

Appendix 5 – General Fund Capital Schemes Update

In February 2022 the Council approved a new General Fund Capital Programme of £156.316 million for 2022/23 and an indicative programme to 2026/27. The budget for the General Fund has since been adjusted to £220.103 million to include actual slippage reported at outturn, incorporation of new grant approvals and confirmation of actual grant awards.

Economic Development

1. The Directorate Programme for 2022/23 is £53.471 million; with an initial variance of £35.092 million identified and largely attributable to changes in timescales for the Indoor Arena project.

Business and Investment

2. The Council has 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. There are currently no loan applications approved to proceed in 2022/23, but any new loans approved following a due diligence process will be reported on later in the financial year. 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 during 2022/23.
4. 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 agreeing to acquire all the land and assets owned by Greenbank at the ISV. Further land acquisition and associated costs due to be incurred in 2022/23, including for the Ice Arena, are approximately £9.5 million, in addition to £11.180 million incurred in 2021/22. 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 that there is no sustained impact on the Council's borrowing requirement and on the revenue costs of holding the sites. Additionally, £500,000 of expenditure is forecast towards professional fees on the development of a new velodrome within the redesigned ISV.
5. A final business case for the delivery of an Indoor Arena was approved by Cabinet in September 2021. Projected expenditure for 2022/23 is circa £7 million, to include the final tranche of land purchases and commencement of enabling works. The Development and Funding Agreement is due to reach financial close in December 2022, which will allow construction to begin on site. This is later than originally scheduled, which means a significant

proportion of this year's budget (circa £29 million) will need to be slipped into 2023/24. All expenditure will be covered by the Arena affordability envelope.

6. As part of the agreed Cardiff East Regeneration Strategy, a grant of £1.5 million has been committed towards a partnership with Cardiff University, Football Association of Wales, Cardiff City Football Club and House of Sport Ltd to develop a state-of-the-art sports complex and pitches. A further £25,000 of professional fees towards the wider development is projected. The grant is due to be funded by receipts from land sales, and where expenditure commitments are required to be agreed in advance of land sales and development agreements, the risks of doing so will need to be considered as part of relevant decision-making processes.

Parks & Green Spaces

7. Property Asset Renewal expenditure of £38,000 include changing room works at Blackweir, Hailey Park and Trelai.
8. The Parks Asset Renewal Infrastructure budget for 2022/23 including slippage is £287,000 and is to be used for footpath reconstruction at Brachdy Lane, Bute Park and Grange Gardens. It will also be used for structural works, such as bridge replacement at Cobb Woods, Hendre Lake and wall refurbishment at Insole Court. Subject to design and cost estimates, schemes may need to be prioritised.
9. As well as completion of several projects started in the previous year, design and upgrade works for a number of play area sites will be undertaken using developer's obligations, where available and eligible for use, as well as Council budgets as part of a replacement programme. This includes sites such as Heol Llanishen Fach and Drovers Way.
10. A budget of £400,000 including slippage of £200,000 carried forward has been allocated to improve the condition of multi-use games areas, fitness equipment, BMX tracks and skate parks across the city. A destination skate park is proposed in Llanrumney which is currently the subject of detailed design and an acceptable tender exercise. Pending the outcome of the tender, it is currently assumed that most expenditure will fall in 2023/24.
11. The Green Flag Infrastructure Renewal budget is £161,000 including slippage and is allocated to support the replacement of signage and infrastructure in existing Green Flag parks. Works onsite include footpaths at Grange Gardens.
12. Expenditure of £445,000 is forecast during 2022/23 in relation to Roath Park Dam. Investigatory / modelling works continue, along with a Phase 2 Stakeholder Consultation Exercise, focusing on the detailed design of the scheme. This will be followed by a Cabinet Report confirming requirement, options and scope prior to any submission of a planning application.

13. Following on from the development phase, the Council and partners have been successful in securing Heritage Lottery Funding of up to £645,200 over the medium term 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 £50,000 is projected to be spent on professional fees prior to any tender exercises.

Leisure

14. The redevelopment of Pentwyn Leisure Centre is subject to a business case proposed to be self-financing from land sale receipts and revenue income. The budget for 2022/23 is £1.644 million including slippage, of which approximately £1.4 million is likely to be further slipped into 2023/24, whilst the business case and development agreements are confirmed.

Venues and Cultural Facilities

15. Property Asset Renewal works (£240,000) for St David's Hall include the completion of the fire alarm installation and the building management system. 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 which was started last year is now complete.

Property & Asset Management

16. Property Asset Renewal works for non-school buildings will continue to be developed over the year but include boiler/heating replacement at various locations including Central Library, City Hall, Grangetown Hub and Tremorfa Day Centre. They will also include a ventilation and distribution boards upgrade at the Wales National Tennis Centre and health and safety works at Mansion House, Norwegian Church Centre and Cardiff Castle. £107,000 has been vired towards the wider refurbishment at Rhiwbina Library. Slippage of £847,000 has been assumed into 2023/24 primarily due to further development work being required in larger schemes and the asset renewal work on the school's estate being prioritised.
17. In line with the investment property strategy approved by Cabinet in 2016, a number of additional sites where the Council is the original freeholder and has provided a lease will be acquired with a view to onward disposal or to benefit from regearing of sites. These are subject to completion terms, but an estimate of £1.340 million is assumed as this stage for the year.
18. The Community Asset Transfer budget provides up to £25,000 for improvement works to buildings being taken on by third party organisations. No schemes are currently planned for 2022/23, so the unspent budget will be reprofiled to future years should suitable schemes be identified and approved.

19. In respect of Central Market, subject to successful grant funding, the Council has allocated circa £700,000 over four years to invest in the fabric of the building; improving the appearance, tackling structural issues and enhancing the commercial attractiveness. Expenditure in 2022/23 is estimated at approximately £40,000 on professional fees, with the final grant submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund due in February 2023, at which point a more detailed future spending profile can be compiled.
20. A new statue is to be erected in Cardiff Bay celebrating the Rugby Codebreakers, with grant support from Welsh Government and grassroots fundraising efforts, as well as a £50,000 contribution from the Council. Whilst the scheme is not due to complete until early 2023/24, circa £172,500 of the total cost will be incurred during the current financial year.

Harbour Authority

21. The Harbour Asset Renewal budget approved for 2022/23 is £547,000, to be spent on completing the installation of boardwalk decking and steps and upgrading barrage control equipment in line with its asset management plan.

Recycling Waste Management Services

22. 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 consultation with feedback and a phased programme of change to improve recycling performance to be considered for approval by Cabinet. Subject to the implementation costs of the strategy over the period and availability of grant funding, this budget is carried forward and is to be reviewed as part of the budget proposals for 2023/24 and individual business cases for any agreed change actions.
23. The Waste Recycling and Depot Site Infrastructure budget of £451,000 is to be used for a range of infrastructure improvements at depot and recycling sites including health and safety works at the Heavy Goods Vehicle car park and the salt barn hardstanding and to address car park subsidence.
24. The Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) budget of £149,000 includes a virement from the Waste Recycling and Depot Site Infrastructure budget to partially offset a projected additional cost to replace key components to keep the facility operational.
25. 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. Details of any external grant awards approved will be included in future monitoring reports. No invitations to bid for Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle Transformation Fund to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in car parks is expected, with wider schemes operating on a regional basis. Any assumed budget is removed from the programme at this stage.

Education and Lifelong Learning

26. The Directorate Programme for 2022/23 is £60.140 million, with a projected variance of £4.253 million identified.

Schools - General

Asset Renewal - Buildings

27. The Council's asset renewal allocation of £2.302 million in 2022/23 was budgeted for works across the works estate including roof and boiler replacements, fire precaution works, safeguarding of lobbies and kitchen upgrades. An additional £8.677 million was budgeted 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. This funding is planned to be used flexibly to cover priority works within schools and an additional £7.323 million is anticipated to be drawn down earlier than planned for use in 2022/23.

Asset Renewal – Suitability and Sufficiency

28. The Suitability and Sufficiency budget of £1.040 million is expected to be fully utilised in 2022/23 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.

Schools Organisation Plan – 21st Century Schools

29. Additional works relating to Ysgol Glan Morfa demolition were identified resulting in additional expenditure of £450,000 and to be managed within the Band A financial model.

30. 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. The new Willows project has returned to the Band B programme due to progress of the project, with Cathays High remaining a Mutual Investment Model (MIM) scheme.

31. Works at Fitzalan High have a Welsh Government approved overall budget of £64.3 million. Expenditure on the project in 2022/23 is estimated to be £23.988 million of which £5.670 relates to the final grant payment from Welsh Government.

32. The Fairwater Campus scheme includes three schools (Cantonian, Riverbank and Woodlands) relocated onto one shared campus. A full business case is due to be submitted to Welsh Government in September with expenditure on planning, surveys and professional fees underway and enabling works to commence with tender to be awarded shortly.

33. 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% of the overall funding. The outline business case has been submitted to Welsh Government and is awaiting final sign off.
34. Other Band B schemes currently underway include St Mary the Virgin, Greenhill and the Court Special School. These schemes are currently incurring costs in relation to planning, surveys and professional fees which are funded through Band B Invest to Save funding prior to Welsh Government full business case sign off.

People & Communities

35. The Directorate Programme for 2022/23 is £20.574 million with a variance of £8.646 million identified.

Communities & Housing

Neighbourhood Regeneration

36. The Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes budget is £703,000 including £353,000 from the previous year. Projected expenditure for the year is £500,000 for schemes including a new 3G sports pitch in Splott and at Llanrumney Hall, with the remainder slipping to the next financial year.
37. An initial budget allocation of £250,000 was requested and approved in 2021/22 towards District and Local Centres of which £235,000 was slipped into the current financial year. Expenditure of around £50,000 is projected for 2022/23 on design fees, with the remainder continuing to be carried forward into future years to develop comprehensive schemes. This is for a range of placemaking interventions to support priorities identified in South Riverside, Cowbridge Road East, Adamsdown/Roath and as part of City Centre Recovery Strategy. Bids for external Welsh Government grant funding as part of Transforming Towns and to the Social Prosperity Fund will be submitted, with match funding from a range of existing linked council budgets.
38. The need to complete legal procedures and consultation continues to result in delays in implementing alleygating projects, with approximately £50,000 of the total £198,000 budget due to be spent in year. The remainder will be available for schemes in 2023/24.
39. Several schemes continue to progress under the Welsh Government Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme (TRIP), paid for by 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 are due to be completed in September 2022 fully

utilising the Council's match funding element of £801,000 carried from 2021/22 and allocated transport funding for city centre enabling works.

40. Improvement works at St Mary Street, costing an estimated £93,000, are due to be completed this year and will be funded by contributions from the Civil Parking Enforcement reserve.
41. Expenditure on Rhiwbina Hub is due to complete in 2022/23, with expenditure this year forecast at £895,000. Alongside the existing budget allocation and use of displaced grant funding from 2021/22, further grant funding has been applied for and approved in principle to cover additional costs of the scheme and equipment.
42. The Council budget remaining to develop a Multi-Agency City Centre Youth Hub totals £2.036 million. Pending a review of alternative options and sites by Cabinet to deliver a viable project, only professional fees are likely to be incurred during 2022/23. Expenditure of £134,000 is assumed to take place in the year, with additional budget may need to be brought forward subject to progress.
43. 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)

44. The Disabled Facilities Service budget for mandatory and discretionary grants to housing owner-occupiers as well as for administration costs for the grants is £5.270 million including slippage of £1.172 million. Expenditure for the year is projected to be £4.970 million with slippage of approximately £300,000. This is subject to service demand following emergence from the pandemic and also impacts arising from the price of equipment and materials.
45. As well as the above, an Enable Grant totalling £655,000 has been awarded by Welsh Government and will be fully utilised to deliver additional adaptations to help older, disabled and vulnerable people by, accelerating discharge from hospital to a safe and comfortable home, reducing delayed transfers of care and improving the individual's ability to maintain independence at home.
46. Subject to a business case, approval of partners and finding a suitable site, the Council approved a budget of £5 million on a self-financing basis, to develop an independent wellbeing hub. Expenditure of £3.500 million was initially assumed when setting the budget for the year, however at the end of 2021/22, a grant was received from Welsh Government of £1.101 million to support independent living solutions. This was used in that year and any displaced Council funding deemed available towards the Council's costs of

any approved wellbeing hub scheme. However, this is subject to finding a suitable site and confirmation of a business case so full slippage is currently projected into 2023/24.

47. Following initial design, ground condition and design works, the extent of any expansion to the Shirenewton Traveller site is to be reviewed. Further development works are to be undertaken during 2022/23, with risk of abortive costs, prior to any confirmation of costs and Welsh Government Grant approval towards costs of the project.
48. 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 Belmont Walk and Anderson Place, with total expenditure of £183,000 currently anticipated and requiring £100,000 to be brought forward from the 2023/24 budget.
49. The Council is also working with Welsh Government to secure funding for a mixed tenure energy efficiency retrofit scheme to unimproved British Iron and Steel Federation (BISF) properties in Llandaff North and Rumney (up to 252 properties). This is proposed to be the subject of future Cabinet consideration, pending approval of a detailed business case and acceptable procurement of works.

Flying Start

50. The budget for Flying Start Capital schemes for the year totals £1.137 million. This comprises of ongoing projects from previous years including £1.077 million in relation to allocations for furniture and ICT at five nursery sites across Cardiff, alongside an additional grant award of £60,000 for 2022/23, to fund ventilation upgrades, canopies, replacement boilers and refurbishment across 19 sites. Slippage of £500,000 from 2021/22 was in relation to Moorland Primary early years unit which will be utilised this year.

Childcare Capital Grant

51. Expenditure of £204,000 relates to grants provided to nurseries as part of additional funding awarded by Welsh Government slipped from 2021/22.

Social Services

Adult Services

52. There is a total programme budget of £36,000 due to slippage from 2021/22, all of which is due to be spent this year on professional fees for the design and development of a scheme for the Tremorfa Day Centre.

Children's Services

53. 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. A framework agreement is currently in progress with commencement of a new contract allowing the Council to source four additional 6-bed properties (24 units) due for September 2022. Expenditure of £100,000 is forecast for the year, with £148,000 slipped into next year to facilitate the sourcing of a further 18 units in 2023/24.
54. 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 was made available during this financial year to secure additional properties, but it is anticipated that this will need to be slipped again into 2023/24 as a result of receiving additional grant funding in 2021/22. Any expenditure on both the above schemes will be repaid on an invest to save basis.
55. In 2021/22, following numerous successful bids to the Intermediate Care Fund (ICF), £2.740 million of grant was allocated to the Council to support the development and acquisition of additional properties. Displaced Council funding is carried forward as slippage and now available to use for the following:
- Improvements to respite accommodation at Ty Storie for Children and Young People with Learning Disabilities and behaviour challenges. £200,000 expenditure is anticipated this year in developing the design, with slippage of £1.035 million.
 - 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.
56. For the latter two schemes, property searches are underway but due to the specialist nature of the property criteria, expenditure of £455,000 is currently projected, resulting in slippage into 2023/24 of £1.150 million.

57. The Council is working with Regional Partners and Welsh Government to develop new Capital Funding Arrangement in place of Integrated Care Funding. This is to support several outcomes including, increasing housing with care for older people and for children, development of integrated health and social care hubs and centres and other care needs to support service delivery closer to home. Further detail on any specific proposals impacting on Cardiff, would be considered following confirmation of the grant funding stream and process.

Planning, Transport & Environment

58. The Directorate Programme for 2022/23 is £57.458 million with a variance of £9.234 million identified.

Energy Projects & Sustainability

59. 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 £8.634 million 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. In 2022/23, CHN are due to draw down a total of £6.178 million on top of the £2.450 million drawn down in 2021/22. Subject to progress on site, budget may need to be brought forward from future years should the CHN need to draw down additional funds ahead of schedule.

60. A second phase of investment under the REFIT programme is now complete, with projected expenditure for the year covering final invoices and retentions. A total of £1.445 million has been invested over the course of the scheme, into energy conservation measures in the education estate including solar panels, sensors and lighting upgrades. Sites were selected following detailed assessment with the contractor including feedback from phase one 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.

61. 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 2021/22 allocated £3.9 million over 5 years towards capital investment and match funding for smaller schemes to support the strategy. The allocation for 2022/23 is £860,000 including slippage of £360,000. Projects approved include electric vehicle charging at Lamby Way, enhanced food composting facilities in schools, installation of sensors and equipment in schools and buildings including County Hall to support baselining for Carbon and a low carbon / recycled alternative for the A470 Carriageway resurfacing scheme. Slippage of £105,000 assumed at this stage.

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Bereavement & Registration Services

62. The segregated capital asset renewal allocation for bereavement services totals £190,000 for 2022/23, including £95,000 of slippage from 2021/22. Full expenditure of this allocation is forecast, including on site infrastructure improvements, new vehicles and plant.

Highway Maintenance

63. The approach to carriageway and footway maintenance adopts numerous repair and improvement treatments including localised patching, preventative and preservation treatments, resurfacing and reconstruction. In combination and when applied at the correct time they can minimise the whole life cost of maintenance whilst maximising the benefit of available budgets across the highway network. The budget available for treatments in 2022/23 including slippage is £6.017 million, with £1.7 million vired towards the cost of city centre highways resurfacing schemes linked to wider public realm projects.

64. Current projections suggest a requirement to bring forward budget in relation to highways and footpaths of £1.664 million from future years to address both an increase in costs and to support earlier intervention to avoid more expensive treatments. Any bringing forward of budgets will need to be managed within the overall five-year capital programme approved. Where there is a permanent change in the level of capital and revenue resources required to maintain condition, these will need to be set out in an updated Highways and Infrastructure Asset Management Plan.

65. Millennium Walkway and lighting refurbishment was completed in 2021/22. The bridges and Structures budget of £1.052 million including slippage will support culvert works at Llandennis Rd, Rhydlafer Farm, Bacton Court and The Crescent South. Expansion joints at Leckwith Woods Viaduct will be replaced along with ground anchors at the bottom of Rumney Hill. Slippage of this budget continues with £552,000 currently assumed into 2023/24, with options a longer-term plan of priorities to be updated as part of the 2023/24 budget.

66. The street lighting renewals budget is used for new and replacement columns, however in the short term, enhanced budget allocations have been made available to address electrical works on the Eastern Avenue. Implementation continues to be delayed with the design now complete allowing a procurement exercise to commence and be completed in the last quarter of the financial year. Slippage of £800,000 into 2022/23 is currently assumed, subject to the outcome of tenders.

67. Cabinet approved in May 2019, a £5.2 million invest to save business case for all remaining residential columns to be converted to LED. The project has been delayed due to internal capacity as well as restricted supply of lanterns resulting from shortages of semi-conductor components, however it is to be completed by March 2023, with the balance of £1.973 million to be fully spent.

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68. 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. This will be the subject of a further Cabinet Report and procurement process to ensure works can start this financial year. This report will set out a clear understanding of scope, risks, mitigations, borrowing and Council match funding requirements to be in place. Subject to this, slippage of £4.196 million is assumed, with only a start on site by the end of the year.
69. A sum of £488,000 Council match funding including slippage has been allocated towards the implementation of flood prevention measures together with Welsh Government grant funding of £1.472 million approved to date in the year. This is for small scale and post storm schemes with only £41,000 match funding likely to be required this year.

Traffic & Transportation

70. The asset renewal telematics budget of £801,000 including slippage is to be used for replacement of obsolete analogue CCTV cameras at various locations with High-Definition digital cameras and completing the replacement of the electronic signage/control system for the North Road tidal flow lane control system and Bute Tunnel entrance electronic signage.
71. The total budget for cycling development in 2022/23, including slippage from the prior year, is £2.741 million. Following a virement of £1 million towards the costs of the wider transport improvements and canal scheme at Eastside, Churchill Way, the balance of cycling budget will be used to match fund Welsh Government grant funded schemes for primary cycleways.
72. The Council Road Safety Schemes budget of £335,000 together with a sum of £511,000 Council match funding, will 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:
73. The Welsh Government revised allocation to Cardiff for the Local Transport Fund is £2.370 million. The fund supports development of integrated, effective, accessible, affordable, and sustainable transport systems. Schemes bid for and approved include £1.411 million towards improving sustainable transport and active travel measures in the City Centre, and £959,000 towards the A4119 strategic bus corridor scheme phase 2d.
74. The Welsh Government Road Safety Casualty Reduction grant approval is £89,000, which will support capital projects that reduce road casualties including traffic calming and pedestrian improvements on Thornhill Road.
75. The Welsh Government revised allocation to Cardiff for Safe Routes in Communities Grant of £1.369 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

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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. School Streets have been introduced in Cardiff to improve safety for vulnerable users outside school gates, in response to safety concerns.

76. The Welsh Government allocation to Cardiff for Active Travel is £9.239 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 (£6.345 million), Taff Trail upgrade at Hailey Park (£536,000), Active Travel to Schools (£679,000), Roath Park Cycleway (£198,000) and various improvements to the Integrated Cycle Network Plan (£1.481 million).
77. A new Welsh Government grant allocation of £286,000 has been awarded to continue the roll out of a 20mph default speed limit.
78. To comply with the requirement of the Environment Act 1995 – Air Quality Direction 2019, Welsh Government approved grant for a range of agreed measures. Grant will need to be claimed in accordance with terms and conditions, with planned expenditure during 2022/23 including completion of Wood Street and City Centre Eastside.
79. Following investment of over £9 million, works at Wood Street are planned to be completed in October, with works on adjoining routes of Great Western Lane continuing in parallel. City Centre Eastside includes phase one of the canal and permanent bus priority measures on Station Terrace and Churchill Way, a permanent cycleway and a revised car park routing system. Additional Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Metro Plus grant, of £1.098 million has been approved in the year, with virements from the cycling development and highway resurfacing budgets towards the respective elements of the scheme also costing c £9 million and with an expected completion in the summer of 2023.
80. To mitigate against the impact of the City Centre works in neighbouring areas, the Council has allocated a sum of £4 million, Including slippage the amount allocated in 2022/23 is £2.5 million. Expenditure planned in the year is £1 million primarily in relation to Tudor Street transport and green infrastructure improvement, with slippage of £1.5 million currently assumed towards projects which are subject to design and consultation processes including sites in Grangetown.
81. Following a virement of £300,000 towards the costs of the Eastside / Canal project at Churchill way, the Council Bus Corridor enhancements budget of £174,000 will be used for match funding towards Welsh Government Local Transport improvement scheme (A4119 Corridor Phase 2D).
82. Budget of £225,000 is carried forward from 2021/22 towards development of the transport interchange on the site of the former recycling site at Waungron Road, which is proposed to be delivered in parallel with a housing scheme.

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Design works in respect to a retaining wall will inform costs as part of a tender process to integrate the proposed transport hub with the residential development. Slippage of £200,000 is currently projected.

Resources

83. The Directorate Programme for 2022/23 is £19.110 million with a variance of £9.252 million identified.

Technology

84. The Modernising ICT budget aims to support digitisation of business processes. The budget for the year of £251,000 is to be spent on schemes including an upgrade of the Building Control IDOX software system and SAP Information Lifecycle Management including General Data Protection Requirements and archiving.

85. A total of £1.341 million is available for ICT Refresh schemes this year, including £541,000 of slippage from 2021/22. Full expenditure in year is projected, including on new equipment for the relocation of the Alarm Receiving Centre. This budget also covers a range of projects to support ICT resilience, capacity and capability including direct access and hardware replacement.

Central Transport Services

86. The budget for the ongoing Vehicle Replacement scheme, to purchase new refuse collection vehicles, is £2.306 million this year, all of which is due to be spent. Further opportunities for grant funding will be considered during the year to support infrastructure and to increase the number of ultra-low emission vehicles.

Corporate

87. In respect of the contingency budget of £200,000, given that it is early in the financial year, this is shown projected to be fully required, although as the year progresses, any under spend will be used to reduce the level of borrowing assumed in the Capital Programme.

88. The £500,000 Invest to Save budget for small schemes will be reviewed and adjusted in future monitoring reports if schemes are approved during the year.

89. As assumed when setting the 2022/23 budget, Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) is likely to make no drawdown request in year as part of the Council's agreed total £28.4 million Wider Investment Fund contribution to the region. The timing and value of any drawdown is subject to proposed

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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 £6.792 million has been reprofiled into future years.

90. The Core Office Strategy has an overall allocation of £9.750 million included in the programme over a three-year period with £6.852 million of this currently included in 2022/23. This funding is to be used 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. Expenditure for the year of £4 million is anticipated predominantly on the fit out of Oak House following its acquisition and the purchase of specialist equipment for the Alarm Receiving Centre (ARC). Following delays in finding a suitable contractor, works are now on site.
91. A contract for the acquisition of webcasting equipment and cabling at City Hall and County Hall was completed in May 2022, with expenditure of £160,000 forecast in 2022/23.
92. A total of £8 million is available to the Council to develop a grant scheme for bus operators to expand electric bus fleet use in the city. The detailed terms of the scheme are to be developed in 2022/23, however with lead in times for vehicles in the industry it is assumed any expenditure in year may relate to deposits only.

Section 106 Schemes and Other Contributions

93. 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 4:

	Budget	Projection at Month 4	Variance
	£000	£000	£000
Parks & Green Spaces	1,423	1,750	327
Traffic & Transportation	1,202	484	(718)
Strategic Planning & Regulatory	681	607	(74)
Neighbourhood Regeneration	287	113	(174)
Economic Development	54	51	(3)
Education & Lifelong Learning	1,273	2,875	1,602
Public Housing (HRA)	189	2,400	2,211
Total	5,109	8,280	3,171

94. 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, Craiglee Drive and Blackweir woodland footpath improvements, Cogan Gardens, Tatham Road public open space, University Lawn - Cathays 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 – Central Square Public Realm enhancement scheme.
- Neighborhood Regeneration – Improvement / Grants towards various Community facilities, subject to consultation.
- Economic Development – Support for small to medium enterprises in Llanishen.
- Education & Lifelong Learning – Contribution towards various school's projects where in accordance with the agreements.
- Public Housing – Development of new Council housing.

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