

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Council – 29 June 2011

Subject: General Services Capital Plan 2011/12

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide Members with the General Services Capital Plan for 2011/12 recommended by the Corporate Management Team (CMT).

2. Background

- 2.1** An earlier draft of the General Services Capital Plan for 2011/12 was reported to Council on 26 August 2009. These bids have now been reviewed and updated by departments.
- 2.2** Appendices I to V report on estimated resources, identify committed expenditure, recommended uncommitted bids and remaining uncommitted departmental bids for 2011/12.
- 2.3** Expenditure can be identified as committed for a number of reasons:
- (a) Expenditure in relation to external ring fenced funding – e.g. grants.
 - (b) Expenditure due to be allocated to capital on an annual basis – e.g. administrative and architectural support, central buildings work.
 - (c) Expenditure which has been politically agreed – i.e. Member agreement through Committee/Council decision.
 - (d) Expenditure which has been legally committed – i.e. through the Council's ordering/tendering procedures.
- 2.4** Within the resources noted as available each year, an element of capital receipts has been identified. It should be noted that these figures are estimates at this stage and not guaranteed. These figures could change and, as a result, the capital plans may require to be altered.
- 2.5** Slippage has been included at 10% of the available resources for 2011/12.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** Total funds available for the capital plan are £24.052m (Appendix I). The committed projects (Appendix II) total £19.324m; therefore, the funds available for non-committed capital bids are £4.728m.

- 3.2** To arrive at the figures noted in 3.1, the likely resources and spend during 2010/11 have been considered and the 2011/12 draft capital plan adjusts for both income and expenditure likely to slip from 2010/11 into 2011/12.
- 3.3** Included within the committed projects is an amount of £5.950m related to the new build school at Dumbarton Academy. This is matched by anticipated Scottish Futures Trust funding which, although still to be finally confirmed, is included within the Government Resources figure of £14.010m in Appendix I. Any reduction in expenditure will be matched by an equivalent reduction in resources.
- 3.4** Members should be aware of the impact on future years capital plans (2012/13 and 2013/14) regarding Dumbarton Academy as the spend required to be committed by the Council in respect of this could result in no resources being available for further projects due to the level of receipts and committed spend anticipated in those years.
- 3.5** Included within the committed projects is an amount of £0.850m for the new build schools at Bonhill and Goldenhill. This amount relates to various additional costs (including those associated with two Extension of Time claims) which have been submitted by the main contractor, details of which were reported to Council on 15 December 2010.
- 3.6** From the £4.728m available resources noted in 3.1, departments were each allocated a capital budget.
- 3.7** The CMT has carefully considered all non-committed capital bids from each department and has agreed to recommend for approval bids totalling £4.728m as listed in Appendix III and with further detailed information regarding these bids provided as Appendix IV.
- 3.8** Remaining uncommitted capital bids are detailed in Appendix V and amount to £13.779m.
- 3.9** Within the committed projects is an amount of £0.214m related to spend to save Council funding which has not been allocated to any specific project at present.

4. People Implications

- 4.1** There are no people implications.

5. Financial implications

- 5.1** Based upon the recommendations, there are no additional financial implications at present.

6 Risk Analysis

6.1 The main risks are as follows:

- (a) As a consequence of current market conditions, capital receipts may either not be received or they may be less than anticipated.
- (b) If departments overspend on any capital budget this will have a detrimental effect on the capital programme in current and future years.

7. Equalities, Health & Humans Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)

7.1 No issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report. Individual projects will be equalities assessed before implementation.

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

8.1 After accounting for committed bids, £4.728m non committed bids can be funded, resulting in a total programme for 2011/12 of £24.052m.

8.2 It is recommended that the Members agree to:

- (a) Note the committed bids as shown in Appendix II;
- (b) Note that the funds available for uncommitted capital bids in 2011/12 are £4.728m;
- (c) Agree the projects recommended for approval totalling £4.728m as listed in Appendix III and further detailed in Appendix IV;
- (d) Approve the capital plan for 2011/12 as detailed in Appendix I, including the recommended projects as outlined above;
- (e) Note that, in the event of final approval for the Dumbarton Academy project, there may be no resources available for further projects in 2012/13 and 2013/14; and
- (f) Note that the draft capital plans for 2012/13 and 2013/14 will be presented to Council in August 2011.

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Appendices:

- I Available Resources
- II Committed Bids 2011/12
- III Recommended Uncommitted Bids 2011/12
- IV Recommended Uncommitted Bids 2011/12 – Further Detail

Remaining Uncommitted Bids 2011/12

Background Papers: Departmental Bids
General Services Capital Plan 2010/11 and 2011/12
- Council 26 August 2009

Wards Affected: All wards affected.