Appendix 6 - Capital Schemes Update

Budget monitoring reports during the year have provided regular updates on capital schemes. This appendix provides an update of main areas in which capital expenditure was incurred during 2021/22 and where resources are carried forward to complete schemes in future years. This accompanies the detailed list at Appendix 5.

Economic Development

1. The directorate Programme for 2021/22 was £34.847 million; with a variance of £6.512 million identified.

Business and Investment

- 2. To date 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 provided and outstanding at 31 March 2022 total £2.230 million, with £1.151 million of loans in year supporting development in the city centre 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. The Black Tower Tales visitor experience at Cardiff Castle opened in May 2021. With the scheme costing a total of £351,000, there is a remaining budget of £15,000 retained for final snagging works expected in 2022/23. During the year grant was also received towards works to the toilet facilities at the castle.
- 4. A sum of £1.929 million received in 2019/20 from a 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, with the appropriation value available in 2022/23 for other economic development schemes. Any future costs related to the site, including clearance, conservation issues and land acquisition will be borne by the HRA.
- 5. In September 2021, Cabinet agreed to progress the development strategy for the International Sports Village (ISV) by formally terminating the previous Development Agreement with Greenbank Partnership Ltd on the waterfront site and agreeing to acquire all the land and assets owned by Greenbank at the ISV. Land acquisition and associated costs totalled £11.615 million during this financial year with the balance of acquisition costs to be incurred in 2022/23, including for the Ice Arena. The expenditure on land acquisition is assumed to be recovered from sales of land. 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 to ensure

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- that there is no sustained impact on the Council's borrowing requirement and on the revenue costs of holding the sites.
- 6. 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. The final sum of £5.724m for the acquisition of the site was paid alongside submission of the planning application for the arena.
- 7. In November 2020 Cabinet approved the appointment of a 'Preferred Bidder' developer/operator consortium for the Indoor Arena as well as approving the land acquisition strategy to enable the Council to gain full control of the land required. A final business case was approved by Cabinet in September 2021. Total expenditure for 2021/22 is £1.992 million for enabling costs to be covered by the Arena affordability envelope. Financial close is currently anticipated to be in the 2022/23 financial year as part of a Development and Funding Agreement (DFA), when the Council's capital contributions will begin being drawn upon.
- 8. The Llanrumney Development has an approved capital budget in year of £250,000, predicated on any expenditure being repaid from related land sales. Initial feasibility works have been paid for from revenue budgets pending confirmation of the business case of the scheme in line with Cabinet approval of the scheme. Where expenditure commitments are required to be agreed in advance of land sales, in order to support the key elements of the regeneration project, the risks of doing so will need to be considered as part of relevant decision making processes.

Parks & Green Spaces

- 9. Property Asset Renewal expenditure of £127,000 includes roof upgrades at Llanishen Park changing rooms and Rumney Hill gardens pavilion, lighting upgrades at Forest Farm Depot, Roath Park and Splott Bowls pavilion and Trelai park changing rooms. Works have also been carried out at Pontcanna Caravan Park, Butetown Nurseries and Pettigrew Tea Gardens West Lodge.
- 10. The Parks Asset Renewal Infrastructure budget for 2021/22 was £226,000, with expenditure in the year including structural works and design at Waterhall Park, Cath Cobb Woods and Hendre Lake. Grange Gardens footpath resurfacing did not commence during 2021/22 due to product availability, with slippage of £147,000 for this budget overall being carried forward into 2022/23.
- 11. Including the significant level of slippage from 2020/21, the play equipment capital allocation was £793,000. Expenditure during the year exceeded the budget requiring budget to be brought forward from future years, with projects at various sites including Lascelles, Parc Caedelyn, Sovereign Chase, Crawford Drive, Garth Newydd, Glenmont Way, Victoria Park, Maindy Park, Peppermint Drive and Llandaff Fields Play Area.

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- 12. The budget of £200,000 allocated in 2021/22 to improve the condition of multi-use games areas, fitness equipment, BMX tracks and skate parks across the city is carried forward in full. A destination skate park in Llanrumney is currently the subject of detailed design and an acceptable tender exercise.
- 13. The Green Flag Infrastructure Renewal budget of £100,000 was allocated to support the replacement of signage and infrastructure in existing Green Flag parks. Work has been carried out at Roath Park and Victoria Park, with delays resulting in slippage of £61,000.
- 14. A budget of £150,000 allocated to combat motorcycle nuisance and protect park users was prioritised at Splott Park and Trelai Park based on recommendations and issues reported to the Council and South Wales Police.
- 15. External works at Roath Park House, for change of use, landscaping and improved visual impact are complete. Potential use of the site is to be determined. The overall project cost of £728,000 has been paid for from proceeds from the disposal of the former youth hostel at Wedal Road and agreed by Cabinet to be re-invested in the Roath Park District Area.
- 16. Expenditure of £415,000 was incurred during 2021/22, by bringing budget forward from future years, on professional fees and site surveys in relation to Roath Park Dam to determine an options report for works deemed required as part of the Reservoir Act 1975 and in 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.
- 17. During the year, the council acquired Hawthorn Woodland in Pentwyn at a total cost of £27,000 with a virement from the contingency budget.
- 18. 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. No costs were incurred during 2021/22, pending development of detailed works plans.
- 19. A number of further grant allocations were awarded during 2021/22 and 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 £97,000 for the acquisition of equipment to support green spaces and biodiversity in the city.

Leisure

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- 20. A property asset renewal budget of £574,000 was allocated in year primarily to continue with the replacement of further sections of the sports hall roof at Western Leisure Centre. Works also included boiler replacement at Cardiff White Water Rafting Centre.
- 21. The redevelopment of Pentwyn Leisure Centre is subject to a business case proposed to be self-financing from land sale receipts and revenue income. Following appointment of the professional design and development team for the project, expenditure towards this estimated £5.5m project during the year was £56,000 with slippage of £1.444 million into 2022/23.
- 22. 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 £127,000 was incurred 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.
- 23. The resurfacing of the outdoor arena at Pontcanna Riding School included other works such as fencing, new gates and lighting columns. Expenditure was £127,000.

Venues and Cultural Facilities

24. Planned 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, with slippage of £240,000. As part of initial necessary works to be undertaken at the New Theatre prior to handover to HQ Theatres, work to the building management system was required to be undertaken from the asset renewal budget, with other minor repair related works to be met from an earmarked revenue reserve towards such handover costs.

Property & Asset Management

- 25. Property Asset Renewal works for non-school buildings include roofing works to the former Hayes Library, City Hall and Cardiff Market, an upgrade to the exterior roller shutter doors to County Hall underground car park and health and safety works at CTS workshops, Mansion House, and Cardiff Castle. Slippage of £1,442,000 has been carried into 2022/23 primarily due to further development work being required in larger schemes and the asset renewal work on the school's estate being prioritised.
- 26. 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 was £98,000, with continued slippage across years and use to be reviewed in 2022/23.

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27. 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 in 2021/22 was £96,000 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 and commercial funding opportunities to preserve its heritage.

Harbour Authority

28. Expenditure in respect to the Harbour Authority is £705,000 and included the purchase of a new patrol and materials handling equipment to undertake statutory duties relating to the management of the Harbour, installation of boardwalk decking and upgrading barrage control equipment in line with its asset management plan.

Recycling Waste Management Services

- 29. The five-year capital programme includes £3.325 million to explore options for a new household waste recycling/reuse centre. No expenditure was incurred nor is likely until a suitable site is identified, resulting in slippage of £200,000.
- 30. 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, this budget is carried forward and to be reviewed as part of the budget proposals for 2023/24.
- 31. The Waste Recycling and Depot Site Infrastructure budget of £635,000 was used for a range of infrastructure improvements at depot and recycling sites including CCTV security and barriers. Slippage of £216,0000 results from commitments falling into 2022/23 and as result of receipt of external grant towards works to support improving materials quality and the move towards segregated recycling collections.
- 32. To implement enhanced team operational requirements and facilities that support revised working practices, a number of changes have been completed at the Lamby Way waste depot at a cost of c £800,000 since 2020/21. This includes new office space, technical equipment, lighting and security fencing, the costs of which have been repaid from revenue budgets.
- 33. A sum of £100,000 Council match funding was 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. This Council allocation remains unused due to the need to use

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- any external grant awards by set timescales, but given the success of grant applications, this will be carried forward as slippage.
- 34. A number of grants were received and used in the year towards recycling infrastructure improvements at recycling sites, to purchase glass recycling caddies, new signage and digital display, installation of rapid charging infrastructure at Lamby Way Depot for the electric refuse collection fleet, litter bin sensors and completion of the Re-Use shop at Lamby Way.

Education and Lifelong Learning

35. Directorate Programme 2021/22 £70.004 million, with a variance of £9.161 million identified.

Schools - General

Asset Renewal - Buildings

36. The Council's asset renewal allocation of £21.320 million in 2021/22 includes Welsh Government grant for schools' capital maintenance and ventilation. Expenditure of £16.643 million for the year included roof and boiler replacements, fire precaution works, safeguarding of lobbies and kitchen upgrades. The expenditure included funding from the additional £25 million of invest to save funding to address condition, health and safety and additional learning needs within the schools' estate which was approved in 2018/19. Of the £12 million of this initially assumed for use this year, significant progress was made to address priority works, with slippage of £4.677 million carried forward into 2022/23.

Asset Renewal – Suitability and Sufficiency

37. 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 was 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

38. 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. This allocation was fully spent in 2021/22.

Reducing Infant Class Sizes Grant

39. 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

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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 completed in year and managed within existing budgets.

Hwb ICT Infrastructure Grant

40. 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 was awarded for use in 2021/22.

Schools Organisation Plan – 21st Century Schools

- 41. The 21st Century Schools Band A programme has fully utilised Welsh Government grant funding of circa £66 million with expenditure in 2021/22 of £809,000 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 £450,000 anticipated next 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.
- 42. Band B of the 21st 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.
- 43. Works at Fitzalan High have a Welsh Government approved overall budget of £64.3 million. Significant slippage last year was caused by Covid-19 restrictions and adverse weather conditions, with expenditure on the project in year being £25.681 million.
- 44. 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 and enabling works to commence in 2022/23.
- 45. Two land acquisitions took place in 2020/21 at a cost of £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%). Expenditure in the year related to pre-tender works including surveys, planning and demolition.
- 46. An additional £8 million Welsh Government grant was received during 2021/22 for the strategic purchase of a site at Ty Glas Llanishen, with use of the site prioritised for education purposes in accordance with the terms and

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conditions of the grant. 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.

People & Communities

47. Directorate Programme 2021/22 £21.392 million. Variance of £9.201 million identified.

Communities & Housing

Neighbourhood Regeneration

- 48. The Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes budget of £884,000 carries forward monies from previous years of £254,000 and includes an in year Welsh Government grant award of £325,000 to support Covid-19 recovery. Whilst several projects such as environmental improvements in Old St Mellons Village, a multi-use games area in Llanrumney and wellbeing improvements in Llanishen Park are at development stage and delayed, most expenditure in the year was to complete public realm works at Cowbridge Road East. Slippage of £353,000 is carried forward towards completion of this round of Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes.
- 49. Welsh Government provided a £219,000 grant for the provision of the new Multi-Use Games Area that Cardiff and Value University Health Board have constructed as part of the agreement for their Health and Wellbeing Hub being constructed to adjoin the Powerhouse Hub.
- 50. An initial budget allocation of £250,000 was requested and approved in 2021/22 towards District and Local Centres. Expenditure is £15,000 in year, pending development of an agreed detailed pipeline of suitable projects, with a significant element of this budget carried forward to be reprofiled for future years.
- 51. The need to complete legal procedures and consultation continues to result in delays in implementing projects, resulting in slippage of £98,000 from a budget of £141,000. Expenditure in the year took place on schemes including Cyril Crescent, Mill Road, Fairwater Grove East and Pen-y-Wain Place.
- 52. A number of schemes have been progressed under the Welsh Government Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme (TRIP), utilising a combination of external grant and Council match funding. Works on Tudor Street to improve the public realm environment and external improvements to commercial premises totalled £3.167 million in the year. The scheme is due to be completed in July 2022, with delays arising from material shortages during the year and covid impacts. With all eligible grant funding claimed, Council match funding of £801,000 is carried forward to complete all TRIP related projects in 2022/23.

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- 53. Funding was also made available from TRIP Placemaking Grant to business owners on Tudor Lane towards property enhancements, with total expenditure for the year of £339,000 distributed to local businesses.
- 54. Confirmed funding available for a c £900,000 project at Rhiwbina Hub is £343,000, with the balance of costs to be met from Property asset renewal and other in principle external grant awards such as Intermediate Care Fund. Finalising the scope of the project resulted in a delay in undertaking a tender exercise, with expenditure in the year totalling £62,000. Work has commenced on site and due to complete by the end of 2022.
- 55. The Council budget remaining to develop a Multi-Agency City Centre Youth Hub totals £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, only a small amount of expenditure of £2,000 was incurred on professional fees, with the remainder shown as slippage into 2022/23.

Housing (General Fund)

- 56. Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) grant funding applied for during the year (£2.753 million) was unable to be spent on the relevant projects due to the need to acquire suitable properties at a price that can be demonstrated as value for money and the impact of Covid 19 on supply chain costs. In addition, a grant of £1.101 million was received to support independent living solutions. To avoid losing those grants, both the above grants were used to displace Council's own in year funding for Disabled Facilities Service, which provides mandatory and discretionary grants to housing owner-occupiers allowing them to continue to live in their own homes. Any displaced Council funding has been vired for various respite, safe house and assessment centre projects within Children's services and subject to approval, towards an Independent Wellbeing Hub. Expenditure on disabled adaptations for the year was £4.187 million, with slippage of £1.172 million into 2022/23.
- 57. In addition to the above, an Enable grant totalling £482,000 was awarded by Welsh Government and fully utilised to deliver additional adaptations.
- 58. ICF funding of £200,000 was also awarded for 2021/22 for Rapid Response adaptations, and £151,000 for Assistive Living Technologies. These grants have both been fully spent during in 2021/22.
- 59. Two residential properties were subject to a Compulsory Order Process in 2020/21, on Romily Road and Cyril Crescent. The balance of expenditure, estimated subject to confirmation with owners in respect of compensation payable, is £137,000.
- 60. 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

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year include Roundwood Estate, Arnold Avenue and Bronte Crescent, with total expenditure of £449,000.

Flying Start

61. The budget for Flying Start Capital schemes for the year totals £874,000. 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 £744,000 for 2021/22, to fund ventilation upgrades, canopies, replacement boilers and refurbishment at three further sites in 2021/22. Slippage of £500,000 has been requested in relation to Moorland Primary early years unit.

Childcare Capital Grant

62. Expenditure of £392,000 relates to grants provided to nurseries as part of additional funding awarded by Welsh Government.

Social Services

Adult Services

63. There is a total programme budget of £84,000 due to slippage of Intermediate Care Fund grant and Council funding from 2020/21 as well as additional grant approvals towards equipment. Budget of £36,000 is carried forward towards the design and development of a scheme for the Tremorfa Day Centre.

Children's Services

- 64. Proposals being considered from the remaining John Kane Fund included an extension and refurbishment of the Crossland's home. With projected costs more than the budget available and the need to mitigate the impact of the works on service delivery, no further expenditure is incurred in year. In developing future proposals, the risk of abortive costs will need to be considered and managed as part of existing revenue budgets.
- 65. The Young Persons Gateway Accommodation scheme aims to convert 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. With the approach being to seek grant funding and working with registered social landlords £2,000 of expenditure has been incurred. The balance of budget is carried forward to allow flexibility to support further accommodation where needs arise.
- 66. As part of the Right Home, Right Support Children Looked After Commissioning Strategy (2019-2022), £1.5 million was also made available

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in the programme over a two-year period to develop an emergency pop-up unit, assessment units, and additional residential places in the city. Whilst no expenditure was incurred, £500,000 was available during the year to secure additional properties, with any expenditure on both the above schemes to be repaid on an invest to save basis.

- 67. In parallel with the above the Council submitted numerous 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. To utilise the £2.753 million of grant and allow the purposes to be met, Council funding for disabled adaptations was displaced and will be carried forward as slippage and towards acquisition of sites that are suitable and represent value for money:
 - Improvements to respite accommodations at Ty Storrie for Children and Young People with Learning Disabilities and behaviour challenges.
 - 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 (10-17 years) and able to accommodate up to 3 young people each.
 - A Ten bedroom young person's safe accommodation supported living unit, with a specific focus on supporting existing placements and helping young people to progress to live independent lives in permanent accommodation.

Planning, Transport & Environment

68. Directorate Programme 2021/22 £52.663 million. Variance of £12.007 million identified.

Energy Projects & Sustainability

- 69. 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 total reimbursed to CHN for the year was £2.450 million.
- 70. A second phase of investment under the REFIT programme invested £1.349 million in energy conservation measures into the education estate including solar panels, sensors and lighting upgrades. Sites were selected following detailed assessment with the contractor including feedback from phase one

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- and validation of the outcomes by SALIX. The investment will be paid back over an 8-year period from the savings generated from the measures.
- 71. There is an invest to save budget of £500,000 in place for the roll out of further Salix SEELS projects across the Council. With alternatives sources of funding available, there were no applications and so the budget line has been removed from the programme.
- 72. 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 complete. After all costs including unforeseen costs arising from the pandemic, the current estimated cost of the scheme since inception are circa £9 million.
- 73. 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.
- 74. 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 in 2020/21 allocated £3.9 million over 5 years towards capital investment and match funding for smaller schemes to support the strategy. The allocation for 2021/22 is £700,000, of which £270,000 was vired to the Central Transport Services budget to support the purchase of electric refuse collection vehicles. A grant of £100,000 was awarded and spent in year on a scheme piloting the use of reusable recycling sacks, as well as a grant of £70,000 awarded and spent in year on a scheme for enhanced food composting facilities in eight schools. The remaining £360,000 is to be slipped into 2022/23, with expenditure committed for approved projects.

Bereavement & Registration Services

- 75. Works to create new burial space in the North of the city are now complete with the final contract sum in the process of being negotiated with the contractor. The cost of the scheme is £3.125 million in total, with expenditure on the project to be repaid from future income receivable as part of the bereavement reserve.
- 76. As part of the budget proposals in 2020/21, a segregated Capital 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, with expenditure of £90,000 to support site infrastructure improvements, new vehicles and plant.

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Highway Maintenance

- 77. Expenditure on the reconstruction of structurally deteriorated roads which are deemed to be a priority was £450,000, with planned schemes including Grand Avenue, Hadfield Road, Rover Way, Heol Llanishen Fach, Willowbrook Drive, Heol Penyfai and Nant Fawr Crescent.
- 78. Other budgets for carriageway and footpath work total £7.672 million including slippage from 2020/21 and a specific Welsh Government grant received in the year. Numerous treatments on high speed routes, slurry seal (micro asphalt) and smaller value footway reconstruction and improvement schemes were undertaken. Slippage of £2.674 million is to be carried forward to complete this year's programme, with £1.7 million for use towards the cost of city centre highway improvement schemes, arising from air quality projects.
- 79. The contract to replace the timber surface of the Millennium Walkway 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, with a total cost of circa £2.7 million.
- 80. Of the remaining bridges and structures budget of £1.303 million, whilst design works and priorities are determined from condition assessments, detailed design and works are to be undertaken in future years, resulting in slippage of a £902,000. Expenditure in year was primarily to replace expansion joints at various locations around the city, upgrade viaduct doors and install CCTV.
- 81. The street lighting renewals budget was utilised for subway lighting, column replacement and for the design process for electrical works on Eastern Avenue. Implementation of the latter continues to be delayed as a result of complexities arising arising from a high speed route and need for additional surveys. This has resulted in slippage of £384,000 into 2022/23, with design expected to be completed in July 2022, with a tender process to be undertaken thereafter.
- 82. 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 £2.227 million of expenditure incurred during this year. This is lower than planned due to a restricted supply of lanterns resulting from shortages of semi-conductor components.
- 83. As part of a coastal risk management scheme to implement improvements from Rover Way to Lamby Way, Welsh Government grant is being utilised to develop the full business case, identify the preferred option, detailed design and cost estimates to construct coastal defence improvements. Cabinet considered a progress report on the scheme in June 2021 including the reasons for cost estimate increases. Work is being undertaken with Welsh Government to review next steps, with any contract award needing to be the

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- subject of Welsh Government and cabinet approval including a clear understanding of risks, mitigations and funding being in place where this is different to existing assumption in the budget framework.
- 84. A sum of £250,000 Council match funding has been allocated towards the implementation of flood prevention measures together with Welsh Government grant funding of £506,000. This is for small scale schemes and post storm repairs. With only £12,000 match funding likely to be required this year, slippage of £238,000 is carried forward into 2022/23.

Traffic & Transportation

- 85. The asset renewal telematics budget of £646,000 is intended to be used for replacement of obsolete analogue CCTV cameras at various locations with High Definition digital cameras, replacement of the electronic signage/control system for the North Road tidal flow lane control system and Bute Tunnel entrance electronic signage. Testing and supply chain issues have caused delay in implementation of projects, resulting in slippage of £501,000.
- 86. The total budget for cycling development in 2021/22, including slippage from the prior year, is £3.583 million, and is to be used to match fund Welsh Government grant funded schemes for cycleways. Slippage of £1.941 million is carried forward primarily because of the award of additional Local Sustainable Transport Covid Response funding for pop-up cycling improvements.
- 87. The Council Road Safety Schemes budget of £365,000 together with a sum of £877,000 Council match funding is used to help secure a range of grants where match funding is required. In most cases eligible grant is used first to avoid it being having to be returned.
- 88. The Welsh Government revised allocation to Cardiff for the Local Transport Fund is £2.978 million. The fund supports development of integrated, effective, accessible, affordable and sustainable transport systems undertaken include improving sustainable transport and active travel measures in the City Centre, specifically Castle Street, city centre works mitigation, bus priority measures on the Western Corridor and active travel improvement schemes.
- 89. The Welsh Government Road Safety Casualty Reduction grant of £120,000 was used to support projects that reduce road casualties including traffic calming and pedestrian improvements on Penarth Road, Clive Street Junction and Thornhill Road.
- 90. The Welsh Government revised allocation to Cardiff for Safe Routes in Communities Grant of £1.344 million was used for measures to improve accessibility and safety and encourage walking and cycling in communities. Improving routes to and from schools within the Canton and Trowbridge area was a focus during the year as part of a wider programme working with

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- schools to increase the use of active modes for school journeys, through targeted interventions and behaviour change support.
- 91. Welsh Government Active Travel grant utilised in the year is £6.438 million and was used to increase levels of active travel, improve health and wellbeing, improve air quality, reduce carbon emissions and connect communities. Funding was used to support Cardiff Cycle Superhighway implementation including Cathays Terrace, active travel to schools, cycling equipment, improvements to the Integrated Cycle Network and a significant number of junction and pedestrian crossing improvement schemes throughout the city. Whilst some schemes were delayed because of consultation feedback and supply chain issues, these will be the subject of continuing grant bids in 2022/23.
- 92. A Local Sustainable Transport Covid Response Grant of £1.030 million was received from Welsh Government towards pop-up, low-cost solutions to reallocate road space in favour of sustainable forms of transport. This allowed the Council's own funding to be carried forward.
- 93. A new Welsh Government grant allocation to Cardiff to support Burns Commission recommendation for active travel, £225,000, supported support the provision of a secure indoor cycle hub in Cardiff city centre and the purchase of vehicle fleet specifically for cycle maintenance.
- 94. 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. Expenditure during 2021/22 included bus retrofit (£562,000); taxi vehicle emissions incentives (£233,000); and as part of the city centre transport projects, works on improvements at Central Square (£5.280 million)
- 95. Works at City Centre Eastside includes phase one of the canal and permanent bus priority measures on Station Terrace and Churchill Way, a permanent cycleway a revised car park routing system Following a tender exercise the initial phase, costing circa £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 Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Metro Plus grant, Air Quality grant, Council match funding and a sum of £3 million Council funding included in the overall programme towards the canal. Expenditure during the year was £1.209 million.
- 96. To mitigate against the impact of the City Centre works in neighbouring areas, the Council has allocated a sum of £4 million, with £1.5 million assumed in 2021/22. Planned schemes, subject to design and consultation processes, include several sites in Grangetown and towards completion of transport and green infrastructure improvements at Tudor Road in 2022/23. The full in year budget is carried forward shown as slippage, with any project development costs in year met from Local Transport Fund grant.
- 97. A Welsh Government grant of £168,000 was awarded from the Ultra-Low Emissions Vehicle Transformation Fund to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Council's car parks. The installations and costs were

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- subsequently met by Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, however £50,000 of the grant was used to fund a trial of electric vehicle charge points on streetlights.
- 98. 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 £139,000.
- 99. Slippage of £225,000 is carried forward towards the 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.

Resources

100. Directorate Programme 2021/22 £33.158 million. Variance of £18.747 million identified.

Technology

- 101. The Modernising ICT budget aims to support digitisation of business processes. The total programme budget for the year is £636,000 and includes a virement of £209,000 from the budget allocated for Cycling Development within Transportation, for the upgrade of the Building Control IDOX software system. Expenditure in the year of £429,000 included phase two of the Corporate Landlord Scheme (£62,000), project costs of the digitalisation team (£81,000), SAP Information Lifecycle Management including GDPR and archiving (£66,000) and Digital telephony (£88,000).
- 102. Slippage of £541,000 is carried forward in respect to the ICT Refresh budget of £968,000 primarily because of linkage to the Alarm Receiving Centre and associated office accommodation projects and also the need to review alternative options because of supply chain and equipment prices to ensure value for money. This budget covers a range of projects to support resilience, capacity and capability including direct access and Wi-Fi replacement and server replacement.

Central Transport Services

103. Expenditure in year on the vehicle replacement programme was £6.440 million, including purchase of electric vehicles and associated charging infrastructure at various Council sites. Funding is from a mixture of Welsh Government grants, and Council borrowing instead of leasing, which will be

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paid back from existing revenue budgets. A net amount of £2.304 million from the 2022/23 budget relating to this programme was brought forward into 2021/22.

Corporate

- 104. A sum of £27,000 from the £200,000 contingency budget, was vired to Parks and Green Spaces for the acquisition of Hawthorn Woodland. The remaining £174,000 was not required during the year. No drawdown from the small invest to save fund of £500,000 was required either, reducing the overall programme for the year.
- 105. Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) has made no drawdown request in year as part of the Council's agreed £28.4 million Wider Investment Fund 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, but also the different funding streams available to CCRCD to manage expenditure obligations. Slippage of £6.492 million is to be reprofiled into future years.
- 106. 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. Actual expenditure for the year was £277,000, predominantly spent on design for adaptations and fit out of Oak House following its acquisition and the purchase of specialist equipment for the Alarm Receiving Centre (ARC). A contract for works is expected to be let in May 2022 with completion expected in March 2023.
- 107. 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 in May 2022, with £160,000 to be carried forward into 2022/23.
- 108. The Construction Industry Training Board Onsite Construction Academy is hosted on the Wates Residential Aspen Grove development at the old Eastern High site in Rumney. Expenditure of £107,000 relates to purpose-designed demountables hosting a large classroom area, kitchen and toilet facilities, a reception point and office space, which is now active following easing of Covid-19 restrictions.
- 109. The second tranche of viability support (£6.6 million) provided 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. Along with the energy retrofit of buildings project, Council funding allocated to this project

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has been displaced, allowing a Welsh Government Grant to be received, with the resulting funds to be used to develop a grant scheme for bus operators to expand electric bus fleet use in the city. The detailed terms of the Council vehicle grant scheme are to be developed in 2022/23.

<u>Public Housing (Housing Revenue Account)</u>

- 110. The Programme for HRA was £100.980 million, a variance of £39.584 million, mostly attributable to delays in construction projects as well as the receipt of £14.240 million of grant late in the year which displaced the Council's own resources at the end of the year.
- 111. A total of £5.623 million was spent on estate regeneration, tackling issues of community safety, defensible space, waste storage and courtyard improvements to blocks of flats. Expenditure includes projects at the Roundwood Estate, Arnold Avenue/Bronte Crescent, Pennsylvania Avenue and Trowbridge Green in addition to refurbishment of a property at Column Road.
- 112. Expenditure on building improvements as well as new Homlessness provision totalled £23.004 million for the year, including the acquisition of the former YHA hostel in Butetown for £6.400 million and progression of the Adams Court project at Newport Road at a cost of £3.190 million for the year. In March 2022, a Welsh Government Building Safety Grant of £12.920 million was bid for and received, and this displaced Council funding already having taken place linked to safety measures. Displaced Council funding will be available in 2022/23 and future years to be spent on further building safety measures, particularly focusing on fire safety of tall buildings.
- 113. Grant funding of £1.320 million received in year from the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) towards the new build young persons supported living unit has been utilised to displace council funded expenditure on the Disabled Facilities Service. Displaced funding is to be used towards the young persons accommodation as part of the new build programme. Total expenditure on adaptations for the year was £2.502 million, with slippage of £848,000 into 2022/23.
- 114. Expenditure on the development of new housing over several sites during the year was £30.267 million in total, and lower than initially profiled. In respect of Cardiff Living, only one scheme remains in progress for Phase one, the PassivHaus scheme at Highfields which is expected to complete in the autumn of 2022, with phase two and three schemes in progress. The early-stage master-planning is well underway on the proposed older person/wellbeing village on the former Michaelston College site which will deliver in the region of 250 new homes and a wide range of public buildings providing a range of facilities for the local community with a focus on older people and health and well-being. Work is well underway for the low-carbon scheme on the Former Rumney High school site and on the former Howardian school site in Penylan, with all private houses released for sale on Howardian phase 1 having sold off-plan.

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- 115. Progress on other development projects outside of Cardiff Living include the conclusion of the tender exercise and award of JCT contracts for the St. Mellon's and Maelfa older person community living buildings as well as development of homes on the former Local Training Enterprise Centre building in St. Mellons. Planning permission has been granted for the Channel View masterplan, Riverside/Canton Community Centre and the proposed development of Waungron Road, Llandaff. Work on site commenced in August for the development of 28 one and two bed flats on the former Paddle Steamer pub site in Butetown and the scheme to deliver 16 new council homes at Caldicot Road in Caerau was completed and handed over in September 2021.
- 116. Overall, a national shortage of materials and labour supply is a source of concern for the development industry. As a result, and due to the receipt of new grants late in the financial year, total slippage of £39.584 million is recorded and to be reprofiled as part of the 2022/23 programme.

Section 106 schemes and Other Contributions

During the year, contributions are received in accordance with planning obligations or other agreements and then spent on capital or other schemes in line with those agreements.

Projects paid for using contributions in 2021/22 include:

- Parks and Green Spaces Adamsdown open space, Caerau Hillfort project, Maindy park, Blackweir woodland footpath, Llandaff Fields, Leckwith allotments Parc Tredelerch and Public Space Protection Order signage at various parks around the city.
- Traffic and 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.
- 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.
- Education and Lifelong Learning Asset renewal schemes relating to schools in the Canton ward and Cathays High School
- Public Housing Development of new Council housing.

The table below shows the contributions held at 31 March 2022 based on the area of expenditure. These are proposed to be spent in future years, with the profile of expenditure to be updated alongside the next monitoring report for 2022/23. Any profiling of use will need to be realistic having regard to capacity and skills to deliver projects as well as other interdependencies.

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	Balance as at 31 March 2022
	£000
Parks & Green Spaces	4,788
Traffic & Transportation	4,323
Strategic Planning and Regulatory	2,619
Neighbourhood Regeneration	1,877
Economic Development	484
Education	4,883
Public Housing (HRA)	3,261
Total	22,235

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