
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 – BLOCK ALLOCATIONS

Report by Director, Finance & Corporate Governance

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

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1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks Scottish Borders Council approval for the proposed individual projects and programmes within the various block allocations in the 2022/23 Capital Financial Plan.**
- 1.2 Appendices A-P contain proposals for various projects to be allocated from the block allocations. These overall block allocation were approved in the 2022/23 Capital Financial Plan at the meeting of Scottish Borders Council on 22 February 2022.
- 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 Committee for consideration as part of the quarterly monitoring reports.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council approves the block allocation breakdowns contained in Appendices A-P.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Section 7 of the current Financial Regulations covers Budgetary Control and paragraph 7.15 onwards details the framework for Capital. The Regulations stipulate detailed expenditure plans must be presented for approval. This report provides the details for the initial allocation of items in the Capital Financial Plan, identified as blocks in financial years 2022/23 - 2024/25, for approval.
- 3.2 The Council approved the 2022/23 to 2031/32 Capital Financial Plan on 22 February 2022 and this programme contained a number of block allocations.
- 3.3 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 2022/23 – 2024/25

- 4.1 It is proposed that the following budget headings within the 2022/23 Capital Financial Plan, as approved on 22 February 2022, 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	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	Total Operational Plan
	Flood & Coastal Protection				
A	Flood Prevention Works & Scheme Preparation	372	372	372	1,116
	Land and Property Infrastructure				
B	Asset Rationalisation & Demolition	1,075	0	0	1,075
C	Cemetery Land Acquisition & Development	895	0	105	1,000
D	Building Upgrades	522	437	437	1,396
E	Energy Efficiency Works	1,878	1,045	1,045	3,968
F	Health and Safety Works	633	400	400	1,433
G	Play Areas and Outdoor Community Spaces	1,635	764	518	2,917
	Road & Transport Infrastructure				
H	Cycling Walking & Safer Streets	404	404	404	1,212
I	Lighting Asset Management Plan	160	160	160	480
J	Roads & Bridges -inc. RAMP, Winter Damage & Slopes	7,731	7,660	7,100	22,491
	Corporate				
K	ICT - Outwith CGI Scope	24	24	56	104
	Learning Estate				
L	Learning Estate Block	2,153	1,800	1,790	5,743

	Sports Infrastructure				
M	Culture & Sports Trusts - Plant & Services	255	215	215	685
	Culture & Heritage				
N	Public Halls Upgrades	284	0	0	284
	Economic Regeneration				
O	Borders Town Centre Regeneration Block	873	70	70	1,013
	Social Care Infrastructure				
P	Care Inspectorate Requirements & Upgrades	40	41	41	122
	Total	18,934	13,392	12,713	45,039

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

- (a) The blocks in Appendices A – P are reported as the amounts relating to the approved 2022/23 budgets and contain any timing movements resulting from the 2021/22 programme monitoring reported up to the Executive Committee on 8 February 2022.
- (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 2021/22 capital monitoring out-turn which will be reported to Executive Committee in June 2022 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 Integrated Impact Assessment

No Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out in relation to the contents of this report; it is, however, expected that for individual projects this work will have been undertaken by the relevant project manager/ budget holder prior to budget being approved.

5.4 **Sustainable Development Goals**

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 **Climate Change**

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 **Data Protection Impact Statement**

There are no personal data implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.8 **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/Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Service Director HR & Communications, the Clerk to the Council and Corporate Communications have been consulted and comments have been incorporated into this final report.

6.2 The Director Infrastructure & Environment has been consulted in the preparation of this report and the content of the detailed appendices.

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