

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2006/07

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Summary: This is a progress report that advises Members of expenditure to the end of September 2006, and any amendments needed to the Capital Programme for 2006/07.

Recommendation:	<p>a) That Members note the spend to date and project managers comments as at Appendix A;</p> <p>b) That members approve a reduction in the capital programme of: * £77,000 due to crematorium emissions, and * £11,500 due to document management – creditor invoices</p> <p>These funds are no longer required and will be released to the Reserves Fund.</p> <p>c) That members note the amendments to the Capital Programme previously approved by Executive, totalling £25,532;</p> <p>d) That Members note the approved programme as at Appendix C.</p>
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Financial and human resource implications Expenditure against the total Capital Programme to 29 September 2006 is £1,289,195 (28% of the 2006/07 capital programme). The Capital Programme as at 29 September 2006 for 2006/07 is £4,679,318, of which £2,232,261 (48%) is financed on externally funded. This is after Recommendations b) and c) above.

Impact on delivering Copeland Corporate Plan Objectives The individual projects within the capital programme all contribute in differing ways of achieving the Corporate Plan objectives. The overall programme monitoring tracks the success of the application of resources deployed to support the objectives.

Impact on other statutory objectives As above

Project and risk management controls The capital programme is monitored on a monthly basis by Finance, with co-ordination of the projects by managers in individual sections. Project managers are expected to complete Project Initiation Documents to be approved for new projects, or phases of projects.

Key Decision Status:
- Financial YES
- Ward NO

Other Ward Implications

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Accountant and Project Managers monitor the Capital programme on a monthly basis.

1.2 This report advises Members of spend to 29 September 2006.

2 EXPENDITURE TO DATE

2.1 Expenditure of the programme has been monitored on a monthly basis. Currently, expenditure for the programme to the end of September stands at £1,289,195. This represents 27% of the total programme as at that date.

2.2 Included in the programme are a number of externally funded projects, some of which rely on outside agencies and support to complete. For example the Townscape Heritage Scheme at Cleator Moor is in the programme at £500,205. The main element of this is the ERDF scheme to refurbish the former Co-op building.

3 AMENDMENTS TO PROGRAMME

3.1 Amendments to the Capital Programme previously approved by Executive are given below, and are requested to note, as included in the Capital Programme for 2006/07.

*	£25,532	Coastal Fringe - (Exec 13.6.06)
*	£116,500	Market Towns Initiative (Exec 23.05.06)
*	£286,958	Coalfields (Exec 23.05.06)

With regard to Market Towns Initiative and Coalfields, these are now monitored and reported separately and outside the capital programme.

3.2 With regard to Cremation upgrade, £77,000 included in the original capital programme for reduction in heavy metals emissions. This no longer required as initial legislative proposals have now been extended. Members are requested to approve this reduction in the capital programme, and release to the Reserves Fund.

3.2 Members are also requested to approve a reduction in the capital programme of £11,500 relating to Document Management – Creditor Invoices. This is no longer required as the new financial system currently being implemented into the Council has this facility as part of the overall package.

4 RESERVES FUND

4.1 The Reserves Fund is shown at Appendix B

4.2 The Reserves Fund is showing a balance of £156,790 following previous Executive approvals to utilise £284,472 of the fund for the current financial year.

5 FOUR YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME

5.1 Appendix C shows the 4 year capital programme to 2009/10.

6 CHANGES TO CAPITAL PROGRAMME

6.1 Appendix D shows approved changes to the capital programme made during the year.

List of Appendices

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[Appendix B Capital - Reserves Fund](#)

[Appendix C Capital 4 year programme](#)

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List of Background Documents: Capital Programme 2006/07

List of Consultees:

- Corporate Team
- Cllr E Woodburn
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 - Chris Lloyd – Business Development Manager
 - M Titchford – Head of Regeneration
 - T Pomfret – Development Services Manager
 - K Parker – Head of Leisure & Environmental Services
 - J Salt – Head of Customer Services
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