
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 – BLOCK ALLOCATIONS

Report by Chief Financial Officer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

17 April 2018

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks Executive approval for the proposed individual projects and programmes within the various block allocations in the 2018/19 Capital Financial Plan.**
- 1.2 Appendices A – Z contain proposals for various projects to be allocated resources from the block allocations within the 2018/19 Capital Financial Plan and those budgets approved at the meeting of the Executive Committee on 14 February 2018
- 1.3 Not all projects have been fully identified at this point and as and when this information is available this will be brought to the Executive for consideration.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended the Executive Committee approves the block allocation breakdowns contained in Appendices A – Z.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Section 7 of the current Financial Regulations deal with Budgetary Control and from paragraph 7.15 onwards details the framework for Capital. The Regulations stipulate detailed expenditure plans must be presented to the Executive Committee for approval. This report provides the details for the initial allocation of items in the Capital Financial Plan identified as blocks in financial years 2018/19 - 2020/21 for approval.
- 3.2 The Council approved the 2018/19 to 2027/28 Capital Financial Plan on 20 February 2018 and this programme contained a number of block allocations.
- 3.3 The Capital Financial Plan did not reflect timing movements in the programme approved later than 21 November 2017. This report incorporates timing movements agreed since the November meeting.
- 3.4 Following the approval of the Capital Financial Plan, project managers have been working to develop the individual projects and streams within these block allocations.

4 CAPITAL BLOCK ALLOCATIONS 2018/19 – 2020/21

- 4.1 It is proposed that the following budget headings within the 2018/19 Capital Financial Plan, as approved on 20 February 2018, are treated as block allocations within the context of the Financial Regulations as they apply to Capital Budgetary Control: They are listed below along with the Appendix number where detail of the proposed allocations can be found.

App	Service	Capital Investment Proposals - Block Allocations	2017/18 b/f £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2020/21 £'000	Total Allocation
		Flood & Coastal Protection					
C	Asset & Infrastructure	Flood Studies	0	350	350	350	1,050
D	Asset & Infrastructure	General Flood Protection Block	10	164	200	200	574
		Land and Property Infrastructure					
E	Asset & Infrastructure	Asset Rationalisation	1,133	950	950	750	3,783
F	Asset & Infrastructure	Building Upgrades	0	630	730	730	2,090
G	Asset & Infrastructure	Cleaning Equipment Replacement Block	0	50	50	50	150
H	Asset & Infrastructure	Commercial Property Upgrades	0	50	50	50	150
I	Asset & Infrastructure	Contaminated Land Block	0	38	52	52	142
J	Asset & Infrastructure	Health and Safety Works	0	635	835	835	2,305
K	Asset & Infrastructure	Parks & Open Spaces - Upgrades	191	333	130	105	759
Y	Asset & Infrastructure	Play Facilities	20	0	0	0	20
Z	Asset & Infrastructure	Depot enhancements	306	0	0	0	306

		Road & Transport Infrastructure					
L	Asset & Infrastructure	Accident Investigation Prevention Schemes Block	-	50	50	50	150
M	Asset & Infrastructure	Cycling Walking & Safer Streets	0	156	207	199	562
N	Asset & Infrastructure	Lighting Asset Management Plan	-	250	300	200	750
O	Asset & Infrastructure	Roads & Bridges -inc. RAMP, Winter Damage & Slopes	(726)	5,360	6,610	7,410	18,654
W	Asset & Infrastructure	Engineering Minor works	99	0	0	0	99
X	Asset & Infrastructure	Drainage	43	0	0	0	43
		Waste Management					
P	Asset & Infrastructure	CRC - Improved Skip Infrastructure	-	146	0	0	146
		Corporate					
U	Finance, IT & Procurement	ICT - Outwith CGI Scope	-	80	80	80	240
		School Estate					
T	Children & Young People	School Estate Block	2,431	3,930	4,551	2,070	12,982
		Sports Infrastructure					
A	Contracted Services (Live Borders/SBCare s)	Culture & Sports Trusts - Plant & Services	-	350	290	290	930
		Culture & Heritage					
B	Contracted Services (Live Borders/SBCare s)	Public Halls Upgrades	-	72	0	208	280
		Economic Regeneration					
Q	Economic Development	Borders Town Centre Regeneration Block	-	100	100	100	300
V	Economic Development	Hawick Regeneration	3,024	0	0	0	3,024
		Social Care Infrastructure					
R	Health & Social Care	Adult Services Facilities Upgrades	-	150	200	200	550
S	Health & Social Care	Care Inspectorate Requirements & Upgrades	-	51	53	54	158
		Total	6,531	13,895	15,788	13,983	50,197

4.2 Work is still ongoing in relation to some block allocations listed below and as these are defined they will be bought forward for approval:

(a) **Asset Rationalisation**

To fund the rationalisation of the Council's estate into fewer sites which are more fit for purpose geared to support flexible working. This will reduce the Council's Asset Footprint and reduce future operating costs as well as releasing capital through the disposal of surplus assets.

(b) **Parks & Open Spaces upgrades**

The work to identify priorities for this block will be done in conjunction with the work undertaken to deliver 'Outdoor Community Spaces' as approved in the 2018/19 Capital Plan.

(c) **Early Years and School Estate Blocks**

The School Estate block is largely allocated in line with the service development plan for 2018/19. The Early Years Block allocation brought forward is currently being redeveloped and is dependent on the yet-to-be agreed plan for the ongoing expansion of Early Years and Childcare Programme.

(d) **Care Inspectorate Requirements & Upgrades**

Following the recent Joint Older People's Services inspection by the Care Inspectorate, a prioritised plan for investment to deliver recommended outcomes per the inspection Action Plan is being developed.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

- (a) The blocks in Appendices A –Z are reported as the amounts relating to the 2018/19 budgets and contain any timing movements resulting from the 2017/18 programme monitoring reported up to the Executive Committee on 14 February 2018.
- (b) It is proposed that in order to comply with the Financial Regulations, the individual lines contained in the Appendix for each block will be interpreted as the detailed plans for the block. Each line in the block is therefore an individual project or "budget heading" for the purpose of Budgetary Control. This means that, if required, virements between these "budget headings" will be subject to the appropriate approval process. The only exception to this is where there is still an "Unallocated Balance".
- (c) These block allocations may be affected by the 2017/18 capital monitoring out-turn which will be reported to Executive Committee in June 2018 and any changes as a result of this will be reflected in future monitoring reports.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

There is a risk that as a project progresses through the various phases from inception to construction and commissioning, adjustments will be required to the phasing of the projects delivery or cost estimate, or that the project may not be able to be progressed as anticipated. These risks will be managed through regular capital project monitoring meetings with budget holders and project managers and timely reporting to elected members for decision-making at an appropriate Committee.

5.3 Equalities

It is anticipated that there are no adverse impact due to race, disability, gender, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief arising from the proposals in this report.

5.4 Acting Sustainably

There are no direct economic, social or environmental issues with this report although there may be within individual projects and these will be identified and addressed as appropriate as part of their specific governance arrangements.

5.5 Carbon Management

There are no direct carbon emissions impacts as a result of this monitoring report; however, there may be within individual projects and these will be identified and addressed as appropriate as part of their specific governance arrangements.

5.6 Rural Proofing

This report does not relate to new or amended policy or strategy and as a result rural proofing is not an applicable consideration.

5.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

No changes to the Scheme of Administration or Delegation are required as a result of this report.

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted in the preparation of this report and any comments received on the report have been incorporated into the report.

6.2 The Chief Executive, Executive Directors, Service Director Children & Young People, Chief Social Work Officer, Service Director Customer and Communities, Service Director Asset and Infrastructure and the Service Director Roads have been consulted in the preparation of this report and the content of the appendices and any comments incorporated.

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