# Appendix 5 - Capital Schemes Update

# **Economic Development**

Directorate Programme 2021/22 £34.403 million. Initial variance of £352,000 identified.

#### Business and Investment

- The Council has requested and drawn down repayable loan funding of £6.060 million from Welsh Government for the implementation of town centre regeneration schemes to bring back vacant, underutilised or redundant buildings into beneficial use. Loans currently outstanding total £2.230 million, with loans provided to date in 2021/22 supporting development in the city centre particularly in the leisure and hospitality sector. It should be noted that all risk in respect to repayable loans remains with the Local Authority so robust security for loans is sought.
- 3. A sum of £2.366 million was originally allocated in the 2019/20 capital programme for economic development initiatives, primarily in relation to heritage buildings and a sum of £366,000 was ringfenced for the Black Tower Tales visitor experience at Cardiff Castle. The attraction opened in May 2021, with the remaining budget of £30,000 held for final snagging works to be undertaken by the end of the year.
- 4. Following a marketing exercise for the development of Merchant Place/Cory's Buildings, in October 2021 Cabinet approved recommendation to dispose of the site, subject to planning, in order to recoup the initial investment. Expenditure incurred in the year of £21,000 on professional fees is anticipated to be recouped from capital receipts.
- 5. A sum of £1.929 million arising from a 2019/20 Welsh Government grant to support economic stimulus in local authorities was used for the acquisition of land situated on the corner of James Street and Adelaide Street in Cardiff Bay that has remained derelict for over 30 years. Following a Cabinet decision in October 2021, this site was appropriated to the HRA for the development of social housing. Any future costs related to the site, including clearance, conservation issues and land acquisition will be borne by the HRA.
- In September 2021, Cabinet agreed to progress the development strategy for the International Sports Village (ISV) by formally terminating an old Development Agreement with Greenbank Partnership Ltd on the waterfront site and acquiring all the land and assets owned by Greenbank Partnership Ltd at the ISV. Land acquisition and associated costs are expected to be £12.105 million during this financial year with the balance of acquisition costs in accordance with the Heads of Terms agreement, to be incurred in 2022/23. The expenditure in land acquisition is assumed to be recovered from sales of land and income receivable. Close monitoring and reporting of the timescale and value of receipts will need to be undertaken and reported as part of the

Annual Property Plan and future reports to Cabinet in order to ensure that there is no sustained impact on the Council's borrowing requirement and on the costs of holding the sites.

- 7. Further expenditure on design works and professional fees of circa £750,000 is also anticipated to be incurred in 2022/23 relating to the relocation of the Velodrome from Maindy to a new facility within the ISV. This investment remains subject to the approval of a full business case, with a final Cabinet decision on this expected before the end of the financial year. To facilitate the Cabinet approved amendments to the development strategy, budgets have been brought forward from future years and realigned across the International Sports Village projects to enable delivery of the wider ISV masterplan.
- 8. The primary phase of Central Square Public Realm was completed in November 2018 with costs of £8.700 million in 2018/19 and prior. Completion of the public realm works will not take place until the bus station work is completed by Welsh Government and this is not expected until the latter part of 2022/23.
- 9. Cabinet approved the acquisition of the Red Dragon Centre site in December 2019, triggering the approval of the affordability envelope in respect of delivery of a new indoor arena as part of the 2019/20 budget proposals. Completion of the site took place in January 2020 and Cabinet approved the final business case of the arena in September 2021. The final sum of £5.724m has been paid alongside submission of a planning application for the arena.
- 10. In November 2020 Cabinet approved the appointment of a 'Preferred Bidder' developer/operator consortium for the new Indoor Arena as well as approving the land acquisition strategy to enable the Council to gain full control of the land required for the arena. A final business case was approved by Cabinet in September 2021 with a view to signing of the Development and Funding Agreement (DFA) later this year. The current expenditure projection for 2021/22 is circa £5.28 million for acquisition of the remaining land parcels and professional fees, with the costs of these covered by the Arena affordability envelope. The DFA will remain conditional on a number of future milestones being met, including planning permission, with pre-contract service agreement costs not due to be paid to the developer until Financial Close (once DFA contract becomes unconditional). Financial Close is currently anticipated to be in the 2022/23 financial year and this is when the Council's capital contributions will begin being drawn upon.
- 11. The Llanrumney Development has an approved budget in year of £250,000. Spend to date includes undertaking a feasibility study as well as surveys, design costs and the valuation fee. This has been paid for from revenue budgets to date but will be capitalised and recovered from capital receipts generated once the disposal of sites materialises.

#### Parks & Green Spaces

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- 12. Proposed property asset renewal works (£150,000) will include demolition of Lisvane changing rooms, roof upgrades at Llandaff Pavilion and Llanishen Park changing rooms, upgrade of the intruder alarm and external lighting units at Mill Road Bowling Green and the renewal of the alarm control panels at the park's depot at Eastern Leisure Centre.
- 13. The Parks Asset Renewal Infrastructure budget for 2021/22 including slippage is £226,000 and is to be used for footpath reconstruction at Hailey Park, Rhydypennau Park, Whitchurch Common, and Grange Gardens. It will also be used for retaining structural works, including bridge replacement at Waterhall Park, Cobb Woods, Hendre Lake and the replacement of a collapsed wall at Fairwater Park.
- 14. Including the significant level of slippage from the previous year, the play equipment capital allocation is £752,000 including slippage. It is essential that a robust process for the planning and delivery of these schemes is in place with resurfacing and replacement of playground equipment at sites including Lascelles, Parc Caedelyn, Crawford Drive, Garth Newydd, Glenmont Way, Grange Gardens, Drovers Way, Catherine Gardens, Victoria Park, Peppermint Drive and Heol LLanishen Fach. Whilst this is subject to contractor availability and capacity, the projection is that the works can be completed by the end of the financial year.
- 15. A budget of £200,000 has been allocated to improve the condition of multiuse games areas, fitness equipment, BMX tracks and skate parks across the city. A destination skate park in Llanrumney is currently the subject of detailed design and an acceptable tender exercise. The modular nature of the equipment may require this to be paid for in advance, however the current assumption is slippage of £150,000 into 2022/23.
- 16. The Green Flag Infrastructure Renewal budget is £100,000 and will be used to support the replacement of signage and infrastructure in existing Green Flag parks which include Roath Park, Victoria Park and Rumney Hill Gardens.
- 17. A budget of £150,000 which aims to combat motorcycle nuisance and protect park users will be prioritised at locations based on recommendations and issues reported to the Council and South Wales Police. Works at Splott Park have commenced, with works at Trelai Park scheduled to commence in January 2022.
- 18. External works at Roath Park House, for change of use, landscaping and improved visual impact are nearing completion. The overall project has been paid for from £726,000 of capital receipts from the disposal of the former youth hostel at Wedal Road agreed by Cabinet to be re-invested in the Roath Park District Area.
- 19. Expenditure of £400,000 is forecast during 2021/22 on professional fees and site surveys in relation to Roath Park Dam in order to determine an options report for works deemed required as part of the Reservoir Act 1975 and in

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response to a Natural Resources Wales inspection report. Future costs are subject to this appraisal, consultation as well as consideration of the impact on other features of this Grade1 listed Historic Park as part of a future Cabinet Report.

- 20. During the year the council acquired Hawthorn Woodland in Pentwyn at a total cost of £26,000.
- 21. Following on from the development phase, the Council and partners have been successful in securing Heritage Lottery Funding of up to £645,200 towards the restoration of built and natural heritage on Flat Holm Island. This is for the Walk-through Time project, in partnership with RSPB Cymru and the Flat Holm Society, which aims to preserve its heritage, protect its rich wildlife and attract more visitors to the site. Expenditure of £15,000 is projected to be spent on professional fees and contractor preliminary costs.
- 22. A number of further grant allocations have been awarded during 2021/22 to be spent by 31 March 2022 including:
  - £548,000 to enable the Council to meet some of the actions within the 2021/22 Play Sufficiency Assessment Action Plan and to complement play work provision.
  - £190,000 Local places for nature funding for the acquisition of equipment to support green spaces and biodiversity in the city.

#### Leisure

- 23. A property asset renewal budget of £515,000 has been allocated to replace further sections of the sports hall roof at Western Leisure Centre in order to urgently address water ingress.
- 24. The budget in 2021/22 for the redevelopment of Pentwyn Leisure Centre is £1.5 million which, subject to approval of a business case, will be funded on an invest to save basis. A professional team has now been appointed and £55,000 of professional fees has been incurred to date. Design and submission of a planning application is to be submitted before the end of the financial year with an aim for approval in early 2022/23. Contractor procurement is expected to be completed by October 2022, with construction to commence for a period of 12 months, subject to due diligence. Expenditure in this year is projected to be £250,000 with slippage of £1.250 million into 2022/23.
- 25. As part of the contract for the transfer of leisure sites to GLL, the balance remaining of the £3.5 million for investment in the transferred leisure sites is £465,000. Expenditure of £152,000 is forecast during the year on the air handling unit as well as gym and studio refurbishment at Western Leisure Centre. It also includes an upgrade to LED lighting at both Western and Fairwater Leisure Centres. With any expenditure to be repaid on an invest to save basis, the balance of the remaining allocation is removed pending confirmation of future proposals.

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26. The resurfacing of the outdoor arena at Pontcanna Riding School started in October 2021 and is now complete. Together with other works such as fencing, new gates, refurbishment of lighting columns and cables, expenditure totals £127,000. Funding sources include the Council's property asset renewal budget and a contribution from the Friends of Pontcanna Riding School.

#### Venues and Cultural Facilities

27. Property Asset Renewal works (£490,000) for St David's Hall include upgrades to the fire detection system, Building Management System and design for the renewal passenger lift. As part of initial necessary works to be undertaken at the New Theatre prior to an agreed handover to HQ Theatres, work to roof and building management system is planned at a cost estimated to be £100,000.

## **Property & Asset Management**

- 28. Property Asset Renewal works for non-school buildings include roofing works to Western Leisure Centre, St David's Hall fire detection and BMS systems, an upgrade to the exterior roller shutter doors to County Hall underground car park and health and safety works at both CTS workshops and Cardiff Castle. Slippage of £1,094,000 is currently forecast primarily due to the asset renewal work on the school estate being prioritised.
- 29. The Community Asset Transfer budget provides up to £25,000 for improvement works to buildings being taken on by third party organisations. The total budget available for 2021/22 is £98,000 which is the result of slippage from 2020/21 and this is projected to slip again into next year pending a review of existing commitments.
- 30. In respect of Central Market, subject to successful grant funding, the Council has allocated circa £700,000 over the next four years to invest in the fabric of the building; improving the appearance, tackling structural issues and enhancing the commercial attractiveness. Expenditure of £50,000 is forecast and with the phase one application submitted and approved by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Council continues to review costings and seek additional external funding opportunities to preserve its heritage.

## **Harbour Authority**

31. The Harbour Asset Renewal budget approved and paid for by Welsh Government grant for 2021/22 has increased from £460,000 to £585,000 due to an increase in component costs for the wheeled materials handler and increased costs for the installation of boardwalk decking. Expenditure also includes the purchase of a new patrol boat to undertake statutory duties relating to the management of the Harbour.

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## **Recycling Waste Management Services**

- 32. The five-year capital programme includes £3.325 million to explore options for a new household waste recycling/reuse centre. There is no expenditure forecast to be incurred during the year until a suitable site is identified, resulting in the budget of £200,000 being re-profiled to future years.
- 33. The Capital programme for 2020/21 included an allocation of £815,000 to roll out a separate glass collection scheme. The Council's recycling strategy 2021- 2025 was the subject of a Cabinet report in September 2021. Subject to the implementation costs of the strategy over the period and availability of grant funding, the Council budget required will be reviewed as part of the budget setting process.
- 34. The Waste Recycling and Depot Site Infrastructure budget of £635,000 is to be used for a range of infrastructure improvements at depot and recycling sites. This includes CCTV, weighbridge software and barriers as an audit requirement, and improvements to the recycling centres.
- 35. In order to implement enhanced team operational requirements and facilities that support revised working practices, a number of changes were made at the Lamby Way waste depot at a cost of £703,000 during 2020/21. An additional £120,000 expenditure is forecast this year to complete the transformation, including technical equipment, lighting and security fencing. This cost is to be repaid over a three-year period from directorate revenue budgets.
- 36. A sum of £100,000 Council match funding is included in the Capital Programme to help secure a range of Welsh Government grants such as from the Circular Economy Fund to be bid for during the year where match funding is required. Due to the success of grant applications.
- 37. A Welsh Government grant of £325,000 has been awarded from the Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicle Transformation Fund to install rapid charging infrastructure at Lamby Way Depot for the electric refuse collection fleet.
- 38. A Circular Economy Fund grant of £239,000 will be used to purchase glass recycling caddies and for enhancements to recycling centres, including new signage and digital display.
- 39. The Keep Wales Tidy allocation of £15,000 will be spent on litter bin sensors providing additional intelligence to direct resources appropriately as well as portable ticket issuing devices compatible with the enforcement software to effectively issue on the spot fixed penalty notices. The Re-Use shop and associated works funded by Waste-savers grant are now operational.

# **Education and Lifelong Learning**

40. Directorate Programme 2021/22 £67.273 million, with a variance of £6.490 million identified.

#### Schools - General

### Asset Renewal - Buildings

41. The Council asset renewal allocation of £6.958 million in 2021/22 includes a £5.719 million WG grant for schools' capital maintenance, in line with grants received in the prior three financial years. Full expenditure is anticipated this financial year based on the current programme of roof and boiler replacements, fire precaution works, safeguarding of lobbies and kitchen upgrades. An additional £25 million of invest to save funding to address condition, health and safety and additional learning needs within the schools' estate was approved in 2018/19. £12 million of this additional funding was allocated for use this year. Current projections indicate slippage of £3.5 million against this budget.

### Asset Renewal – Suitability and Sufficiency

42. The Suitability and Sufficiency budget of £1.040 million includes the realignment of a £5.250 million brought forward to fund projects earlier than planned. This budget is expected to be fully utilised in 2021/22 on a range of works including security and safeguarding works on boundaries and receptions across the schools' estate, as well as priority Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) adaptations.

## Whitchurch High

43. A £703,000 separate allocation exists for works at Whitchurch High with future works on the Art and Science blocks. The total cost of construction is anticipated to be £2 million with the remaining balance utilising Asset Renewal Budget.

### Reducing Infant Class Sizes Grant

44. As part of an ongoing programme to reduce infant class sizes, Welsh Government agreed a £3.322 million grant funding package until 2021 for St Fagan's Primary, St Francis Primary and Oakfield Primary. Oakfield was completed in 2020/21, with works on the St Fagan's and St Francis projects due to be completed this calendar year.

#### Hwb ICT Infrastructure Grant

45. A Welsh Government funding allocation of £5.097 million was awarded in 2019/20 to support Cardiff schools in developing sustainable EdTech Digital Services and this was fully utilised by the end of 2020/21. A further £3.5 million has been awarded for use in 2021/22 and full spend is once again projected.

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## Schools Organisation Plan – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools

- 46. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Band A programme has fully utilised Welsh Government grant funding of circa £66 million with final expenditure in 2021/22 expected to be £531,000 including demolition at the Michaelston site as part of the Cardiff High School in the West project. This is significantly higher than first planned due to the amount of asbestos and other site contaminants. Additional works relating to Ysgol Glan Morfa have also been identified with expenditure of £150,000 anticipated this year. Outstanding Band A grant retentions will be utilised to fund these projects in the first instance with the Band A invest to save model absorbing the balance of expenditure.
- 47. Band B of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme is underway with an original funding envelope of circa £284 million. This is to be funded by a Welsh Government grant award with match funding from Cardiff Council at a rate determined by the type of school. A further request has been made to return Willows to the Band B programme due to progress of the project. Costs in relation to Willows are now included in the Band B totals.
- 48. Works at Fitzalan High have a Welsh Government approved budget of £64.3 million. Significant slippage last year was caused by Covid-19 restrictions and adverse weather conditions. Expenditure this year is anticipated to be £26.753 million, to be funded from grant.
- 49. St Mary the Virgin is currently at design stage with the full business case currently being drafted. Minimal expenditure is anticipated this year in line with cash flows projected in the business case whilst land issues are resolved.
- 50. The Fairwater Campus scheme (previously Doyle Avenue) aims to house three schools (Cantonian, Riverbank and Woodlands) on one shared campus. An outline business case has been approved by Welsh Government with expenditure on planning, surveys and professional fees underway. Post tenders a contract has now been awarded.
- 51. Two land acquisitions took place in 2020/21 costing £15.926 million in preparation for the Willows project. This was funded by Welsh Government in addition to the original Band B envelope but will attract the same level of Cardiff Council match funding as other secondary schools (35%). An additional £250,000 is anticipated in relation to the scheme this year in relation to pre-tender works including surveys, planning and demolition.
- 52. An additional £8 million WG grant has been received in relation to the strategic purchase of a site on Ty Glas. Use of this land will be prioritised for education purposes due to the terms and conditions of the grant. Additional capital costs in relation to the site will be funded through Band B invest to save funding and allocated against relevant Education schemes budgets when development proposals are finalised.

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### **People & Communities**

53. Directorate Programme 2021/22 £16.877 million. Initial variance of £4.279 million identified.

## **Communities & Housing**

### **Neighbourhood Regeneration**

- 54. The Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes budget of £879,000 is made up of an in-year allocation of £300,000, slippage from 2020/21 of £254,000 and a grant of £325,000 to support Covid-19 recovery. Schemes proposed include environmental improvements in Old St Mellons Village, a multi-use games area in Llanrumney and wellbeing improvements in Llanishen Park. The Covid-19 recovery grant was utilised towards works undertaken at Cowbridge Road East. Expenditure is subject to the outcome of designs and tenders and slippage of £279,000 is assumed.
- 55. An initial budget allocation of £250,000 was approved in 2021/22 towards District and Local Centres. The whole project profile has been moved on by a year, so the entire allocation for this year will slip into 2022/23. The budget will be used to develop comprehensive recovery strategies for the centres, with initial expenditure on design work to support an approved longer-term programme of investment and bids for grant match funding. Grant funding has been awarded by Welsh Government to resource the development of projects.
- 56. Including slippage from the prior year of £41,000, the alleygating budget is £141,000 for priority schemes throughout the city. Subject to completion of consultation and legal procedures, projected expenditure is likely to be £80,000 with schemes including Cyril Crescent, Mill Road, Fairwater Grove East and Pen-y-Wain Place.
- 57. In March 2018, Cabinet agreed priorities for submission under the Welsh Government Targeted Regeneration Investment (TRI) Programme. From the remaining match funding of £1.430 million set aside by the Council in accordance with the terms and conditions of the funding, the Council has initially allocated £1.222 million towards the commercial business and environment improvement schemes as well as the Tudor Lane property enhancement scheme. The balance remains held as a contingency for increased costs.
- 58. The Tudor Street Business Improvement Scheme delivers external improvements to commercial premises in Tudor Street, Riverside. Having started in 2020/21, the scheme is due to complete by May 2022 at an estimated total cost of £1.850 million. The project has been delayed slightly due to material shortages and mandatory Covid-19 isolations. The expenditure of £1.040 million projected to be spent this year assumes

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- £442,000 of match funding with the balance of £598,000 being grant funding to be claimed.
- 59. The Environmental and Green Infrastructure scheme has an estimated total cost of £3.361 million with projected expenditure of £2.400 million during 2021/22. This will be funded by £1.609 million of grant funding and £791,000 from the city centre wider transport impact enabling works budget, with council match funding of £590,000 shown as slippage into 2022/23 to complete the scheme by July 2022.
- 60. The Tudor Lane Property Enhancement Scheme is the result of a placemaking grant distributed by Welsh Government which will assist applicants to physically improve their properties by offering funding for commercial property frontages and associated works. The Council has been awarded £250,000, with Council match funding of £90,000 and applicant contributions estimated at £18,000 providing an overall programme total of £358,000 for eligible schemes. Circa 20 applications for use of the grant have now been received and are under review. Full spend of the grant is currently projected in year in line with the grant terms and conditions, however, is dependent on the take up of grant. The Council's match funding element will slip into 2022/23 to prioritise spending of grant funds.
- 61. Funding available for a scheme at Rhiwbina Hub totals £408,000 and includes a £120,000 approval of Welsh Government Museums, Archives and Libraries Division (MALD) grant. Finalising the scope of the project has resulted in a delay in undertaking a tender exercise, now expected to be complete by the end of the financial year, with any contract award, subject to identification of funding sources to meet any additional cost requirements. Expenditure of £120,000 in year is forecast to ensure use of the MALD funding, with slippage of £288,000 assumed.
- 62. The Council budget remaining to develop a Multi-Agency City Centre Youth Hub total £2.036 million with an assumed allocation of £786,000 in 2021/22. Pending a review of alternative options to deliver a viable project, external grant bids as well as subsequent cabinet approval, no expenditure is currently forecast, and full slippage is shown.
- 63. A vacant site on Cowbridge Road West, enjoys a prominent road frontage and is considered an important gateway site into the city and two neighbouring wards. The Council aims to secure land to determine regeneration opportunities via a youth community-based facility. This is subject to a business case, working with external partners and a future business case to Cabinet.

#### **Housing (General Fund)**

64. The Disabled Facilities Service budget for mandatory and discretionary grants to housing owner-occupiers as well as for administration costs for the grants is £5.359 million and this includes slippage of £809,000 from 2020/21 due to delays as a result of Covid-19. Expenditure for the year is projected to

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be £4 million and will allow housing owner-occupiers to continue living in their own home. Slippage of £1.359 million is projected due to a number of reasons including a shortage of labour resources and materials impacting on delivery times. Whilst demand remains high and budget is in place, the focus is on the most urgent cases which have built up over the pandemic.

- 65. In addition to the above Council budget, an Enable grant totalling £545,000 has been awarded by Welsh Government to deliver additional adaptations, with full expenditure projected for the year.
- 66. Following feedback from initial pilot exercises, Welsh Government are reviewing the Private Rental Sector Leasing scheme and its targets, with a rollout of an all-Wales scheme under consideration. The pilot offered loan and grant support to potential landlords; however, the review of the terms will consider offering grants only, with little appetite identified for loans. The Council received a repayable loan of £533,000 for which details of repayment are being determined with Welsh Government.
- 67. Integrated Care Funding (ICF) of £200,000 has been awarded for 2021/22 for Rapid Response adaptations. This funding allows adaptations to be made to private homes to both enable the discharge of patients back into their own homes and to help prevent them from having to go into hospital in the first place. ICF funding of £150,000 has also been awarded for Assistive Living Technologies, enabling the purchase packages of assistive technology for people living with dementia, to help prevent falls and ultimately enable citizens to live in their own homes for longer. There are a number of other schemes in the pipeline including social services respite accommodation, assessment centres and supported living (Pearl House) which are under development. Any spend will need to be made according to grant terms and conditions.
- 68. Two residential properties were subject to a Compulsory Order Process in 2020/21, on Romily Road and Cyril Crescent. The balance of expenditure is estimated to be £125,000 but is subject to finalisation with owners in respect to any compensation payable.
- 69. To facilitate comprehensive regeneration schemes, the estate environmental improvement allocation supports the costs of works to owner-occupier properties as part of the Public Housing programme. Schemes during the year include Roundwood Estate, Arnold Avenue and Bronte Crescent. There is a budget of £452,000 and projected expenditure in year is £202,000 with £250,000 slippage assumed into 2022/23.

## Flying Start

70. The budget for Flying Start Capital schemes for the year totals £771,000. This comprises of slippage of £130,000 in relation to allocations for furniture and ICT at five nursery sites across Cardiff, alongside an additional grant award of £140,000 for canopies, replacement boilers and refurbishment at three further sites in 2021/22. A further grant award of £500,000 has been made

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by WG to support Moorland Primary. It is anticipated that slippage of £621,000 across schemes due to progress made on site to date.

# **Childcare Capital Grant**

71. Works were completed on Ysgol Y Wern in 2020/21, with additional plans for three Cylch Meithrin provisions planned for the Welsh Medium programme this year. Anticipated expenditure of £596,000 includes an additional award of £556,000 in relation to Pwll Coch which is anticipated to be fully spent in year.

### **Social Services**

#### **Adult Services**

72. There is a total programme budget of £49,000 due to slippage of ICF grant and Council funding from 2020/21. Full spend is projected in year towards the development of a scheme for the Tremorfa Day Centre. An external multi-disciplinary design team has been appointed to take this forward and the funding will be used towards feasibility work on the new build scheme for that site.

#### Children's Services

- 73. Proposals being considered from the remaining John Kane Fund include an extension and refurbishment of the Crossland's home. With projected costs in excess of the budget available and the need to mitigate the impact of the works on service delivery, no expenditure is currently assumed during the year.
- 74. The Young Persons Gateway Accommodation scheme has converted convert four large properties to include an office / sleep in accommodation on site, to provide supported accommodation for young people (16-24 years) to help them live independently whilst still providing intensive 24-hour support. This has primarily been undertaken with RSL's and seeking grant funding. Accordingly, £2,000 of expenditure for the budget held by the Council is forecast this year, and the balance of budget carried forward to allow flexibility to support further accommodation where needs arise.
- 75. As part of the Right Home, Right Support Children Looked After Commissioning Strategy (2019-2022), £1.5 million was also made available in the programme over a two-year period to develop an emergency pop-up unit, assessment units, and additional residential places in the city. £500,000 is available during this year to secure additional properties, with any expenditure on both the above schemes to be repaid on an invest to save basis.

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- 76. In parallel with the above the Council submitted bids to the Welsh Government Intermediate Care Fund to support the development and acquisition of additional properties resulting in the Council's own allocations not being required in full at this stage. This includes grant applications towards:
  - Two new young person's assessment centres which will be high quality, fully accessible, fit for purpose and able to accommodate a wide range of programmes, activities, and resources specifically to meet a wide range of health and well-being needs of young people to enable independent living in the future.
  - Two residential properties linked to the new young person's assessment centres to facilitate service delivery specifically tailored to young people (10-17yrs) and able to accommodate up to 3 young people each.
  - A 10 bed young persons supported living unit, with a specific focus on supporting existing placements and helping young people to progress to live independent lives in permanent accommodation.

Search for suitable properties is in progress with a further update on sites and maximisation of grant opportunities to be provided in the 2021/22 outturn report.

# **Planning, Transport & Environment**

77. Directorate Programme 2021/22 £56.651 million. Initial variance of £9.024 million identified.

## **Energy Projects & Sustainability**

- 78. In May 2019 the Council entered into an agreement to obtain grant funding of £6.628 million for Phase one of the Cardiff Heat Network project from the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and this was awarded in March 2021. A further £8.600m interest free loan has also been agreed between the Council and Welsh Government and this will be passed on to Cardiff Heat Network (CHN) Limited, a special purpose vehicle created with the Council as sole shareholder. The estimated expenditure to be reimbursed to CHN for the year is £2.450 million.
- 79. A second phase of £1.470 million investment under the REFIT programme will invest in energy conservation measures into the education estate including solar panels, sensors and lighting upgrades. £1.293m of this has been spent to date. Sites have been selected following detailed assessment with the contractor including feedback from phase one and validation of the outcomes by SALIX who are also providing loan funding to implement the works which must be repaid over an 8-year period from the savings generated from the measures.

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- 80. There is an invest to save budget of £500,000 in place for the roll out of further Salix SEELS projects across the Council. There are currently no applications in the pipeline and so the budget line has been removed but will be adjusted subject to confirmed schemes demonstrated by a robust business case.
- 81. In May 2019, Cabinet approved the final business case to deliver a solar farm at Lamby Way. The Solar Farm is a long term invest to save project, undertaken on the basis of being self-financing over its operational life. Installation of the solar panels and the first electricity was generated following connection to the grid in December 2020. Due to conservation and timing issues, there had been a delay with the installation of the private wire, but this is now substantially complete and the subject of testing. After all costs including unforeseen costs arising from the pandemic, the current estimated cost of the scheme since inception is projected to be circa £8.975 million.
- 82. It should be noted that the costs of all projects identified above together with ongoing maintenance must be paid back from savings or future income generation.
- 83. The One Planet Cardiff Strategy is a strategic response to the climate emergency and includes a range of actions which together, form the basis of a delivery plan to achieve carbon neutrality across the city. As well as strategic projects mentioned above, the Council has allocated £3.9 million over the next 5 years towards capital investment and match funding for smaller schemes to support the strategy. The allocation for 2021/22 is £700,000 which is expected to be spent in full but subject to grant awards, may result in slippage for use on other projects. Projects approved include enhanced food composting facilities in schools, electric vehicles and charging points and installation of carbon sensors within County Hall.

# **Bereavement & Registration Services**

- 84. Work to create new burial space in the North of the city is now complete, with the Council and contractor in negotiations in respect of finalising the overall cost of the scheme. Expenditure on the overall project is to be repaid from future income receivable as part of the bereavement reserve.
- 85. As part of the budget proposals in 2020/21, a segregated Capital property asset renewal allocation for bereavement services was created to allow more of the bereavement reserve to be used to support the revenue costs of the service and Directorate. Due to slippage from the previous year, the total allocation for 2021/22 is £185,000 to support site infrastructure improvements, new vehicles and plant and improvements to facilities. Expenditure for the year is expected to be £177,000. This figure includes the purchase of two new excavators and two trailers as well as grounds maintenance equipment (£85,000) to replace older machines. There will also be expenditure of £75,000 on road resurfacing at Thornhill Crematorium and £17,000 on the design of lighting works planned to be undertaken in 2022/23.

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### **Highway Maintenance**

- 86. Expenditure on the reconstruction of structurally deteriorated roads which are deemed to be a priority is forecast to be £683,000. Schemes to be completed in year are Grand Avenue, Hadfield Road, Rover Way, Heol Llanishen Fach, Willowbrook Drive, Heol Penyfai and Nant Fawr Crescent.
- 87. Other budgets for carriageway and footpath work total £7.497 million including slippage from 2020/21 and a specific Welsh Government grant. To date contracts awarded and completed are high speed routes carriageway resurfacing, Phase 2 footway improvements at Heol Carnau, Phase 1 of the carriageway slurry seal (micro asphalt) programme, smaller value footway reconstruction and improvement schemes and a number of localised highway initiative improvement schemes. Further such works are planned in the last quarter including a carbon neutral resurfacing trial on A470 Northern Avenue. A sum of £1.700 million of the budget is to be carried forward to future years for use towards the cost of City Centre highway improvement schemes.
- 88. The five-year capital programme included a sum of £2.240 million to replace the timber surface of the Millennium Walkway. Works entailed the replacement of the timber decking and supporting bearers using reinforced plastic components along the length of the walkway from Wood Street to Cowbridge Road East/Castle Street along the River Taff. Following a trialling of materials, construction started in February after the dismantling of the Dragons Heart hospital from the stadium. The contract was completed in October 2021, with additional costs to upgrade lighting, cabling and decayed timber as part of unforeseen issues identified following the removal of the old walkway. These additional costs have been met by a virement from the highway structures and street lighting budgets.
- 89. The bridges and structures budget of £1.270 million will support Fairwater Road, Heathwood Road and Capel Llaniltern culvert works as well to replace expansion joints at various locations around the city, upgrade viaduct doors and install CCTV. Slippage of this budget assumed to 2022/23 is £500,000.
- 90. The street lighting renewals budget is to be utilised for subway lighting, column replacement and to start the design process for electrical works on Eastern Avenue. Implementation of the latter continues to be delayed resulting in overall slippage of £280,000 into 2022/23.
- 91. Following a successful trial of LED lighting in the Radyr Ward, with the conversion of 1,250 columns, Cabinet approved in May 2019, an invest to save business case for all remaining residential columns to be converted to LED. Following a tender exercise, the total cost is estimated at £5.200 million with £1.500 million of expenditure forecast during this year. This is lower than planned due to a restricted supply of lanterns resulting from shortages of semi-conductor components.
- 92. As part of a coastal risk management scheme to implement improvements from Rover Way to Lamby Way, a revised Welsh Government grant of £1.129 million was awarded for the development of the full business case to deliver

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the detailed design and cost estimates to construct the coastal defence improvements. Ground investigations were completed in May 2020 and results have been utilised in order to determine the most appropriate detailed design. Cabinet considered a progress report on the scheme in June 2021 including the reasons for cost estimate increases, timescales and to approve a tender exercise. Projected expenditure during 2021/22 is £469,000, on professional fees, with a tender process underway to inform costs. Any contract award will be the subject of funding confirmation and Cabinet approval, prior to a potential start in the first quarter of 2022/23.

93. A sum of £250,000 Council match funding has been allocated towards the implementation of flood prevention measures together with Welsh Government funding of £639,000. This is for small scale schemes and post storm repairs. With only £25,000 match funding likely to be required this year, slippage of £225,000 is carried forward into 2022/23.

# **Traffic & Transportation**

- 94. The enhanced asset renewal telematics budget of £646,000 is to be used for replacement of obsolete analogue CCTV cameras at various locations with HD digital CCTV cameras, replacement of the electronic signage/control system for the North Road tidal flow lane control system and Bute Tunnel entrance electronic signage.
- 95. The total budget for cycling development in 2021/22, including slippage from the prior year, is £3.583 million, which will be used to match fund WG grant funded schemes for primary cycleways and completion of schemes such as North Road Phase II which will deliver improvements to Cathays Terrace, Whitchurch Road, Allensbank Road and King George V Drive East. Slippage of £1.000 million is currently forecast as a result of the award of additional Local Sustainable Transport Covid Response funding for pop-up cycling improvements.
- 96. The Council Road Safety Schemes budget of £365,000 will be used to match fund safety related schemes being delivered as part of Welsh Government grants. This is together with a sum of £877,000 Council match funding to help secure a range of grants where match funding is required towards schemes for Local Transport, Safe Routes in Communities and Road Safety as described below.
- 97. The Welsh Government revised allocation to Cardiff for the Local Transport Fund is £3.998 million. The fund supports development of integrated, effective, accessible, affordable and sustainable transport systems. Schemes bid for and approved include £1.617 million towards improving sustainable transport and active travel measures in the City Centre, £1.270 million towards bus priority and active travel improvement schemes (A4119 Corridor Phase 2D and A470 Caedelyn Road to Tyn y Parc Road Phase 2). It also includes £1.111 million towards bus stop infrastructure and real time information improvements.

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- 98. The Welsh Government Road Safety Casualty Reduction grant approval is £175,000, to support projects that reduce road casualties including traffic calming and pedestrian improvements on Penarth Road, Clive Street Junction and Thornhill Road.
- 99. The Welsh Government revised allocation to Cardiff for Safe Routes in Communities Grant of £1.701 million aims to improve accessibility and safety and encourage walking and cycling in communities. There is particular emphasis on improving routes to and from schools within the Canton and Trowbridge area. The allocation includes the School Streets scheme which is part of a wider programme working with schools to increase the use of active modes for school journeys, through targeted interventions and behaviour change support.
- 100. The Welsh Government revised allocation to Cardiff for Active Travel is £8.815 million. The purpose of the fund is to increase levels of active travel, improve health and well-being, improve air quality, reduce carbon emissions and connect communities. Funding will support Cardiff Cycle Superhighways stage 1 (£5.179 million), Taff Trail upgrade at Hailey Park (£300,000), Active Travel to Schools (£1.179 million) and various active travel and improvements to the Integrated Cycle Network (£2.112 million).
- 101. A Local Sustainable Transport Covid Response Grant of £1.030 million has been approved by Welsh Government for 2021/22 to fund pop-up measures. This will include temporary low-cost solutions to reallocate road space in favour of sustainable forms of transport.
- 102. A new Welsh Government grant allocation to Cardiff to support Burns Commission recommendation for Active Travel is £225,000. This will support the provision of a secure indoor cycle hub in Cardiff City Centre (£85,000) and the purchase of vehicle fleet specifically for cycle maintenance (£140,000).
- 103. In order to comply with the requirement of the Environment Act 1995 Air Quality Direction 2019, Welsh Government provided a grant for a range of agreed measures. Planned expenditure during 2021/22 includes Bus retrofit (£562,000); taxi vehicle emissions incentives (£0.698m); city centre transport and active travel (£4.684m); implementation management and monitoring (£9,000). As part of the City Centre Transport projects, works on improvements at Central Square as part of a £6.0 million scheme are expected to be completed in April 2022.
- 104. At its meeting in June 2021, the Cabinet approved to commence a procurement exercise on the City Centre East and Phase one of the Canal. This included permanent bus priority measures on Station Terrace and Churchill Way, a permanent cycleway a revised car park routing system and the first phase of the canal at the north end of Churchill Way. Following a tender exercise, the initial phase costing c £6.5 million has started on site, with works expected to be complete by the end of 2022/23. The project is funded by a combination of City Deal Metro Plus grant, Air Quality grant, Council match funding and a sum of £3 million Council funding included in

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- the overall programme towards the canal. It is assumed grant funding would be used first, so the Council allocation of £750,000 towards the Canal, profiled for use in 2021/22, will be carried forward as slippage into 2022/23.
- 105. To mitigate against the impact of the City Centre works in neighbouring areas, the Council has allocated a sum of £4 million, with £1.500 million assumed in 2021/22. A sum of £500,000 is forecast for 2021/22 in respect to development work at a number of sites in Grangetown and towards transport and green infrastructure improvements at Tudor Road. The balance shown as slippage at this stage.
- 106. A Welsh Government grant of £168,000 has been awarded from the Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicle Transformation Fund to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in car parks. The proposal includes 22kW charge points at 11 of the Council's car parks, including district and local car parks and those in the city centre and Bay areas.
- 107. The Council Bus Corridor enhancements budget of £289,000 is to be used to complete the A470 Phase 1 and will also be utilised for match funding towards Welsh Government Local Transport improvement schemes (A4119 Corridor Phase 2D and A470 Caedelyn Road to Tyn -y Parc Road Phase 2). A delay to the A4119 scheme and grant funding for the A470 has resulted in slippage of £230,000.
- 108. A budget of £258,000 including slippage is shown in relation to development of the transport interchange on the site of the former recycling site at Waungron Road. Design works in respect to a retaining will inform costs as part of a tender process in parallel with new council homes, office and commercial spaces as well as a new access road designed to integrate the proposed transport hub with the residential development. Slippage of £208,000 is currently projected.

#### **Resources**

Directorate Programme 2021/22 £25.538 million. Initial variance of £6.961 million identified.

## **Technology**

110. The Modernising ICT budget aims to support projects in the Cardiff Capital Ambition programme and the digitisation of business services utilising modern technology. The total programme budget for the year is £636,000 and this includes slippage from 2020/21 of £202,000. The budget includes a virement of £209,000 from the budget allocated for Cycling Development within Transportation, for the upgrade of Building Control IDOX software system. Expenditure planned during the year is currently forecast as £600,000 and includes phase two of the Corporate Landlord Scheme (£65,000), project costs of the digitalisation team for implementation

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- (£131,000), SAP Information Lifecycle Management including GDPR and archiving (£150,000) and Digital telephony (£45,000).
- 111. Slippage of £200,000 is currently shown in respect to the ICT Refresh budget of £968,000 primarily because of timing of receipt and implementation of hardware due to lead in times. This budget covers a range of projects to support resilience, capacity and capability including direct access and Wi-Fi replacement, server replacement and firewall licenses.

## **Central Transport Services**

112. As a result of slippage from 2020/21, the amount carried forward to complete phase 1 of the vehicle replacement programme in 2021/22 is £2.240 million and full expenditure is projected during the year. Orders have also been placed for the second and third phases of vehicle replacement at a cost of £4.001 million and £2.570 million respectively. This expenditure will be funded from Council repayable budget brought forward from 2022/23 as well the award of Welsh Government Grant to ensure that 11 of the vehicles are electric powered refuse collection vehicles. The CTS Minor Repair Workshop has a total programme this year of £48,000 due to slippage from 2020/21. Total expenditure for the year is £31,000 with no further spend anticipated, resulting in an underspend of £17,000 which will reduce the Invest to Save repayments over the life of the scheme.

## Corporate

- 113. Of the £200,000 contingency budget, during the year £26,000 has been vired to Parks & Green Spaces to fund the acquisition of Hawthorn Woodland. The remaining £174,000 is assumed to not be required during the year but will be adjusted at outturn if schemes are approved during the year.
- 114. A sum of £120,000 has been vired to support Lamby Waste depot enhancements, with the balance of the £500,000 invest to save budget assumed to have no further drawdown.
- 115. Including slippage of £3.198 million from 2020/21, based on projections initially assumed in the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) business plan, a total programme budget of £6.792 million was assumed for 2021/22 as part of the Council's agreed £28.4 million contribution to the region. The timing and value of any drawdown is subject to proposed projects being considered and approved by the CCRCD joint committee, the delivery and expenditure on those projects, but also the different funding streams available to CCRCD to manage expenditure obligations. With expenditure estimated to be lower than planned and assumptions that expenditure during the year will be managed within external grant resources held by City Deal, slippage of £6.492 million is to be reprofiled into future years.

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- 116. The Core Office Strategy had an overall allocation of £9.750 million included in the programme over a three-year period with £5.679 million of this allocated for 2021/22. This was towards smarter working, digital infrastructure and building adaptations to allow consolidation into alternative council buildings. Drawdown of this allocation is subject to any expenditure being repaid on an invest to save basis. Projected expenditure for the year is £1.500m, predominantly to be spent on adaptations and fit out of Oak House following its acquisition and the purchase of specialist equipment for the Alarm Receiving Centre (ARC), with a full transfer due to take place in October 2022.
- 117. A total of £260,000 allocated in 2020/21 was carried forward to this year towards a webcasting and conferencing system. A contract for the acquisition of equipment and cabling at City Hall and County Hall is in place, and to be completed by May 2022. Subject to progress and testing, £50,000 is currently assumed to be carried forward into 2022/23.
- 118. The CITB Onsite Construction Academy is hosted on the Wates Residential Aspen Grove development at the old Eastern High site in Rumney. Expenditure of £110,000 relates to purpose-designed demountables hosting a large classroom area, kitchen and toilet facilities, a reception point and office space, which will become active following easing of Covid-19 restrictions. The Academy commenced taking referrals for support in late May for a five-day intensive programme allowing learners to gain various industry-recognised certificates.
- 119. The second and final tranche of viability support (£6.600 million) to be given to Cardiff Bus was referred to in the report to Council in October 2020 headed "Securing the Future Sustainability and Viability of Cardiff City Transport Services Limited". Following completion of equity subscription agreements, additional equity was injected into the company in September 2021, to allow it to implement that part of its Turnaround Strategy relating to fleet investment and strengthening the balance sheet.

#### **Section 106 Schemes and Other Contributions**

120. The table below shows the Section 106 and other contributions forecast to be spent at the time of setting the budget. This has been reviewed by Directorates and is reflected in the new projection at Month 9:

	Budget	Projection at Month 9	Variance
	£000	£000	£000
Parks & Green Spaces	2,073	1,500	(573)
Traffic & Transportation	706	492	(214)
Strategic Planning & Regulatory	181	35	(146)
Neighbourhood Regeneration	609	1,110	501

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Economic Development	59	59	0
Education & Lifelong Learning	2,334	638	(1,696)
Public Housing (HRA)	3,701	3,701	0
Total	9,663	7,535	(2,128)

## 121. Some of the schemes included in the profile above are:

- Parks and Green Spaces Schemes are proposed to be undertaken in a number of areas and include Adamsdown Open Space, Maindy Park, Camaes Park, Llandaff Fields, Kitchener Gardens, Llanishen Park and cycle improvements along the Roath Park Corridor. Capacity to deliver schemes continues to be reviewed.
- Traffic & Transportation Public transport improvements, junction improvements, bus stops and bus borders; installation of CCTV and real time information, telematics and transportation schemes including the provision of bus routes in the city and strategic transport initiatives.
- Strategic Planning & Regulatory Air Quality Monitoring around the city.
- Neighborhood Regeneration Provision of a Library Service within the Cardiff Royal Infirmary, improvement of community facilities at Penylan Library and Community Centre and Lisvane Old School Rooms.
- Economic Development Support for small to medium enterprises in Adamsdown and Llanishen.
- Education & Lifelong Learning Asset renewal schemes relating to schools in the Canton Ward, Cathays High School 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools work and planned extension of Pentyrch Nursery.
- Public Housing Development of new Council housing.

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