

8. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

REPORT OF: HEAD OF CORPORATE RESOURCES
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Wards Affected: *None*
Key Decision: No
Report to: Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Resources and Economic Growth
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Purpose of Report

1. This report informs the Committee of progress on some key projects that form part of the Capital Programme.

Recommendations

2. **The Committee is recommended to:**
 - (i) **note the report and its contents.**
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Background

3. The Capital Programme is an important part of the Councils expenditure each year and presents a number of projects which are one-off in nature. In general, the financing of these projects is tightly constrained to comply with the rules regarding the classification of 'capital expenditure.
4. The Scrutiny Committee has asked for this report to enable it to take an overview of the monitoring of projects and their progress towards completion. Cabinet already receive the appropriate financial monitoring information within each Budget Monitoring Report, and it is therefore felt that this report may concentrate on delivery against project plan rather than being expenditure based.

Current position

5. The Capital Programme as set out in Corporate Plans and revised from time to time, has been distilled to highlight those projects which are either longer term, time-bound or more complicated to deliver than the norm. Members are asked to agree this subset at Appendix 1 for monitoring or suggest additions and deletions to that selection.

Issues

6. The projects within Appendix 1 are those selected for a more detailed monitoring and explanation, which has been provided within the text of the report. Officers will be able to offer some supplementary information on the current status, with appropriate notice.
7. The proposed new village hall and car park at Finches Field, Pease Pottage is still proving one of the more difficult to deliver. However, subject to planning this is ready to start and it is expected that expenditure will commence within this financial year..

8. Expenditure on the Council Chamber renewal project has been pushed back to next year, save for £30k to be spent on making a new Members' Room in the Oaklands Room space. The Council Chamber project proceeds in the meantime and the expectation is that this work should be started in 2018/19 with the installation of a lift. This project also impacts upon the replacement toilets project which is next on the list of projects.
9. The other projects in the report are proceeding satisfactorily or have finished and achieved their objective.

Policy Context

10. Scrutiny as a function is enshrined within the Constitution.

Other Options Considered

11. None.

Financial Implications

12. This report has no such implications.

Risk Management Implications

13. This report has no such implications.

Equality and Customer Service Implications

14. This report has no such implications.

Other Material Implications

15. This report has no such implications.

Background Papers

None