

COUNTY COUNCIL

Meeting date: 9 September 2020

From: Deputy Leader of the Council

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020-2025–FINANCIAL UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *In February 2020 Council approved a Capital Programme of £286.379m (excluding Accountable Bodies) for 2020-2025. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to re-profile spend between financial years within the programme and approve new schemes as recommended by Cabinet at its meeting on 11 June.*
- 1.2 *This report confirms the revised Capital Programme 2020/21 – 2024/25 after taking account of these updates and other revisions which have been agreed by Cabinet at its meetings of 11th June and 27th August 2020.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 *The Capital Programme as a whole supports the delivery of all of the Council Plan priorities which are:*
- *People in Cumbria are Health and Safe*
 - *Places in Cumbria are well connected and thriving*
 - *The economy in Cumbria is growing and benefitting everyone*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 *Council is asked to approve the reprofiling of £12.136m from the 2020/21 Capital Programme into future years, as detailed in para 4.5.*
- 3.2 *Council is asked to approve the addition of £3.805m of new schemes to the 2020/21-2024/25 Capital Programme, as detailed in para 4.6.*
- 3.3 *Council is asked to note the Revised Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2024/2025 of £463.916m*

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In February 2020, Council approved the Capital Programme of £286.379m (excluding Accountable Bodies) for 2020-2025 and agreed to include any slippage from the 2019/20 programme into the 2020/21 programme.
- 4.2 Overall for 2019/20 there was a variance against the Council capital budget of £17.338m; with actual spend of £90.891m compared to the £108.229m capital budget. This variance is made up of (£18.329m) slippage, £1.206m of accelerated spend and an underspend position of (£0.215m).
- 4.3 The inclusion of the above slippage and accelerated spend results in an overall County Council Capital Programme for the period 2020-2025 of **£303.502m** (excluding Accountable Bodies).

Table 1 – Revised Capital Programme 2020 - 2025 – Slippage and Accelerate Spend

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Approved Capital Programme February 2020	90.894	63.461	44.844	44.255	42.925	286.379
Add Slippage from 2019/20	18.329	0	0	0	0	18.329
Less Accelerated spend to 2019/20	(1.206)	0	0	0	0	(1.206)
Revised Capital Programme	108.017	63.461	44.844	44.255	42.925	303.502

- 4.4 Cabinet at its meeting in June approved the following amendments to the Capital Programme 2020-25.
- the addition of £19.502m external funding to existing schemes including the allocation of £9.625m of Additional Pothole Action Fund to the Local Committees.
 - the addition of a £0.150m externally funded new scheme.

The impact on the capital programme is summarised in Table 2.

Table 2 – Revised Capital Programme 2020 - 2025 – Additional funding

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Revised Capital Programme from Table 1	108.017	63.461	44.844	44.255	42.925	303.502
Additional External Funding	19.502					19.502
New Schemes	0.150					0.150
Revised Capital Programme	127.669	63.461	44.844	44.255	42.925	323.154

- 4.5 Council is asked to approve the following reprofiling of schemes within the Capital Programme from 2020/21 to future years.
- Children's - Inclusion Strategy (£1.660m) from 2020/21 and (£1.244m) from 2021/22 to £2.904m 2022/23 due to delays in site requirements for Alternative Provision. These have now been resolved and work is progressing.

- People – Adults Extra Care Housing (£0.373m) from 2020/21 to £0.083m 2022/23 and £0.290m to 2023/24 due to restricted working methods due to COVID 19 on one site and delays in the programme delivery.
- Economy and Infrastructure including:
 - £5.628m for DfT Flood Recovery Scheme from 2020/21 to 2021/22 due to delays in a small number of projects related to statutory approvals and agreements with land owners.
 - £3.475m for A595/A684 Road Safety Foundation Schemes from 2020/21 to 2022/23 due to delay in the release of funding from the Department for Transport.
 - £1.000m for Area Planning from 2020/21 to 2022/23 due to projects requiring a longer period of development than originally anticipated.

4.6 The impact on the capital programme is summarised in Table 3.

Table 3 – Revised Capital Programme 2020 -2025 – Reprofiting

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Revised Capital Programme from Table 2	127.669	63.461	44.844	44.255	42.925	323.154
People - Children Inclusion Strategy – request to re-profile £1.244m to 2021/22 and £2.904m to 2022/23	(1.660)	(1.244)	2.904	0	0	0
People - Adults Extra Care Housing – request to re-profile £0.083m to 2021/22 and £0.290m to 2022/23	(0.373)	0.083	0.290	0	0	0
Economy and Infrastructure DfT Funded Flood Recovery Scheme – Request to re-profile £5.628m to 2021/22	(5.628)	5.628	0	0	0	0
A595/A684 Road Safety Foundation Schemes – Request to re-profile £3.475m to 2022/23	(3.475)	0	3.475	0	0	0
Area Planning – Request to re-profile £1.000m to 2021/22	(1.000)	1.000	0	0	0	0
Revised Capital Programme	115.533	68.928	51.513	44.255	42.925	323.154

4.7 Council is asked to approve the addition of new schemes to the 2020-25 Capital Programme.

- The ESFA have recently confirmed the Basic Needs grant for 2020/21 of £1.847m and 2021/22 of £1.958m.

The impact on the capital programme is summarised in Table 4.

Table 4 – Revised Capital Programme 2020 - 2025 – Additional funding

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Revised Capital Programme from Table 3	115.533	68.928	51.513	44.255	42.925	323.154
People - Children Basic Needs Grant	1.847	1.958				3.805
Revised Capital Programme 2020-2025	117.380	70.886	51.513	44.255	42.925	326.959

- 4.8 At its meeting of 27th August 2019, Cabinet agreed, in respect of the Carlisle Southern Link Road, the acquisition of land and new rights over land by agreement and the making and, if confirmed, implementation of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and a Side Roads Order (SRO) in order to construct the Carlisle Southern Link Road (CSLR) in order to unlock St Cuthbert's Garden Village (SCGV), improve the strategic highway network and address local transport issues. Cabinet also approved the additional contributions of £138.018m (£136.957m to the Capital Programme 2020/21-2024/25 and £1.061m to 2025/26), following approval of the CSLR GDA at its meeting on the 23rd July 2020, and the signing of the GDA on 31st July 2020.

This has resulted in a Revised Capital Programme 2020/25 as follows:-

Table 5 – Revised Capital Programme 2020 - 2025 – Additional funding. (CSLR)

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Revised Capital Programme from Table 4	117.380	70.886	51.513	44.255	42.925	326.959
Carlisle Southern Link Road	5.213	15.887	58.251	51.958	5.648	136.957
Revised Capital Programme 2020-2025	122.593	86.773	109.764	96.213	48.573	463.916

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Council may decide to make alternative recommendations after taking advice from the Director of Finance.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The resource and value for money implications are covered within this report.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Council is required to approve changes to the Council's budget and financial strategies including the inclusion of new schemes which will not be funded by grants or exceed £500,000 and re-profiling of the capital programme, in accordance with the capital programme.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The combined impact of the requested changes to the Capital Programme outlined in this report result in a revised value of the Councils Capital programme 2020-2025 of £326.959m.

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September 2020

APPENDICES

No appendices

Electoral Division(s): All

Executive Decision

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Key Decision

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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

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Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?

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If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

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Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?
If so, give details below.

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Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

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PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

[including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers

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