

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2005/06

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Cllr Elaine Woodburn
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Summary: This is a progress report that advises Members of expenditure to the end of December 2005, and any amendments needed to the Capital Programme for 2005/06.

Recommendation:	<p>a) That Members note the spend to date and project managers comments as at Appendix A;</p> <p>b) That members note and approve the amendments to the Capital Programme totalling;</p> <p>c) That Members note the approved programme as at Appendix B.</p>
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Financial and human resource implications Expenditure against the total Capital Programme to 31 December 2005 is £2,242,760. The Capital Programme as at 31 December 2006 for 2005/06 is £4,708,478.

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

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Accountancy section, together with the Project Managers and the Executive Portfolio Holders, monitor the Capital programme on a monthly basis.

1.2 This report advises Members of spend to 31 December 2005.

2.0 EXPENDITURE TO DATE

2.1 Expenditure of the programme has been monitored on a monthly basis throughout the year. Currently, expenditure for the programme to the end of December stands at £2,242,760. This represents 48% 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 £500,990. The main element of this is the ERDF scheme to refurbish the former Co-op building.

2.3 It is worth noting that a total of 56% of the total capital budget is financed from external sources. This total has no budgetary implications for the Council.

3.0 AMENDMENTS TO PROGRAMME

3.1 Amendments to the Capital Programme previously approved by Executive are given below and are asked to be noted for addition to the Capital Programme for 2005/06.

3.2 WHITEHAVEN REGENERATION PROGRAMME

Executive approved a report on 18 October 2005 regarding the Whitehaven Regeneration Programme in which, an additional £20,000 was to be added to the Capital Programme for additional consultancy work as part of the Whitehaven Development Framework. The additional £20,000 is to be funded from the capital element of the Planning Delivery Grant.

3.3 REPLACEMENT OF FMS

A report was approved at Executive on 18 October 2005 allocating £250,000 from the Major Projects Fund for the procurement of a new Financial Management System. This needs to be added to the Capital Programme for 2005/06.

3.4 MARKET TOWNS STUDIES (BANKROLLING)

Executive approved a report on 8 November 2005 requesting the Council bankroll the Market Town Studies. The scheme is funded through NWDA, but funding can only be claimed once it is defrayed. Therefore payments will be made through the Council's Capital Programme and claimed back from NWDA on a quarterly basis.

3.5 PRIVATE SECTOR RENOVATION GRANTS

An amendment needs to be made to the Capital Programme for the budget for the Private Sector Renovation Grants in that the budget has not been split correctly between Copeland funds and funds from Government, and also not all the external grant income from Government were not added in. These amounts need to be added in to the Capital Programme. The CBC contribution

needs to be reduced by £251,826 (from £860,300 to £608,474), and the External Contribution needs to be increased to £944,000.

3.6 FORMER CO-OP CLEATOR MOOR

The budget for the former Cleator Moor Co-Op needs to be amended to take account of the allocation that was included in 2004/05, which was incorrectly added to this years programme. There is no impact on the overall scheme of this amendment and it now takes account correctly the allocations for each year of the scheme and when external funding will be received. The amendment for the CBC funding is to add £650, and external funding needs to be reduced by £130,366 in 2005/06.

3.7 TOWN CENTRE MANAGER/XMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON CONTRIBUTION

An allocation of £25,000 was initially included in the 2005/06 Capital Programme to extend the Town Centre Manager position beyond its original completion date of 31 March 2005. However, no external match funding was found and the post ended when it was supposed to. An Urgent Action was approved by Executive on 8 November 2005, to utilise £16,000 to provide a contribution to the Whitehaven Town Centre Group to fund the Xmas Lights switch on. The Capital Programme therefore needs to be amended to reflect this change.

3.8 NUCLEAR ISSUES CAPITAL

Full Council approved an allocation of £150,000 from the Major Projects Fund on 28 July 2005 to help to support the Council's campaign to introduce offset packages as used in other parts of the EU. This allocation needs to be added to the Council's Capital Programme as expenditure is now starting to be incurred.

3.9 IMPLEMENTING ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT

An allocation of £22,000 has been agreed by the Head of Regeneration to come from the Planning Delivery Grant to help with the Project Management of IEG Projects. This needs to be added to the Capital Programme for 2005/06.

List of Appendices

[Appendix A – Expenditure & Capital Programme to 31 December 2005](#)

[Appendix B – Amendments to Capital Programme 2005 06](#)

List of Background Documents: Capital Programme 2005/06

List of Consultees: Corporate Team
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