



POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 20TH JANUARY 2022

**SUBJECT: 2021/22 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 2021/22 financial year.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The report provides details of actual and projected capital expenditure based on information available as at month 7 of the 2021/22 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 2021/22 Capital Programme.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 The approved Capital Programme for the 2021/22 financial year totals £44.23m, consisting of £11.35m for the General Fund and £32.89m for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). Appendix 1 provides details of the 2021/22 approved budget, the 2020/21 slippage carried forward and additional in-year funding for 2021/22 as at period 7.

5.2 Actual expenditure as at period 7 has been reviewed and budget holders have provided updates on anticipated spend for the remainder of the financial year. Schemes totalling £76.0m have been identified that are unlikely to be delivered in 2021/22. Consequently, these schemes will be carried forward as slippage into the 2022/23 financial year. Members will note from the table below that the majority of the slippage relates to Corporate Projects (36%); Education (14%); Private Housing (10%); Social Services (8%); and the HRA programme (21%).

Service Area	Scheme	£'000
Corporate Services	Various Corporate Services	56
Corporate Services	Place Shaping Agenda	27,018
Corporate Services	IT Hardware and Software	592
Corporate Services	Funding to be allocated	1,601
Education	Education Capital Maintenance Grant	3,781
Education	21 st Century Schools	4,716
Education	Health and Safety Works	608
Education	Trinity Fields	647
Education	Various Schemes	695
Economy and Environment - Community & Leisure Services	Ty Duffryn Waste Transfer Station	769
Economy and Environment - Community & Leisure Services	Playground Reinstatement (S106)	343
Economy and Environment - Community & Leisure Services	Cemeteries	309
Economy and Environment-Community & Leisure Services	Various Schemes	366
Economy and Environment-Economic Regeneration	Cwm Ifor Solar Farm	455
Economy and Environment-Economic Regeneration	Pentrebane Street Redevelopment	171
Economy and Environment-Economic Regeneration	Various Economic Regeneration Schemes	340
Economy and Environment-Infrastructure	Caerphilly Basin Strategic Highway (S106)	477
Economy and Environment-Infrastructure	Various Historic Highways Liabilities	799
Economy and Environment-Infrastructure	Corporate Maintenance Tips, Mines & Spoils	1,062
Economy and Environment-Infrastructure	Various Infrastructure Schemes	442
Economy and Environment- Public Protection	Kitchen Refurbishments	152
Economy and Environment- Public Protection	Various Public Protection Schemes	115
Private Housing	Disabled Facility Grants	2,348
Private Housing	Home Improvement Loans	1,500
Private Housing	Miscellaneous & Renewal Area	991
Private Housing	Home Repair Grant	2,383
Property Services	Demolition Pontllanfraith School	833
Property Services	Penallta House Car Park Extension	130
Property Services	Former Meals On Wheels Pengam	140
Property Services	Other Property Schemes	214
Social Services	New Respite Facility	4,635
Social Services	ICF Grant	1,000

Social Services	Other Social Services Schemes	179
HRA	HRA	16,153
Total: -		76,020

5.3 Members are asked to note the following reasons for the cause of large capital budgets that are forecasted to slip into 2022/23 financial year:

- The £27.018m within Corporate Services is the balance available on the Council's 'Placeshaping Agenda' capital earmarked reserve.
- £4.716m of the Education slippage is in relation to the 21st Century Schools Band B projects. The first of these projects for a new Primary school at Cwm Gwyddon is currently at the tender award stage.
- £3.781m 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. Works have been identified but not undertaken in 2021/22 due to the impact of the works on school operational times and these works are likely to be undertaken in Summer 2022.
- £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 and alternative use of this funding is being considered
- £799k is held in relation to Historic Highways Liabilities and Outstanding Claims.
- £1.062m is held against Corporate Maintenance Tips, Mines & Spoils. A scheme at Fochriw Tip is currently awaiting approval from WG.
- £1.5m slippage in relation to Private Housing is ringfenced to make Home Improvement Loans. £4.7m 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. These funds are expected to be carried forward to deal with the backlog of applications in 2022-23. Other schemes within Private Housing have also been identified in order to utilise these slippage figures. A request to spend £352k on repairing walls in George Street was approved from the Miscellaneous and Renewal area slippage figure.
- £833k held against the demolition Pontllanfraith School – This budget is currently earmarked in the event of demolition being approved.
- £4.635m has been earmarked to provide a new respite facility.

5.4 The £16.153 m slippage on HRA is due to the delay in progressing the Post Asset Management Strategy (PAMS) programme. The HRA team have been focussed on completing the WHQS work which has taken longer to complete due to Covid-19 restrictions.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

6.1 The details set out in the report are based on actual expenditure between 1st April 2021 and 31st October 2021 and projected expenditure to 31st March 2022.

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 2021/22 Financial Summary