



Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1)

Time and Date

10.00 am on Monday, 14th April, 2014

Place

Committee Rooms 2 and 3 - Council House

Public Business

1. **Apologies and Substitutions**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes**
 - (a) To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2014 (Pages 3 - 6)
 - (b) Matters Arising
4. **2014/15 Capital Programme Overview**

Presentation by the Capital and Strategic Planning Manager

 - (a) 2014/15 Capital Programme (Pages 7 - 16)
 - (b) Capital Programme 2014/15 – 2018/19 (Pages 17 - 20)
5. **Schools Basic Needs Capital Programme** (Pages 21 - 26)

Briefing note of the Capital and Strategic Planning Manager
6. **Review of 2013/14 Scrutiny Activity** (Pages 27 - 28)

Briefing note of the Scrutiny Coordinator
7. **Work Programme 2013-14** (Pages 29 - 32)

Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator
8. **Outstanding Issues Report**

Outstanding issues have been picked up in the Work Programme
9. **Any other items of Public Business**

Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

10. Meeting Evaluation

Private Business

Nil

Chris West, Executive Director, Resources, Council House Coventry

Friday, 4 April 2014

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Membership: Councillors F Abbott (By Invitation), N Akhtar, D Chater, K Foster, D Gannon (By Invitation), D Kershaw (By Invitation), R Lakha, C Miks, R Sandy (Chair), T Sawdon, H S Sehmi, T Skipper and H Sweet (By Invitation)

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Coventry City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1) held at 10.00 am on Monday, 3 March 2014

Present:

Members: Councillor R Sandy (Chair)
Councillor R Lakha
Councillor C Miks
Councillor J Mutton (Substitute for Councillor Akhtar)
Councillor T Sawdon
Councillor H S Sehmi
Councillor T Skipper
Councillor S Thomas

Employees:

N Clews, Place Directorate
L Commane, Resources Directorate
J Murphy, Resources Directorate
S Symonds, Resources Directorate
A West, Resources Directorate

Apologies: Councillors N Akhtar, K Foster and D Gannon

Public Business

46. Declarations of Interest

47. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2014 were signed as a true record. Further to minute 39 headed 'Agency Workers and Interim Managers – 6 Month Performance Report' the report had been welcomed by the Audit and Procurement Committee at its meeting on 10 February 2014. In regard to minute 40 headed 'Customer Journey – Vision and Strategy', the Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources) endorsed the recommendations of the Scrutiny Board that had been submitted to his meeting on 20 January 2014.

48. Report Back from CIPFA Conference July 2013

The Board received a report of the Executive Director, Resources, which gave feedback following attendance at the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Annual Conference 2013. At its meeting on 18 June 2013, Cabinet had approved the attendance of Councillor Gannon, a Conservative nominee (Councillor Blundell), the Director of Finance and Legal Services (Chris West) and one additional officer from the Finance and Legal Services Directorate (Barrie Hastie).

It had been clear from the report that officers had found the experience invaluable in providing an opportunity to consider some of the wider strategic policy issues, which had proved instrumental in helping to shape key strategic thinking at officer

level as plans for the ABC programme, City Deal, the Friargate development and various other economic growth initiatives were developed locally.

However, the Board noted that the report had not included any comment from the Members who had attended. They were concerned to know the specific benefits of Member attendance at the conference and asked to receive comments from Councillors Gannon and Blundell.

RESOLVED that a note outlining the benefits of Member attendance at the 2013 CIPFA conference be circulated to Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1)

49. **Strategic Property Review and Council Move to Friargate**

The Board received a short presentation from officers on the strategic property review and the Council move to Friargate. This was then followed by a workshop-style session whereby the meeting split into two breakout groups to consider a range of questions within three specific headings:

- Regeneration objectives – jobs; growth and city centre regeneration
- Internal transformation – council-wide; savings delivery; how we all work (officers and members)
- Customer – what we provide; how we provide it

The aim of the group work had been to generate positive recommendations to assist in driving the Kickstart agenda forward and following lively discussions the groups fed back to the plenary session.

There were several common themes arising from the discussions, which arrived at the following success criteria:

1) Regeneration

- Increased footfall to Friargate via the city centre demonstrating a better and more vibrant customer offer with Friargate as a catalyst for regeneration
- Companies based at Friargate would be from outside the city (new jobs created)
- Greater numbers of local people remain in Coventry (positive impact on schools and housing)

2) Internal Transformation

- Senior management model positive behaviours that cascade throughout the organisation – break down the barriers between departments
- All officers and services capable of change for the better
- A paper-light organisation

3) Customer

- Customers can access all services on-line (systems are fit for purpose and people are enabled to do more for themselves)

- Streamlined property portfolio with co-location of services
- Customer satisfaction improvement year on year

RESOLVED that the outcomes of the discussion were recommended as key indicators of the success of the Kickstart project as it moves through its various stages.

50. **Work Programme 2013-14**

The Board agreed that the substantive item for discussion at the April meeting would be “Capital Programme for 2014/15.

51. **Outstanding Issues Report**

All outstanding issues had been included in the Work Programme. Minute 50 above refers.

52. **Any other items of Public Business**

There were no additional items of public business.

53. **Meeting Evaluation**

The Board evaluated the meeting and commended the workshop model as a valuable tool for steering major projects and issues. It was agreed that it would be helpful to both officers and Members to hold a workshop for all Members to consider that Strategic Property Review and Council Move to Friargate.

RESOLVED that a briefing note be sent to the Leader of the Council outlining the benefits of the workshop model for an all-Member discussion.

(Meeting closed at 11.48 am)

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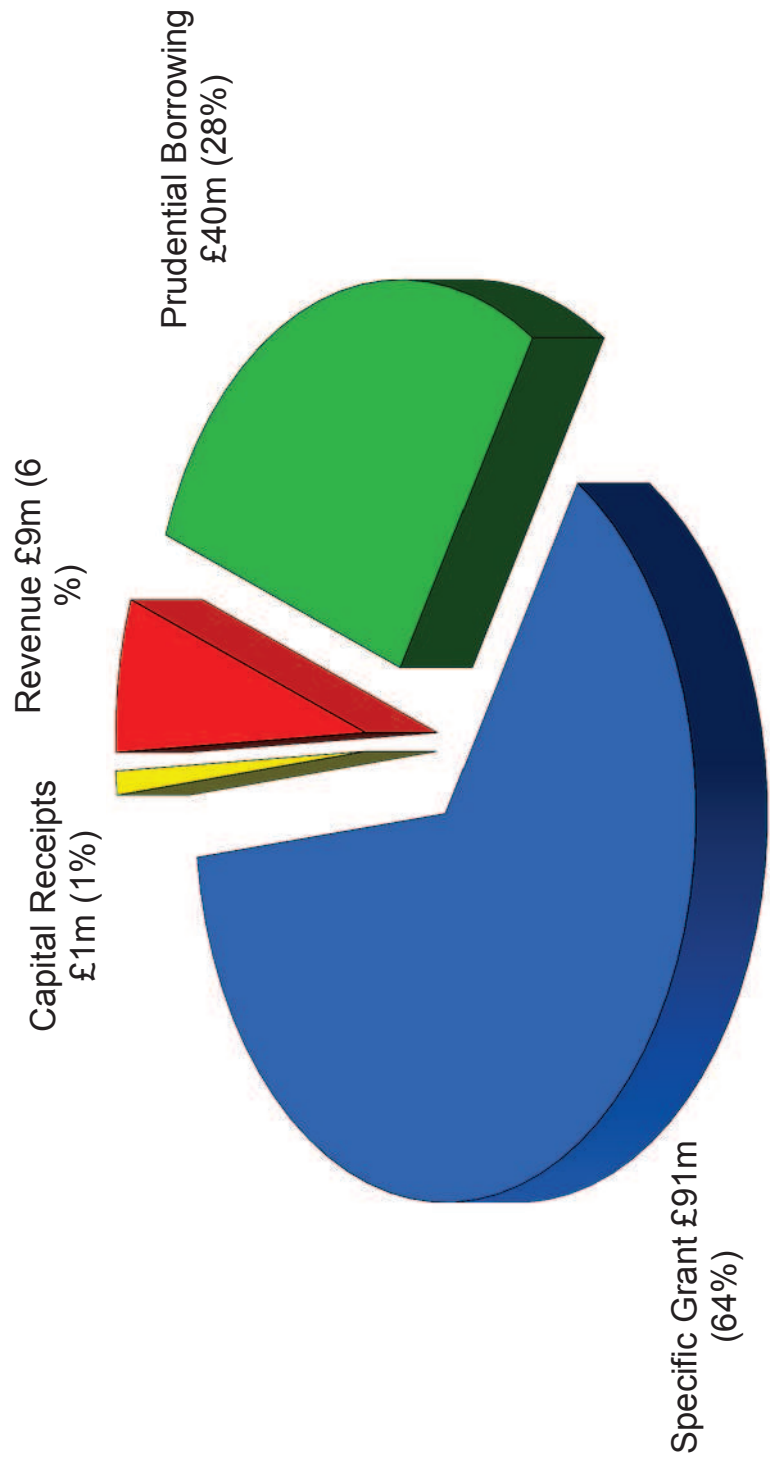
**COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL
CAPITAL PROGRAMME
2014/15**

**FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES SCRUTINY
BOARD (1)
14 APRIL 2014**

2014/15 Capital Programme

- Largest programme in a generation
- Bucks recent trend in terms of size
- A mix of European, Government and local drivers for this
- Unclear what future trends will be

2014/15 Capital Funding



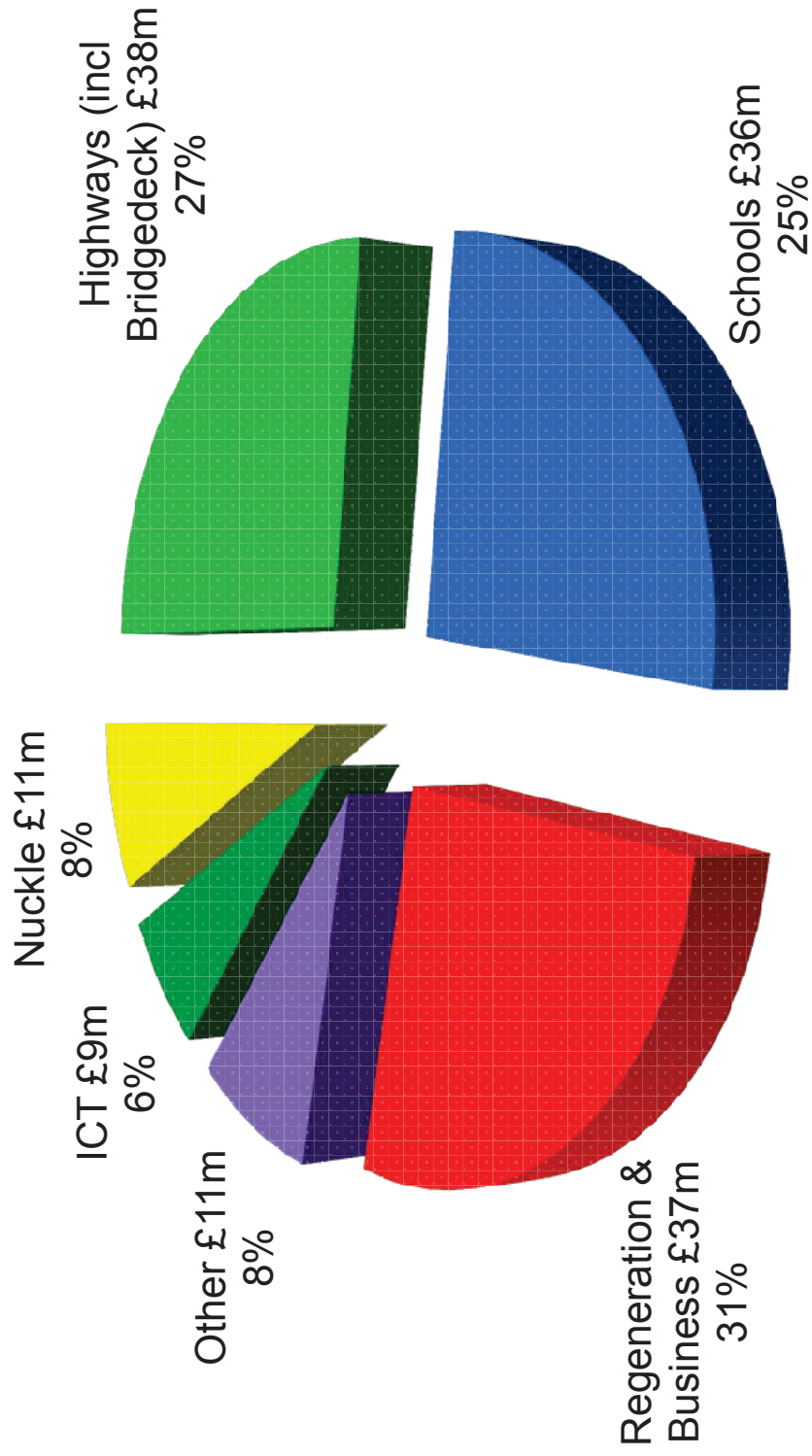
Programme Funding

- Programme dominated by grant/borrowing
- This explains large size of programme
- Vast majority of grant is either ring-fenced (European) or at least specifically targeted (schools, highways)
- Not sustainable level over long-term?

Prudential Borrowing

- Local authorities can make prudent decisions to borrow
- Decisions should have:
 - Business case (Kickstart, AT7, Study Inn)
 - Strategic policy importance (CIF)
 - Other rationale (vehicle replacement, ICT)
- Borrowing results in a revenue costs for the lifetime of the scheme

Capital Programme Spending



Roads & Pavements

- Highways programme contains a number of large schemes (Whitley, Walsgrave, Cycle Cov, junction improvement)
- Funding for these from grant bids
- Underlying highways/pavement capital maintenance budget reduced from £6m to £3m
- Recent national Budget announcement plus flood damage money will supplement this
- National allocations for roads always fall short of needs

Schools & Regeneration

- Schools spend dominated by need for extra places
- Future funding now uncertain with secondary expansion particularly at risk
- Very large spike in regeneration spend
- Mix of national, sub-regional and local emphasis
- RGF and Growing Places £s add to local schemes funded from borrowing

Scope for Flexibility

- Capital receipts have provided previous flexibility
- Receipts have reduced as stock of saleable assets reduces
- Receipts now being used to deliver savings targets (through repayment and deferral of borrowing)
- Most of rest of Programme funding is subject to ring-fencing & specific Council decisions
- Lentons Lane, ICT Programme and roads have been main recent areas where the Council has applied flexibility over resources

Future Programme

- Will depend on new parliament spending decisions
- Need to continue to make grant bids but sources likely to dry up
- Will consider self-funding scheme opportunities but relies on acceptable mix of risk and return, and member appetite
- Weather eye needed on overall borrowing and debt repayment levels
- Likely to be limit to level of revenue funding available as austerity continues

Agenda Item 4b

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15 - 2018/19					
Expenditure	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Portfolio:					
Business, Enterprise & Employment	50,139	61,039	39,137	7,851	2,908
Children & Young People and Education	36,628	12,399	5,800	9,268	9,014
Energy & Environment	1,937	322	26	0	0
Health and Adult Services	2,760	2,389	2,389	2,389	2,389
Housing and Heritage	5,618	912	0	0	0
Public Services	42,988	14,741	10,375	8,822	8,858
Strategic Finance and Resources	9,246	2,111	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL PROGRAMME	149,316	93,913	58,727	29,330	24,169
Allowance for 5% Rescheduling	(7,466)	2,397	1,879	1,564	336
PROGRAMME AFTER RESCHEDULING	141,850	96,310	60,606	30,894	24,505
Resources Available to fund the programme	141,850	93,885	60,606	30,894	26,731
Resources in Hand / (Shortfall)	0	(2,425)	0	0	2,226

CAPITAL PROGRAMME BY CM PORTFOLIO

CABINET MEMBER: BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE & EMPLOYMENT

CAPITAL SCHEME	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Nuckle	10,574	2,224	0	0	0
Regional Growth Fund (RGF 3, 4 & Wave 2)	8,496	0	0	0	0
Growing Places	6,449	4,370	0	0	0
Coventry Investment Fund (CIF) - Unallocated	5,749	15,000	20,000	5,000	0
Study Inn Loan	5,500	6,000	0	0	0
Kickstart Office	4,528	27,314	16,285	32	90
Far Gosford Street	3,482	755	0	0	0
Property Repairs	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750
Canley Regeneration	1,083	25	0	0	0
Coventry & Warks Enterprise and Business Growth	1,082	400	0	0	0
Lythalls Lane (CIF)	335	2,132	33	0	0
New Deal for Communities	111	69	69	69	68
TOTAL APPROVED PROGRAMME	50,139	61,039	39,137	7,851	2,908

RESOURCES	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Corporate Resources	9,919	7,274	2,819	2,819	2,818
Prudential Borrowing	16,112	50,446	36,318	5,032	90
Grant	24,037	3,319	0	0	0
Section 106	71	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RESOURCES	50,139	61,039	39,137	7,851	2,908

CABINET MEMBER: CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & EDUCATION

CAPITAL SCHEME	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
School Expansion Programme (Basic Need Grant)	29,214	5,636	0	435	493
School Condition (Maintenance Grant)	5,007	5,830	2,414	3,988	3,712
Infant School Catering Adaptations	755	0	0	0	0
Devolved Formula Capital	631	568	511	460	414
Early Years	334	0	0	0	0
Broad Park House (Breaks for Disabled Grant)	306	0	0	0	0
Pathways to Care (Support to Foster Carers)	206	190	200	210	220
Suitability/Access	100	100	100	100	100
Leased Equipment	75	75	75	75	75
Broad Spectrum School	0	0	2,500	4,000	4,000
TOTAL APPROVED PROGRAMME	36,628	12,399	5,800	9,268	9,014

RESOURCES	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Corporate Resources	14,190	2,390	200	210	220
Grant	22,020	9,816	5,525	8,983	7,962
Leasing	75	75	75	75	75
Section 106	343	118	0	0	757
TOTAL RESOURCES	36,628	12,399	5,800	9,268	9,014

CABINET MEMBER: ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

CAPITAL SCHEME	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Play Areas	1,009	252	0	0	0
Lentons Lane Cemetery	748	70	26	0	0
Tackling Fuel Poverty	162	0	0	0	0
Holbrooks Park	11	0	0	0	0
The Lodge - Canley Crematorium	7	0	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROVED PROGRAMME	1,937	322	26	0	0

RESOURCES	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Corporate Resources	11	0	0	0	0
Prudential Borrowing	755	70	26	0	0
Grant	162	0	0	0	0
Section 106	1,009	252	0	0	0
TOTAL RESOURCES	1,937	322	26	0	0

CABINET MEMBER: HEALTH & ADULT SERVICES

CAPITAL SCHEME	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Disabled Facilities Grants (inc Social Care grant)	2,580	2,389	2,389	2,389	2,389
Recovery Community In Coventry	180	0	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROVED PROGRAMME	2,760	2,389	2,389	2,389	2,389

RESOURCES	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Grant	2,760	2,389	2,389	2,389	2,389
TOTAL RESOURCES	2,760	2,389	2,389	2,389	2,389

CABINET MEMBER: HOUSING & HERITAGE

CAPITAL SCHEME	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
AT7 Centre	2,521	0	0	0	0
Coventry Transport Museum	1,931	912	0	0	0
Siskin Drive	1,073	0	0	0	0
Investment in Sporting Facilities	93	0	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROVED PROGRAMME	5,618	912	0	0	0

RESOURCES	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Corporate Resources	93	0	0	0	0
Prudential Borrowing	2,521	0	0	0	0
Grant	3,004	912	0	0	0
TOTAL RESOURCES	5,618	912	0	0	0

CABINET MEMBER: PUBLIC SERVICES

CAPITAL SCHEME	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Friargate Bridgedeck	12,303	4,018	174	0	0
Whitley Junction	6,243	0	0	0	0
Highways Maintenance (inc Maintenance Grant)	5,934	5,600	5,600	5,600	5,600
Vehicle & Plant Replacement	4,499	1,452	2,780	1,401	1,437
A4600 Congestion Relief Scheme	3,770	0	0	0	0
Public Realm Phase 2	2,862	0	0	0	0
Integrated Transport Programme	2,139	1,821	1,821	1,821	1,821
South West Coventry Junction Improvement Programme	1,725	0	0	0	0
Cycle Coventry	1,588	0	0	0	0
Whitefriars Housing Estates	1,000	850	0	0	0
Highways S106	925	1,000	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROVED PROGRAMME	42,988	14,741	10,375	8,822	8,858

RESOURCES	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Corporate Resources	3,588	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Prudential Borrowing	4,319	1,316	1,602	1,383	1,227
Grant	33,976	9,289	4,595	4,421	4,421
Leasing	180	136	1,178	18	210
Section 106	925	1,000	0	0	0
TOTAL RESOURCES	42,988	14,741	10,375	8,822	8,858

CABINET MEMBER: STRATEGIC FINANCE & RESOURCES

CAPITAL SCHEME	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Strategic ICT Projects	6,771	2,111	1,000	1,000	1,000
Super Connectivity	2,475	0	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROVED PROGRAMME	9,246	2,111	1,000	1,000	1,000

RESOURCES	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000
Corporate Resources	2,115	1,111	1,000	1,000	1,000
Prudential Borrowing	4,175	1,000	0	0	0
Grant	2,350	0	0	0	0
Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay	606	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RESOURCES	9,246	2,111	1,000	1,000	1,000



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1)

Date: 14th April 2014

Subject: 2014/15 Capital Programme Update

1. Purpose

This note provides an update on issues relating to the Council's Schools Capital Programme including an update on proposed reductions to the Council's Schools Basic Needs Capital Programme.

2. Recommendation

Board is recommended to note the contents of the report.

3. Schools Capital Programme

- 3.1. The City Council's main priority remains the provision of additional primary school places in response to the on-going increase in early years numbers. As these pupils move into the secondary phase from 2018/19 there will be an increasing need for additional secondary places. The City Council has been allocated no Basic Need funding for either 2015-16 or 2016-17 and while this is being challenged, this will have a significant impact upon the deliverables within the programme. There remains uncertainty around future allocations beyond the current settlement period.
- 3.2. The City Council receives annual funding from the DfE in relation to Basic Need (additional school places) and capital maintenance. The historic allocations are shown in appendix 1. These funding streams are periodically supplemented by specific grants such as Safety Basic Need and Targeted Basic Need. Again these are detailed in the appendix 1. The provision of additional primary places remains a high priority for the Council and has seen the creation of some 1,000 extra places since 2008. The City Council has a statutory duty under the 1996 Education Act to ensure there are sufficient school places.
- 3.3. Over the last 5 years the vast majority of grant allocations have been directed towards increasing pupil places (both in the LA and VA sector), supplemented by other City Council corporate resources, Section 106 funding and school contributions. The Diocesan Authorities have also allocated the majority of LCVAP funding to increasing places in voluntary aided primary schools.
- 3.4. The DfE announced in December 2013 and January 2014 capital grant allocations for both Basic Need and Capital Maintenance. Coventry had already been allocated Basic Need of £6.25 million for 2014-15 as part of the settlement announced in December 2012. For 2015-16 and 2016-17 Coventry has received a nil allocation. Officers are currently challenging the decision and have raised three key issues with the DfE:

4. The methodology used to calculate the funding assumes that the 2013/14 and 2014/15 basic need allocation was sufficient to provide 1,771(75% of 2,361) additional school places. This number of places has therefore been subtracted from the number of additional places needed, based on projections for the 2017/18 academic year supplied in the 2013 SCAP (Annual Statistical return). The Council however is of the view that the basic need funding provided for 2013/14 and 2014/15 was not sufficient to provide 1,771 places.

a) Coventry's basic need funding allocation for 2013/14 and 2014/15 was £12,500,576. In order to provide 1,771 additional primary pupil places within the funding provided, the Council would have needed to provide primary places at a cost of £7,058 per pupil. This per pupil figure is well below the DfE's basic allocation of £11,569 (weighted for Coventry) per place for primary places. Coventry's shortfall in funding is therefore £7,988,981. This is based on a funding gap of £4,511 per pupil, multiplied by the 1,771 places.

For each planning area, the DfE take SCAP 2013 capacity data and add school places already funded through 3 other programmes, where this is not captured in the SCAP 2013 figures. The three programmes are: Targeted Basic Need, Building Schools for the Future, and new free schools which opened in September 2013. The City Council received some £9.2million through the Targeted Basic Need Programme in 2013-14 to provide an additional 1,050 YR to Y7 places. These have therefore been taken into account in terms of assessing future capacity. Free school additional capacity has not been taken into account in the DfE calculation as this adjustment was only in relation to free schools opening in September 2013. Both Coventry free schools are not due to open until September 2014, but it should be noted that the additional places created, will be taken into account in future allocations.

It also should be noted that DfE has introduced this year an additional allowance for a 2% planning margin; Coventry has historically sought to maintain a 5% planning margin in line with previous DfE guidance, to enable a reasonable degree of parental preference to be exercised. Coventry will therefore need to reconsider its position on this and specifically whether to realign its local policy with the national funding position on Basic Need.

b) In addition to continuing pressures on mainstream primary school places, Coventry is experiencing significant growth in pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN). These pupils require a place at either a special school or within enhanced resource provision within a mainstream school. A nil allocation seriously undermines our ability to respond to this growing demand and also deliver our SEN Broad Spectrum Strategy. The cost of providing SEN places is, of course, much higher than mainstream school places. It is disappointing that DfE does not take account of the need for additional SEN provision in allocating schools capital funding, specifically when this has been referred to in the SCAP commentary.

c) While we accept the rationale for a nil allocation for additional secondary places given that the requirement will not be needed until 2017/18 it should also be noted that the lead in time for commissioning additional secondary school places is significant. None of our 19 secondary schools are now LA maintained (12 academies, 3 VA schools and 4 Trust Schools) and therefore it is important that engagement takes place in a timely way, given that we are effectively dealing with 19 autonomous institutions and the impact of two new free schools opening in September 2014. Coventry is faced with a need to provide an additional 3,000 Year 7 to Year 11 places phased in from 2017-18 to 2023/24. The City Council is already committing resources to identify how these additional places can be delivered. Funding is now unlikely to be available until 2017/18 when some additional

places will be need to be available. The allocations process is therefore not reflective of the actual commissioning process involved in delivering new secondary school places.

If this challenge is unsuccessful and further funding is not forthcoming then this will have significant implications for the capital programme over the next 5 years.

- 4.1. The reduction in the Council's Basic Needs funding is a Government decision that was unheralded and which has affected a number of authorities in a similar way to Coventry. Although we have requested a response from the Department of Education we are yet to receive any answers to the detailed points made. Subject to the outcome of the Council's current challenge to Government it remains very unlikely that this decision will be reversed.
- 4.2. With regards to Capital Maintenance funding the City Council has received a 2014/15 allocation of £3.134 million for local authority maintained schools which is marginally better than expected but the year on year reduction is a reflection of an increasing number of Coventry schools converting to academy status. A further £1.143 million has been made available for the voluntary aided sector as part of the LCVAP Programme.
- 4.3. For 2014/15 the City Council has also been allocated capital grant to support the introduction of Universal Infant Free School Meals from September 2014. The total funding available is £954,036, comprising £755,762 for LA maintained schools and £198,276 for Voluntary Aided schools.
- 4.4. Officers have prepared a five year capital programme which reflects the current funding position:

BASIC NEED SCHEMES

Previous Years Schemes (6 schemes):

Includes provision of funding to complete previous extensions to primary schools. Largest commitment is against Spon Gate (£500k) where we are committed to complete the expansion scheme, by providing additional KS2 accommodation through conversion of the Moat Building. Forecast numbers support taking this project forward.

Primary Increasing Pupil Places (IPP) 2014 (11 schemes):

Projects were approved by Cabinet in March 2013 following extensive consultation. Design and contractor teams already appointed. Individual school schemes agreed and additional reception places will be in place for September 2014 – schemes completed early January 2015. Additional places are essential to meet the anticipated demand in September 2014. Additional funding totalling £9.22 million was secured through the Targeted Basic Need Programme which will support the delivery of five schemes – Hollyfast, Whitley Abbey, Corpus Christi, Little Heath and Edgewick .These will be supplemented by the additional 210 places created at Wyken Croft through the Priority Schools Building Programme.

Primary IPP 2015 (4 Schemes)

The Council has recently completed a consultation on a proposal to rebuild Edgewick at 2FE, replacing the current building and providing an additional form of entry to meet local demand. A report was taken to Cabinet on 4th March detailing the outcome of the consultation. Cabinet agreed to publish a statutory notice and a final decision on whether to proceed or not taken in May. Forecast numbers indicate a need to provide additional

places in this part of the city. The majority of other schools in the area have already been expanded. The existing building is of CLASP construction and is time expired/ requires replacement.

The capital programme also has provision for a further three primary expansion schemes from the ten deferred by Cabinet in March 2013. A decision on which three schools will be taken forward has yet to be taken.

Primary IPP 2016 & 2017

No further primary expansion schemes have been identified at this stage and no funding allocated.

Secondary IPP

The city will require an additional 3,000 (20FE) Year 7 to Year 11 secondary places by 2023-24 in response to rising secondary school rolls over the next 10 years. Feasibility studies are therefore currently being undertaken on each of the existing 19 secondary schools (including academies and VA schools) to establish the potential for expansion on existing sites. This work will be completed by April 2014. Provision has been made in 2014-15 for further detailed investigative work should this be required. **There is currently no funding identified within the programme to secure the additional places which will be phased in from 2018/19 onwards.**

SEN IPP

An additional two classrooms are required at Castle Wood in September 2014 due to rising demand for places.

CONDITION SCHEMES

Priority Schools Building Programme (PSBP)

Six schools are currently being rebuilt under the PSBP through capital grant – Whitmore Park, St Thomas More Catholic, Richard Lee, Wyken Croft, Ernesford Grange Secondary and Alice Stevens. President Kennedy is to be rebuilt through PF2 (Private Finance). There remain a number of liabilities for the Council moving forward regarding the Programme including S278 and ICT infrastructure works. Cabinet has also approved capital funding for the integration of the Richard Lee Children's Centre into the new school building.

Priority Schools Condition Programme

We try to continue with a school replacement programme. Edgewick is part funded and provision is made for two further whole school replacements in 2016 and 2018. Coventry has an aging estate with a number of schools in poor condition which are uneconomical to refurbish/ modernise.

Special School Condition Programme

Provision has been made for the Hospital Education Service at Whitmore Park due in response to OFSTED report.

Planned Condition Fund

The proposed establishment of this Fund is now deferred until 2017-18. The intention is to develop a portfolio of condition related projects (e.g. roofs, boilers) which could be addressed and reflects reducing DFC allocations to schools. EFA will conclude their national building condition survey later this year and there is concern that this may adversely impact on the future Capital Maintenance settlements as Coventry's share will be influenced by the overall condition of our buildings stock in comparison to the rest of the country.

Emergency Condition Fund

The Fund will be reduced from £1m in 2013-14 to £750k in 2014-15 and to £500k from 2015-16 forwards.

Broad Spectrum Delivery Programme

Provision has been made within the programme in 2016-17 and 2017-18 for the delivery of a second primary Broad Spectrum Special School. This has been effectively deferred by a year due to the failure to secure a Basic Need allocation in 2015-16 and 2016-17.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1. As the presentation made as part of today's agenda makes clear the Council's Capital Programme tends to have very limited scope for new Capital schemes. Therefore, there are likely to be limited options for filling the gap caused by the withdrawal of Basic Needs funding. This will need to form part of consideration of the wider discussion with schools and in relation to the 2015/16 Capital Programme through the course of this year.

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Appendix 1

Coventry Capital Allocations - 2008/09 to date

Year	Basic Need	Condition /Maintenance or Modernisation	Primary Capital Programme	Safety Net Basic Need	Targeted Basic Need	Other	Total
	£	£	£	£	£		£
2008/09	5,776,264	2,967,513					8,743,777
2009/10	5,776,264	2,487,969	4,523,698				12,787,931
2010/11	5,776,264	2,487,970	6,901,698	7,427,000			22,592,932
2011/12	6,507,521	4,556,528		3,431,000			14,495,049
2012/13	5,455,658	3,710,436		4,270,165			13,436,259
2013/14	6,250,288	3,309,958			9,221,786		18,782,032
2014/15	6,250,288	3,134,182				755,762	10,140,232
2015/16	0	TBA					0
2016/17	0	TBA					0
							0
Total	41,792,547	22,654,556	11,425,396	15,128,165	9,221,786	755,762	100,978,212



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1)

Date: 14 April 2014

Subject: Review of 2013/14 Scrutiny Activity

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To review the work of the Scrutiny Board carried out during the course of the 2013/14 municipal year and identify any priorities or issues for consideration when planning next year's scrutiny work programme.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to review the activities and issues covered by the Board during the year and make any comments or recommendations for consideration as part of work programming and planning for the 2014/15 municipal year.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 During the year, the Board has met 7 times and considered the items set out in the work programme, included at item 7 on this meeting's agenda.
- 3.2 The Cabinet Member and portfolio responsibilities covered by the Board are set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.3 To help with the review, it is suggested that the Board include consideration of the following questions:
- 3.3.1 Recognising that the Board cannot cover everything, the work programme was used to prioritise issues for consideration. There are some issues on the work programme that were not covered during the year and some areas of Cabinet Member portfolios that were not addressed. The national and local policy landscape is also constantly changing.
Are there any issues that should be given priority for next year?
- 3.3.2 During the year, Scrutiny Boards have carried out their business through a range of activities including traditional board meetings, task and finish groups and visits. Boards have gathered evidence from and engaged with Cabinet Members, council officers, partner organisations from the public, private and third sectors and members of the public.
What has worked most effectively and what should be taken into account when planning arrangements for next year?

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Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1)

Cabinet Member	Portfolio Responsibility
Strategic Finance and Resources	Service Transformation
	Value for Money
	Strategic Finance including Budget Setting
	Medium Term Financial Strategy
	Operational Finance incl Revenues and Benefits
	Corporate Service Performance, Policy and Quality
	e-Government
	Information Technology and Customer Services
	External Resources
	Procurement
	Human Resources
	Key Staff Recruitment and Retention
	Single Status
	Health and Safety

Finance Corporate and Services Scrutiny Board (1) Work Programme 2013/14

29 July 2013

abc Transformation Programme Progress Report
Income Generation Policy

2 September 2013

Money Matters
CLYP ABC Review

7 October 2013

Strategic Property Review and Council move to Friargate
Medium Term Financial Strategy

25 November 2013

Procurement Strategy
Social Value Policy

13 January 2014

Customer Journey
abc Transformation Programme Progress Report
Half yearly reports on agency workers/sickness absence

3 March 2014

Strategic Property Review and Council move to Friargate

14 April 2014

2014/15 Capital Programme
End of Year Review

Dates to be confirmed

ACL
Pension Fund
Electoral Registration
Business Services Review – progress report
Review of Bailiffs Guidelines
Progress update on Services to Schools
Legal Services Costs and Income
Customer Journey
Half yearly reports on agency workers/sickness absence
Half yearly report on Benefits Service Performance
Half yearly report on Revenues Service performance

Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1) Work Programme 2013/14

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Meeting	Work programme item	Lead officer	Brief Summary of the issue
29 July 2013	abc Transformation Programme Progress Report	Adrian West	To scrutinise progress on the abc Transformation Programme during 2012/13.
	Income Generation Policy		
2 September 2013	Money Matters	Barrie Hastie	To scrutinise the Money Matters review including the implementation of the new financial system.
	CLYP ABC Review	Andy Pepper/ Isabel Merrifield	To look at the review process, why delays have been made in making savings and whether lessons can be learnt from this review, regarding the methodology.
7 October 2013	Strategic Property Review and Council move to Friargate	Nigel Clews, Lisa Commane	The Strategic Property review and Council relocation to the Friargate development have significant implications for the Council's transformation journey and use of resources.
	Medium Term Financial Strategy	Paul Jennings	For the Scrutiny Board to comment on, and make recommendations about, the MTFs before it goes to Cabinet.
25 November 2013	Procurement Strategy	Liz Welton	To scrutinise the development and progress of the procurement strategy.
	Social Value Policy	Jenni Venn	To participate in the consultation on the Council's proposed Social Value Policy, which is due to go to Cabinet Member in January 2014.
13 January 2014	Customer Journey	Lisa Commane / Chris West/ Belinda Black	To review vision and plans for Customer Journey programme under Kickstart.
	abc Transformation Programme Progress Report	Lisa Commane	To scrutinise progress on the abc Transformation Programme since the last report in July.
	Half yearly reports on agency workers/sickness absence	Jane Crawley	A regular update on progress on reducing staff sickness and use of agency staff across the Council
3 March 2014	Strategic Property Review and Council move to Friargate	Nigel Clews, Lisa Commane	To review progress on the Strategic Property Review and Council relocation to the Friargate development following discussion at the 7 th October Board meeting.
14 April 2014	2014/15 Capital Programme	Paul Jennings	To review the Capital programme for the next year including understanding the position in relation to the government's recent announcement that Coventry has received a nil allocation for Basic Needs schools capital funding for the two years 2015-2017 and investment in the North East Regeneration Zone.

Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1) Work Programme 2013/14

Meeting	Work programme item	Lead officer	Brief Summary of the issue
	End of Year Review	Adrian West	To review the work of the Scrutiny Board carried out during the course of the 2013/14 municipal year and identify any priorities or issues for consideration when planning next year's scrutiny work programme.
Dates to be confirmed	ACL	Chris West	Item to be scheduled at an appropriate time, following the judicial review.
	Pension Fund	Chris West	To scrutinise, at an appropriate time, changes to the pension fund.
	Electoral Registration	Liz Reed	To look at the number of registered voters for the 2014 elections and to consider the planned changes from 2015 when the Electoral Registration process is being changed from household registration to individual electoral registration in 2015. Also to consider the sale of details from the electoral register.
	Business Services Review – progress report	Doran Pierce	SCRUCO looked at the evaluation report on 20th February 2013. This set out a series of recommendations which aimed to build the foundations of the future shape the service and assist in securing additional savings. It's recommended that scrutiny review progress is 6 months (August 2013).
	Review of Bailiffs Guidelines	Helen Harding	A review of the policy which provides guidelines to how Council appointed bailiffs deal with vulnerable people, and how the Council monitor how the guidelines are adhered.
	Progress update on Services to Schools	David Haley	An update on progress on how services are becoming more commercial in marketing themselves to schools and also progress on full-cost recovery where this hasn't already happened. Report expected June/July 2013
	Legal Services Costs and Income	Christine Forde	To review opportunities to reduce external legal spend and increase income generation opportunities from the service.
	Customer Journey	Lisa Commane/ Belinda Black	To review 6 monthly progress on the Kickstart Customer Journey programme following discussion at the Board on 13 th January 2014.

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Meeting	Work programme item	Lead officer	Brief Summary of the issue
Update reports – to be circulated with agendas for information only			
Date to be confirmed	Half yearly reports on agency workers/sickness absence	Shokat Lal	A regular update on progress on reducing staff sickness and use of agency staff across the Council <i>NB Half yearly report on sickness absence considered by the Cabinet Member Strategic Finance and Resources 2nd December 2013 – Chair of Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board reviewed and decided not to bring report to Board.</i>
	Half yearly report on Benefits Service Performance	Tim Savill	A regular update on progress on performance in the benefits service. <i>NB Half yearly report considered by the Cabinet Member Strategic Finance and Resources 2nd December 2013 – Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee considered key issues as part of their 11th December meeting on Welfare Reform.</i>
	Half yearly report on Revenues Service performance	Jan Evans	A regular update on progress on performance in the revenues service. <i>NB Half yearly report considered by the Cabinet Member Strategic Finance and Resources 2nd December 2013 – Chair of Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board reviewed and decided not to bring report to Board.</i>