditure to ensure a robust and deliverable programme and allow for detailed financial performance and slippage to be reported on. As a consequence of this, the capital monitoring reports will change significantly for 2024/25 and will provide members with more detailed information in relation to both current and future projects.
- 5.4 Members are asked to note the following reasons for the cause of large capital budgets that are forecasted to slip into the 2024/25 financial year:
- Within Corporate Services, there is £4.732m that is currently unallocated to specific projects.
 - £15.680 m of the Education slippage is in relation to monies set aside for planned 21st Century Schools Band B projects. Current projects that are in progress are the Trinity Fields extension, Centre for Vulnerable Learners, Llanfabon Primary School, Plasyfelin Primary School and Ysgol y Llawnt.
 - £1.980m of the Education slippage is in relation to Welsh Government (WG) Education grants that were received late in the financial year. Works have been identified but will take place during the summer of 2024.
 - Community and Leisure Services have £12.681m allocated in relation to the Caerphilly Health and Wellbeing Centre, this project will be delivered across multiple financial years.
 - Within the Business Enterprise Renewal Teams there are a number of Caerphilly Placemaking projects which will be delivered across multiple financial years e.g. The Leisure quarter and Pentrebane Steet. However the majority of the slippage is in relation to the Ness Tarr site for which we received a £20m interest free loan from WG in 2020. There are ongoing discussions taking place to determine how these monies will be spent.
 - As stated in the Capital Outturn Report, Private Housing's slippage has accumulated since Covid due to a backlog of applications for grants as a result of not being able to appoint contractors. A report is due to go to Cabinet in 2024 to provide further details on how the Private Housing slippage is to be spent.
- 5.5 The £5.413m slippage on HRA is due to the delay in progressing the Post Asset Management Strategy (PAMS) programme due to resource issues.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 The details set out in the report are based on actual expenditure between 1st April 2023 and 31st October 2023 and projected expenditure to 31st March 2024.

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 7 2023/24 Financial Summary