
CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 – BLOCK ALLOCATIONS

Report by Acting Chief Financial Officer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

18 APRIL 2023

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks Executive Committee approval for the proposed individual projects and programmes within the various block allocations in the 2023/24 Capital Financial Plan.**
- 1.2 Appendices A-R contain proposals for various projects to be allocated from the block allocations. These overall block allocations were approved in the 2023/24 Capital Financial Plan at the meeting of Scottish Borders Council on 23 February 2023.
- 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 the Executive Committee:-

- a) **approves the block allocation breakdowns contained in Appendices A-R;**
- b) **approves the re-allocation of available budget in the Health and Safety Works Block (Appendix F) to the Building Upgrades Block (Appendix D) of £63k;**
- c) **approves a timing movement of £440k from 2023/24 to 2024/25 in the Play Areas and Outdoor Community Spaces Block (Appendix H).**

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 2023/24 – 2025/26, for approval.
- 3.2 The Council approved the 2023/24 to 2032/33 Capital Financial Plan on 23 February 2023 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 2023/24 – 2025/26

- 4.1 It is proposed that the following budget headings within the 2023/24 Capital Financial Plan, as approved on 23 February 2023, 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.
- 4.2 It is proposed to reallocate available budget of £63k within the Health and Safety Works Block to the Building Upgrades Block for Peebles Swimming Pool roof upgrade. A timing movement is also proposed in the Play Areas and Outdoor Community Spaces Block of £440k from 2023/24 to 2024/25. These proposals are both reflected in the undernoted table and associated appendices.

APP	CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROPOSALS	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total Operational Plan £'000
	Flood & Coastal Protection				
A	Flood Prevention Works & Scheme Preparation	372	372	372	1,116
	Land and Property Infrastructure				
B	Asset Rationalisation & Demolition	767	0	0	767
C	Cemetery Land Acquisition & Development	0	105	0	105
D	Building Upgrades	500	437	437	1,374
E	Energy Efficiency Works	1,806	720	795	3,321
F	Health and Safety Works	337	400	400	1,137
G	Free School Meals	2,589	0	0	2,589
H	Play Areas and Outdoor Community Spaces	646	958	615	2,219
	Road & Transport Infrastructure				
I	Cycling Walking & Safer Streets	407	407	407	1,221
J	Lighting Asset Management Plan	160	160	160	480
K	Roads & Bridges -inc. RAMP, Winter Damage & Slopes	7,660	7,100	7,100	21,860

APP	CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROPOSALS	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total Operational Plan £'000
	Corporate				
L	ICT - Outwith CGI Scope	24	56	56	136
	Learning Estate				
M	Learning Estate Block	2,300	1,790	1,790	5,880
	Sports Infrastructure				
N	Culture & Sports Trusts - Plant & Services	212	215	215	642
	Culture & Heritage				
O	Public Halls Upgrades	281	0	0	281
	Economic Regeneration				
P	Borders Town Centre Regeneration Block	300	70	70	440
	Social Care Infrastructure				
Q	Care Inspectorate Requirements & Upgrades	41	41	43	125
R	Residential Care Accommodation - Upgrades	972	0	0	972
	Total	19,374	12,831	12,460	44,665

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

- (a) The blocks in Appendices A – R are reported as the amounts approved in the 2023/24 Capital Financial Plan approved at Council on 23 February 2023 and the budget adjustments contained at 4.2 of this report.
- (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 2022/23 capital monitoring out-turn which will be reported to Executive Committee in June 2023 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 Interim Chief Officer Corporate Governance (and Monitoring Officer), the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Director People, Performance and Change, 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.

Approved by

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