

TITLE	Capital Outturn Report 2016/17
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	The Executive on 25 May 2017
WARD	None Specific
DIRECTOR	Graham Ebers, Director of Corporate Services
LEAD MEMBER	To be confirmed

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Effective and safe use of our resources to deliver service improvements and service continuity through capital investments

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive is asked to:

- 1) note the Capital Outturn and committed carry forwards (for 2016/17) – Appendix A;
- 2) approve the carry forwards for schemes which are awaiting contractual commitment (totalling £1.129m) detailed in Appendix B);
- 3) Note that the overall value of the 2017/18 capital programme has increased due to the receipt of ring fenced capital grant, for Early Years for £387k.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The report informs members of the outturn and performance of the capital programme for 2016/17. (See appendix A for breakdown of expenditure). This shows a total investment delivered services of £78m which a growth of 59% from the previous year. The projects were delivered overall in budget. The final outturn budget performance was a £3.8m underspend.

Budget

£'000	
MTFP Approved Budget 16/17	84,657
C/Fwd from 15/16	62,444
In year Funding Movements	3,556
Total budget	153,057

The in-year movements are summarised below:

£'000

In- year movements	
New scheme to upgrade Woodley Precinct	273
New schemes / Additional funding for social housing schemes (HRA funded included Right to buy receipts)	532
New schemes / Additional funding for new and improvements to highways schemes	407
New schemes / Additional funding for new schools, expansions and improvements	2,893
New schemes / Additional funding for sport, leisure and play area's schemes	806
New schemes / Additional funding for various small schemes under £450k	845
Total	5,756

Outturn

£'000	
Total Budget	153,056
Actual Expenditure	76,883
Proposed C/Fwds	72,340
(Underspend) / overspend	(3,833)

Background

The 2016/17 Expenditure of £76.883m was spent on the following areas.

	Actual Expenditure 2016/17
	£'000
Schools	27,920
Town Centre Regeneration	13,032
Wokingham Housing Limited	10,887
Social Housing	6,833
Highways and Maintenance	2,806
Road & Highways infrastructure improvement scheme	2,653
Strategic Development	2,374
Leisure facilities	2,187
IT Systems (including hardware/software)	1,652
Special Education Needs	1,265
Safety / Crash Barriers	1,258
Street Lighting Asset Replacement & column testing	929
Highway Bridges	642
Strategic Assets	615
Mandatory Disabled Facility Grants	381
Wokingham Libraries	226
Cycle infrastructure improvement scheme	205
Country parks & play areas	158
Improve educational attainment and focus on every child achieving their potential	150
Solar and Renewable Energy Systems	141
Flood Alleviation / Drainage	138
Waste Collection Strategy	84
Enhancing Provision for Children & Young People with Disabilities	81
Civil Parking Enforcement	78
Borough parking schemes	65
Youth provision	62
Provision for Super-Fast Broadband	24
ICT Equipment for children in care	19
Highways Footway Structural Maintenance & improvement	18
Grand Total	76,883

Analysis of Issues

The analysis of capital spend 2016/17 is shown in Appendix A. Where there have been contractual commitments to schemes these unspent funds are carried forward automatically totalling £71.21m see appendix A table 2.2). A summary of schemes not currently contractually committed which are seeking approval to carry forward into 2017/18, totalling £1.129m are detailed in appendix B.

We have been notified of the following ring fenced capital grant to be received by the Council in 2017/18:-

Early Years Capital Fund (EYCF) for £387k to third party providers for particular capital build projects to provide free childcare for working parents of 3 and 4-year-olds.

These ring fenced grants are to be added to the capital programme, and must be spent in accordance with the specific activities required by the grant, or would otherwise need to be returned to the government.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£76.883m	Yes	Capital
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	£72.340m	Yes	Capital
Following Financial Year (Year 3)			

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

None

Cross-Council Implications

None

List of Background Papers

Appendix A – Main report
Appendix B – Carry Forwards

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