

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, Finance and Performance
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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 Appendix lists the projects that comprise the capital programme and have been given a Red- Amber-Green rating depending upon their progress. It will be noted that a few projects are the subject of slippage for the reasons outlined. None of these is significantly affected and service provision is unaltered.
6. A variance is showing against the Oaklands Council Chamber project, where some unforeseen costs have arisen now that work has started. The largest of these arises from dealing with underground springs which has necessitated 'tanking' of the basement prior to the lift being fitted. Specialist consultants Gardiner and Theobald have been retained to provide advice and contract oversight in order to further contain costs. In spite of the increased works, the project is only slightly behind its timetable and will be completed before Christmas.
7. The other projects in the report are proceeding satisfactorily or have finished and achieved their objective. Members are invited to comment.

Policy Context

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

Other Options Considered

9. None.

Financial Implications

10. This report has no such implications.

Risk Management Implications

11. This report has no such implications.

Equality and Customer Service Implications

12. This report has no such implications.

Other Material Implications

13. This report has no such implications.

Background Papers

None