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## **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 – BLOCK ALLOCATIONS**

**Report by Executive Director Finance and Regulatory**  
**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL**

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### **1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report seeks Council approval for the proposed individual projects and programmes within the various block allocations in the 2020/21 Capital Financial Plan.**
- 1.2 Appendices A – V contain proposals for various projects to be allocated resources from the block allocations within the 2020/21 Capital Financial Plan.
- 1.3 Not all projects have been fully identified at this point, as and when this information is available, this will be brought to the Executive Committee for consideration.

### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Scottish Borders Council approves the block allocation breakdowns contained in Appendices A – V.**

### 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 Elected Members for approval. This report provides the details for the initial allocation of items in the Capital Financial Plan identified as blocks in financial years 2020/21 - 2022/23 for approval.
- 3.2 Elsewhere on the Council agenda, the 2020/21 to 2029/30 Capital Financial Plan contains the full 10 year allocation for each of these block allocations.
- 3.3 Project managers have developed the individual projects and streams within these block allocations.

### 4 CAPITAL BLOCK ALLOCATIONS 2020/21 – 2022/23

- 4.1 It is proposed that the following budget headings within the 2020/21 Capital Financial Plan 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	CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROPOSALS	2020/21 £'000	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	Total Allocation
<b>Flood &amp; Coastal Protection</b>					
A	Flood Studies	600	350	350	<b>1,300</b>
B	General Flood Protection Block	292	160	160	<b>612</b>
<b>Land and Property Infrastructure</b>					
C	Asset Rationalisation & Demolition	1,865	2,750	1,382	<b>5,997</b>
D	Cemetery Land Acquisition & Development	0	859	420	<b>1,279</b>
E	Building Upgrades	847	584	624	<b>2,055</b>
F	Cleaning Equipment Replacement Block	46	50	50	<b>146</b>
G	Commercial Property Upgrades	66	40	40	<b>146</b>
H	Contaminated Land Block	18	93	93	<b>204</b>
I	Energy Efficiency Works	3,418	1,045	1,045	<b>5,508</b>
J	Health and Safety Works	682	585	585	<b>1,852</b>
K	Outdoor Community Spaces	1,344	640	828	<b>2,812</b>
<b>Road &amp; Transport Infrastructure</b>					
L	Accident Investigation Prevention Schemes Block	40	40	40	<b>120</b>
M	Cycling Walking & Safer Streets	189	211	221	<b>621</b>
N	Lighting Asset Management Plan	160	160	160	<b>480</b>
O	Roads & Bridges -inc. RAMP, Winter Damage & Slopes	7,660	7,660	11,615	<b>26,935</b>
<b>Corporate</b>					
P	ICT - Outwith CGI Scope	80	80	80	<b>240</b>
<b>Learning Estate</b>					
Q	Learning Estate Block	2,718	1,800	1,800	<b>6,318</b>

	<b>Sports Infrastructure</b>				
R	Culture & Sports Trusts - Plant & Services	409	290	290	<b>989</b>
	<b>Culture &amp; Heritage</b>				
S	Public Halls Upgrades	225	99	0	<b>324</b>
	<b>Economic Regeneration</b>				
T	Borders Town Centre Regeneration Block	100	100	100	<b>300</b>
U	Hawick Regeneration	1,596	489	0	<b>2,085</b>
	<b>Social Care Infrastructure</b>				
V	Care Inspectorate Requirements & Upgrades	54	55	57	<b>166</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,409</b>	<b>18,140</b>	<b>19,940</b>	<b>60,489</b>

## 5 IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Financial

- (a) The blocks in Appendices A –V are reported as the amounts relating to the 2020/21 budgets and contain any timing movements resulting from the 2019/20 programme monitoring reported up to the Executive Committee on 11 February 2020.
- (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 2019/20 capital monitoring out-turn which will be reported to Executive Committee in June 2020 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 Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer), the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council are being consulted on this report and any comments will be reported at the Council meeting.

#### **Approved by**

**David Robertson**  
**Executive Director,**  
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**Previous Minute Reference:**

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