

## **Appendix 6 – General Fund Capital Schemes Update – Outturn**

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 £241.378 million to include actual slippage reported at outturn 2021/22, incorporation of new grant approvals and confirmation of actual grant awards.

### **Economic Development**

1. The Directorate Programme for 2022/23 is £63.185 million; with a variance of £42.288 million identified.

### **Business and Investment**

2. The Council has drawn down repayable loan funding totalling £6.015 million from Welsh Government for the implementation of town centre regeneration schemes to bring vacant, underutilised, or redundant buildings back into beneficial use. Loans provided and outstanding at 31 March 2023 total £4.878 million, with £449,000 of loans made in year supporting development in the city centre leisure and hospitality sector. It should be noted that all risk in respect to repayable loans received from Welsh Government remains with the Local Authority.
3. The Black Tower Tales visitor experience at Cardiff Castle opened in May 2021. Budget was carried into 2022/23 for final snagging works which were completed in February at a cost of £13,000.
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 of £8.132 million have been incurred in 2022/23, including for the Ice Arena property, in addition to £11.180 million incurred in 2021/22. Expenditure on land acquisition is assumed to be recovered from sales of land as part of the land disposal strategy. 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, £225,000 of expenditure has been incurred towards professional fees on the development of a new velodrome within the redesigned ISV. This is in advance of a final business case and assumed to be on an invest to save basis.
5. A final business case for the delivery of an Indoor Arena was approved by Cabinet in September 2021. Expenditure for 2022/23 is £2.9 million, primarily on enabling land purchase. Completion of the Development and Funding Agreement is expected in 2023/24, later than originally assumed, which means a significant proportion of the year's budget (circa £33 million) is

carried forward and reprofiled into future years as part of an updated Arena affordability envelope.

6. Cabinet in October 2022 considered an update on the Llanrumney Regeneration Scheme including an outline of the developer's proposal for the delivery of a new road link and bridge connecting the A48 to the Llanrumney ward. As part of an agreed Cardiff East Regeneration Strategy, and following agreement with partners, a grant totalling £1.5 million has been paid 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. The grant is to be funded by forecast capital receipts from land sales.

## **Parks & Green Spaces**

7. Property Asset Renewal expenditure of £135,000 includes changing room works at Blackweir, Hailey Park, Lisvane, Trelai and Pontcanna. Works were also undertaken at Bute Park visitor centre, Butetown Nurseries and Despenser Gardens ranger's hut.
8. The Parks Asset Renewal Infrastructure budget for 2022/23 including slippage is £324,000 and was used for footpath reconstruction at Beechtree Park, Grange Gardens and boardwalk redecking at Parc Tredelerch. It was also used for structural and design works, such as bridge replacement at Cobb Woods, Hendre Lake and wall refurbishment at Insole Court.
9. Expenditure on play equipment exceeded the allocation in 2022/23 due to budget being brought forward in 2021/22. Adamsdown Public open Space scheme also required additional funds to supplement existing developer obligations. Llandaff fields play area was completed in the year with other projects on site being Victoria Park and Heol Llanishen Fach. Priorities and timing of schemes in respect to this budget will need to be reviewed in 2023/24 to ensure commitments are maintained within budget.
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. The full budget has been allocated to a destination skate park proposal in Llanrumney, 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 of £161,000 including slippage was allocated to support the replacement of signage and infrastructure in existing Green Flag parks. Footpath resurfacing has been carried out at Hendre Lake and culvert replacement / log retaining wall at Roath Park. Slippage of £67,000 has been carried in 2023/24 to complete schemes.
12. Expenditure of £420,000 was incurred during 2022/23 in relation to Roath Park Dam. Investigatory and modelling works continue, along with a Phase Two Stakeholder Consultation Exercise, focusing on the detailed design of

the scheme, review of initial costing, affordability and phasing. This will be followed by a Cabinet Report confirming the outcomes, scope, next steps and financial implications of recommended approach. The risk of abortive costs should continue to be monitored.

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. No costs have been incurred in relation to renovation and preservation of heritage buildings whilst current costs estimates in excess of forecast are reviewed and options considered prior to agreeing scope, timing and an affordable tender package.

### **Leisure**

14. Leisure asset renewal works totalling £284,000 in year include the start of significant roof works at Cardiff International White Water Centre to allow the re-opening of the flowrider facility and further roof works at Western Leisure Centre.
15. The redevelopment of Pentwyn Leisure Centre is subject to a business case proposed to be self-financing from land sale receipts and revenue income. Land sale receipts from Llanrumney regeneration sites are no longer assumed to be available for this project. The budget for 2022/23 is £1.644 million including slippage, and expenditure of £244,000 has been incurred on professional fees in 2022/23. This is pending the confirmation of the scope, business case, and viability of options Subject to agreed approach, the risk of abortive costs needs to be monitored.

### **Venues and Cultural Facilities**

16. Property Asset Renewal works of £357,000 include St David's Hall fire alarm installation and replacement of the wheelchair lift. It also includes upgrading of the building management system as part of works agreed to be undertaken at the New Theatre as part of the handover to HQ Theatres. Robust systems should be put in place with regular collaboration with the operator to action any residual Council responsibilities for the building on an ongoing basis.

### **Property & Asset Management**

17. Property Asset Renewal works include boiler/heating replacement at various locations including Central Library, Cardiff Castle, Llanover Hall and Lamby Way. They also include health and safety works at Mansion House, Norwegian Church Centre, Cardiff Castle and Cathays Library. Slippage of £1.256 million has been carried into 2023/24 primarily due the asset renewal work on the school's estate being prioritised. The annual property plan will aim to include detailed capital expenditure priorities planned to be paid for from this budget in 2023/24.

18. 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 2022/23 was £25,000, with continued slippage across years. If there are no firm commitments identified in 2023/24 in line with the original purpose, the need for the budget will be reviewed.
19. 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 had been acquired by the Council with a view to onward disposal for regeneration or to benefit from re-letting of sites. This includes Unit 14 on Ipswich Road and also various former Brains Public Houses in the city. Expenditure of £1.175 million was incurred in year, and any onward disposals should be actioned as soon as possible, in line with the disposal strategy agreed at the time of acquisition, to ensure any recurring costs of holding the properties are minimised.
20. In respect of Central Market, subject to successful grant funding, the Council had 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. Total expenditure of £138,000 has been incurred in year on scheme development professional fees and is partly funded by a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Development Grant. Slippage of £40,000 is carried into 2023/24 with a final grant submission to the HLF due in May 2023. Alternative funding options are being considered to meet increased costs to secure a comprehensive regeneration of the site, with any funding options needing to demonstrate affordability and longer-term sustainability.
21. 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. The scheme is not due to complete until early 2023/24 with expenditure of £115,000 incurred in year towards sculptor fees.

### **Harbour Authority**

22. Expenditure in respect to the Harbour Authority is £571,000. This included the continued installation of boardwalk decking and steps as well as upgrading barrage control equipment in line with its asset management plan and the purchase of software for digitalised inventory of assets.

### **Recycling Waste Management Services**

23. 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 considered by Cabinet. This budget is carried forward for agreed change actions.
24. The Waste Recycling and Depot Site Infrastructure budget of £478,000 was 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. Expenditure is brought forward from future years to manage costs within budget made available.

25. The Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) budget of £122,000 includes a virement from the Waste Recycling and Depot Site Infrastructure budget to partially offset additional costs to replace key components to continue to keep the facility operational. Expenditure incurred in year was £129,000 with the additional £7,000 brought forward from future years budget.
26. A sum of £100,000 Council match funding requested and included in the Capital Programme to help secure a range of Welsh Government grants continues to be carried forward and will be reviewed in 2023/24. No invitations to bid for Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle Transformation grant funding to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in car parks was made, with wider schemes operating on a regional basis. Any assumed budget is removed from the programme.

### **Education and Lifelong Learning**

27. The Directorate Programme for 2022/23 is £77.057 million; with a variance of £16.720 million identified.

### **Schools - General**

#### *Asset Renewal - Buildings*

28. The Council's asset renewal allocation of £2.302 million in 2022/23 was budgeted for works across the schools' estate including roof and boiler replacements, fire precaution works, safeguarding of lobbies and kitchen upgrades. The projected outturn on asset renewal has increased significantly in year due to extension schemes and high value stonework projects commencing alongside higher than anticipated drainage works and roof repairs due to adverse weather. An additional £8.677 million, from the overall additional £25 million of Invest to Save funding approved in 2018/19, was allocated to address condition, health and safety and additional learning needs within the schools' estate. This funding has been used flexibly to cover priority works within schools and an additional £9.344 million was down earlier than planned for use in 2022/23. Additional Welsh Government (WG) grant has been awarded in relation to capital maintenance (£5.461 million). These works were already in progress and will displace planned use of invest to save funding for future years.

#### *Asset Renewal – Suitability and Sufficiency*

29. The original Suitability and Sufficiency budget of £1.040 million is has been 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. Additional WG grant awards have been made in relation to additional learning needs

(ALN) capital works (£2.188 million) and Community Focus Schools (£2.184 million) were fully spent this financial year.

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

30. Additional works relating to Ysgol Glan Morfa demolition were completed this year resulting in additional expenditure of £645,000 funded through the Band A financial model.
31. Band B of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme is underway with an original funding envelope of circa £284 million. This is to be funded by a Welsh Government grant award with match funding from Cardiff Council at a rate determined by the type of school. 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.
32. Works at Fitzalan High School have a Welsh Government approved overall budget of £64.3 million. The grant funded element of the scheme was front loaded with the final grant allocation awarded in quarter two. However due to wider slippage across WG schemes external to Cardiff Council, and additional £15.8m was awarded in 2022/23 which will be offset against future Band B schemes to maintain planned intervention rates. Expenditure this year totalled £17.946 million with the school ready for 2023/24 academic year opening.
33. The Fairwater Campus scheme includes three schools (Cantonian, Riverbank and Woodlands) relocated onto one shared campus. The scheme has progressed faster than original cash flow projections and funding has been brought forward in line with the award of the main works contract. Grant funding was awarded prior to full business case sign off with £3.664 million utilised this year.
34. 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 now been approved by Welsh Government with enabling works underway.
35. Due to the requirement to resolve land issues, the St Mary the Virgin scheme has been reprofiled with no significant expenditure expected until 2023/24.
36. Other Band B schemes currently underway include 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.

### **Schools Capital Grants**

37. Welsh Government have provided additional grant awards in relation to Welsh Medium refurbishments in relation to Ysgol Bro Edeyrn food technology rooms, Ysgol Glantaf Specialist Resource Base and Ysgol

Plasmawr toilets, totalling £1.383 million. Slippage of £366,000 is reported at yearend due to small delays on finalising one of the schemes.

38. Universal Free School Meals Capital Grant is 100% funded from Welsh Government and is being utilised to update and expand catering provision across the school's estate starting with foundation phase schools. The outturn position includes slippage of £926,000 which will be utilised in 2023/24 in line with the grant terms.
39. Additional Welsh Government Schools ICT Hwb grant funding for the year totalled £671,000 to support Cardiff schools in developing sustainable EdTech Digital Services.

### **People & Communities**

40. The Directorate Programme for 2022/23 is £25.104 million; with a variance of £12.205 million identified.

### **Communities & Housing**

#### **Neighbourhood Regeneration**

41. The Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes Council initial budget of £703,000 included £353,000 carried forward from the previous year. During the year additional grant of £456,000, primarily Shared Prosperity Funding (SPF) was allocated to these projects, displacing council funding and allowing more projects to be undertaken in future years in line with outcomes. Expenditure in year of £637,000 has been incurred and includes a new 3G sports pitch in Splott, Llanishen Park play area, Louisa Place and Old St Mellons Village centre public realm improvements. Slippage of £522,000 will be carried forward to the next financial year, to complete schemes and develop a new programme.
42. An initial budget allocation of £250,000 was requested and approved in 2021/22 towards District and Local Centres of which £235,000 was carried forward into the current financial year. Expenditure of £2,000 has been incurred in year on design fees with £233,000 shown as continuing to be carried forward into next year whilst a comprehensive plan of priorities is determined in conjunction with successful grant bids.
43. Expenditure of £244,000 has been incurred on alleygating projects in year against an initial budget of £198,000 therefore funding has been brought forward from 2023/24 to bridge the gap. The additional expenditure is the result of increased contractor prices within the alleygating framework.
44. Several schemes progressed under the Welsh Government Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme (TRIP), paid for by a combination of external grant and Council match funding, are ending. This includes works on Tudor Street to improve the public realm environment and external improvements to commercial premises which will utilise the Council's match

funding element of £801,000 carried from 2021/22 and transport funding for city centre enabling works, which has been vired to this budget heading.

45. Improvement works at St Mary Street incurred expenditure of £151,000 in year and were paid for by grant and agreed contributions from the Civil Parking Enforcement reserve.
46. Rhiwbina Community Wellbeing Hub re-opened in January 2023 following refurbishment. Alongside the existing budget allocation and use of displaced grant funding from 2021/22, external grant funding has been approved towards the costs of the project. This includes £400,000 from the Welsh Government Health and Social Care Integration and Rebalancing Capital Fund and £100,000 from the Share Prosperity Fund.
47. Expenditure of £43,000 was incurred in year on professional fees to develop a Multi-Agency City Centre Youth Hub, with slippage of £119,000 carried into 2023/24. A review of alternative options, funding and sites by Cabinet to deliver a viable project will be carried out in 2023/24, however the risk of abortive costs will need to be considered.
48. 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. From its potential match funding towards any project, the Council has purchased land at 22 Cowbridge Road West to determine regeneration opportunities via a youth community-based facility. The outcomes of a business case to support external grant applications, working with external partners and next steps is to be a future report to Cabinet.

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

49. The Disabled Facilities Service budget, including slippage from previous years, for mandatory and discretionary grants to housing owner-occupiers as well as for administration costs for the grants is £5.272 million. Grant of £130,000 was received in year as part of the Housing with Care Fund from Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. Expenditure for the year was £5.605 million with budget of £275,000, to be brought forward from future years.
50. As well as the above, an Enable Grant totalling £655,000 was awarded by Welsh Government and has been 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.
51. 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, this is subject to confirmation by Cabinet of the location and a business case, so full slippage is assumed into future years. 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 was carried forward towards the Council's costs of any approved wellbeing hub scheme. Any scheme would be subject to approval of external partners in line with their own processes and the Joint Agreement, as well as agreed contributions towards all costs.

52. Following initial design, costs and review of ground conditions, the extent of any expansion to the Shirenewton Traveller site has been reduced in scope. Further design costs of £166,000 were incurred during the year, with a risk of further abortive costs, prior to any confirmation of Welsh Government Grant approval towards costs of a viable project.
53. 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. No expenditure was incurred in year due to the delayed start of projects such as Trowbridge Green, which are subject to review of tenders and scope.

### **Flying Start**

54. The budget for Flying Start Capital schemes for the year was £3.187 million. This comprises of ongoing projects from previous years including and increased grant award of £3.050 million in relation to Moorland Primary. In year allocations of £137,000 have been utilised for refurbishment, ICT, and external works at ten nursery sites across Cardiff; £20,000 slippage is reported against these small schemes which will be completed in 2023/24.

### **Childcare Capital Grant**

55. Welsh Government have introduced a new Early Years and Childcare Capital Programme, over three years to 2024-25. This is subject to a bidding and business case process and could include existing planned projects and/or new projects that have been identified from Childcare Sufficiency Assessments or as part of Flying Start childcare expansion plans. Full spend of the £523,000 available was made via grants provided to nurseries as part of additional funding awarded by Welsh Government.

### **Social Services**

#### **Adult Services**

56. Expenditure of £16,000 was spent this year on professional fees for the design and development of a scheme for the Tremorfa Day Centre. Further slippage of £20,000 will be carried into 2023/24.

#### **Children's Services**

57. 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 allowing the Council to source four additional 6-bed properties (24 units). No expenditure was incurred in year therefore full slippage of £248,000 has slipped into next year to facilitate the sourcing of further units in 2023/24.

58. 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, however this is carried forward again into 2023/24 as a result of receiving additional grant funding to support the Children's Services Accommodation Strategy. Any expenditure utilising both the above funds would need to be repaid on an invest to save basis.

59. 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 continues to be carried forward as slippage and is available to use for the following:

- Expansion of lower-level short break provision and improvements to respite accommodation at Ty Storrie for Children and Young People with Learning Disabilities and behaviour challenges.
- To upgrade existing property and acquire additional property allowing an increase in children's residential provision.
- Identify property to support specialist mental health and step-down from hospital specifically tailored to young people 10-18 years.
- Young person's safe accommodation supported living, with a specific focus on supporting existing placements and helping young people to progress to live independent lives in permanent accommodation.

Property searches are being undertaken to support requirements with options including open market purchase, new build as well as re-purposing and upgrading existing Council assets. Additional Health and Social Care Integration and Rebalancing Capital Funding (IRCF) has also been approved and will be utilised first with any Council funds used as match funding or for future schemes where required.

## **Planning, Transport & Environment**

60. The Directorate Programme for 2022/23 is £55.672 million; with a variance of £17.677 million identified.

## **Energy Projects & Sustainability**

61. In May 2019, the Council entered into an agreement to obtain grant funding of £6.178 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 is intended to be passed on to Cardiff Heat Network (CHN) Limited, a special purpose vehicle created with the Council as sole shareholder. In any event that CHN is unable to repay the loan, the risks remain with the Council, accordingly it is essential that check points are in place to ensure continued affordability as any loan is given. In 2022/23, CHN Limited has drawn down a total of £4.178 million to meet cash flow requirements arising from construction. This is on top of the £2.450 million drawn down in 2021/22. Slippage of £2 million is carried into future years.

62. Expenditure of £96,000 was incurred in year to cover final invoices and retentions from the second phase of investment under the REFIT programme. 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. The investment will be paid back from sites over an 8-year period from the savings generated from the measures.
63. 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. The Council has created a smaller schemes capital budget to support the strategy to be used for matchfunding and support smaller initiatives. The allocation for 2022/23 was £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 data, a low carbon/recycled alternative trial for the A470 Carriageway resurfacing scheme and the implementation and testing of an air source heat pump at Thornhill Primary School. Expenditure of £254,000 was incurred with slippage of £597,000 into 2023/24 to complete projects.

### **Bereavement & Registration Services**

64. Expenditure of £368,000 was incurred in year as the final payment towards the new cemetery in North Cardiff. The total encompasses the final retention payment to the contractor together with some additional snagging works that have been completed in year with all costs on creating the site to be repaid from future income from the Bereavement Earmarked Revenue Reserve.
65. The segregated capital asset renewal allocation for bereavement services totals £190,000 for 2022/23, including £95,000 of slippage from 2021/22. Expenditure in year totalled £168,000, including the purchase of excavators, site infrastructure and works to existing buildings with slippage of £22,000 into 2023/24.

## Highway Maintenance

66. 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. Budget for these works of £1.7 million has been vired towards the cost of city centre highways schemes linked to wider public realm projects.
67. Expenditure incurred in year was £5.112 million in relation to highways and footpaths, including £761,000 brought forward from future years due to 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 and affordability will need to be set out in an updated Highways and Infrastructure Asset Management Plan.
68. The bridges and Structures budget of £1.510 million including slippage has supported culvert works at Rhydlafer Farm, Aubrey Villas and The Crescent South. Expansion joints at Leckwith Woods Viaduct, Pentwyn Interchange, Nant Pontprennau and Llanedeyrn Interchange have been replaced along with ground anchors at Rumney Hill. Significant slippage of this budget continues with £911,000 being carried forward and reprofiled in future years, with capacity to deliver priorities to be considered.
69. The street lighting renewals budget is used for new and replacement columns, however in the short term, enhanced budget allocations have been requested and made available to address electrical works on the Eastern Avenue. Implementation of this scheme continues to be delayed with the design now complete allowing a procurement exercise to be completed. Slippage of £1.013 million is carried into future years.
70. 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 had initially been delayed due to internal capacity as well as restricted supply of lanterns resulting from shortages of semi-conductor components, however expenditure during the year has progressed well resulting in funding allocated being brought forward and the project to be completed in the first quarter of 2023/24. Salix Loans approved towards expenditure, have been drawn down.
71. As part of a coastal risk management scheme to implement improvements from Rover Way to Lamby Way, Welsh Government grant has been utilised to develop the full business case, identify the preferred option, detailed design and cost estimates to construct coastal defence improvements. Cabinet in September 2022 approved the business case, a revised scope and design and considered the potential significant increase in costs of the scheme which mitigates a key corporate risk. The revised scheme removes the rock revetment along the coast in front of Lamby Way landfill, Lamby Way roundabout and Cardiff Sailing Club. This change removed protection to

infrastructure relating to Lamby Way landfill and associated aspects such as highways and the solar farm, which are to be managed separately as ongoing directorate risks. Funding for the coastal scheme comes from supported borrowing from Welsh Government and a Council contribution. Terms and conditions are to be determined with any construction assumed to start early in 2023/24, following all approvals being in place, slippage of £4.196 million is carried forward.

72. A sum of £488,000 Council match funding including slippage has been allocated towards the implementation of flood prevention measures and Welsh Government grant funding of £436,000 has been drawn down in the year towards total expenditure of £466,000 in the year towards small scale post storm schemes.

### **Traffic & Transportation**

73. The asset renewal telematics budget is £801,000 including slippage was intended to be used for replacement of obsolete analogue CCTV cameras at various locations with High-Definition digital cameras, the replacement of the electronic signage/control system for the North Road tidal flow lane control system and Bute Tunnel entrance electronic signage. Slippage of £436,000 is carried forward to complete schemes.
74. 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 has been used to match fund Welsh Government grant funded schemes for primary cycleways and to manage changes in construction costs. £470,000 has been carried into 2023/24.
75. The Council Road Safety Schemes budget of £335,000 together with a sum of £511,000 Council match funding, is used to help secure a range of grants where match funding is required towards schemes for Local Transport, Safe Routes in Communities and Road Safety as described below.
76. The Welsh Government revised allocation to Cardiff for the Local Transport Fund is £2.458 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.
77. The Welsh Government Road Safety Casualty Reduction grant of £89,000, was used to support capital projects that reduce road casualties including traffic calming and pedestrian improvements on Thornhill Road.
78. The Welsh Government revised allocation to Cardiff for Safe Routes in Communities Grant of £629,000 was used for measures to improve routes to and from schools within the Canton area and the implementation of School Streets in various locations, to help children access school safely, promote

active travel and reduce air pollution. The grant award of £1.289 million originally included construction costs for pedestrian/cycle facilities improvements at Sanatorium Road. These works are now being constructed in 2023/24.

79. Welsh Government Active Travel grant utilised in the year is £9.239 million and was used to increase levels of active travel, improve health and well-being, improve air quality, reduce carbon emissions and connect communities. Funding was used to support Cardiff Cycle Superhighways Stage 1 (£6.957 million), Active Travel to Schools (£454,000), Roath Park Cycleway (£272,000) and various improvements to the Integrated Cycle Network Plan (£1.556 million).
80. The Welsh Government revised grant allocation to Cardiff for the year is £603,000 for the continued roll out of a 20mph default speed limit.
81. To comply with the requirement of the Environment Act 1995 – Air Quality Direction 2019, Welsh Government approved grant towards a range of agreed measures. Grant was used in year towards completion of Wood Street and City Centre Eastside transport measures.
82. Expenditure of £551,000 was assumed in respect of a Welsh Government Grant to support bus stop infrastructure improvements including real time information systems. Delays with the new TfW framework resulted in very little expenditure. However, the contract was awarded in March and the full £1.511 million committed and claimed, with works to be implemented in 2023/24.
83. Following award to the Council of Welsh Government funding in relation to the Transforming Towns Programme the Council awarded a £749,000 grant to a developer towards its purchase of the freehold interest in the derelict St Martins Parish Hall building to enable the regeneration of the building and potential direct access for a metro station northern platform via Crwys Road.
84. Following investment of over £9 million, works at Wood Street were completed at the end of March 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 had been approved in the year, with virements from the cycling development and highway resurfacing budgets towards the respective elements of the scheme. Additional costs following confirmation of design packages, professional fees and works deemed best value to be undertaken whilst on site, e.g communications ducting and CCTV, result in forecast costs increasing to circa £13 million. Options to mitigate additional costs using grant funding and existing budgets will be considered and reported as part of the budget monitoring process in 2023/24 to meet costs in that year. Expected completion of the project is January 2024.
85. To mitigate against the impact of the City Centre works in neighbouring areas, the Council has allocated a sum of £4 million and including slippage, the

amount allocated in 2022/23 is £2.5 million. A sum £1.314 million has been vired to support the Tudor Street transport and green infrastructure improvements, with further £260,000 design and consultation processes, including sites in Grangetown. Slippage of £926,000 is carried forward into 2023/24.

86. 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 was to be used for match funding towards Welsh Government Local Transport improvement scheme (A4119 Corridor Phase 2D). Due to a delay £167,000 is carried forward into 2023/24
87. Budget of £201,000 is carried forward 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. 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.
88. A grant of £242,000 was received from the Home Office in relation to the Safer Streets Fund to be used towards crime prevention initiatives. All funding was utilised in year and works included lighting within three city underpasses, embankment fencing and implementation of CCTV cameras and help point units within Bute Park and surrounding streets.

## **Resources**

89. The Directorate Programme for 2022/23 is £20.360 million; with a variance of £12.632 million identified.

## **Technology**

90. The Modernising ICT budget aims to support digitisation of business processes. The budget for the year was £251,000 although actual expenditure of £399,000 was incurred. Works included an upgrade of the Building Control IDOX software system and SAP Information Lifecycle Management system as well as works to the Council mobile application and the virtual Chatbot assistant. Funding of £148,000 was brought forward to cover the additional spend.
91. A total of £1.341 million was available for ICT Refresh schemes this year, including £541,000 of slippage from 2021/22. Expenditure of £706,000 was incurred in year including equipment for the relocation of the Alarm Receiving Centre and a range of projects to support ICT resilience, capacity and capability including direct access and hardware replacement. Slippage of £635,000 is carried into 2023/24.
92. Following a successful application process, funding of £7.7 million has been awarded to the Council under the Welsh Government's Local Broadband Fund in relation to Cardiff – Y Rhai Olaf – The Last Ones. The funding, which spans three financial years from 2022/23 until 2024/25, is to be used to improve broadband connectivity across the city. Expenditure of £13,000

has been incurred in year in relation to project management fees and infrastructure works are proposed to begin in 2023/24.

### **Central Transport Services**

93. The budget for the ongoing Vehicle Replacement scheme, to complete the latest phase for the purchase of new refuse collection vehicles, is £3.067 million for 2022/23. This includes £1.200 million grant funding from Welsh Government towards the purchase of ultra low emission vehicles. Costs of vehicle acquisition are to be repaid over a seven year period from existing revenue budgets.
94. Expenditure of £685,000 has been incurred on the purchase of 23 electric vans to be used across the Council as part of its fleet replacement programme. Funding of £359,000 has been received in year as part of an Energy Service grant from Welsh Government towards costs including charge points.

### **Corporate**

95. In respect of the contingency budget of £200,000, this was not required in 2022/23 and has been subsequently removed from the programme for this financial year.
96. The £500,000 Invest to Save budget for small schemes was also not required in 2022/23, further reducing the overall programme for the year.
97. Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) intended 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 was subject to proposed projects being considered and approved by the CCRCD joint committee, but also the different funding streams available to manage expenditure obligations.
98. 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 included in 2022/23. This funding is used primarily to allow the relocation of the Alarm Receiving Centre (ARC) and its specialist equipment from Willcox House to allow its relinquishment. This was initially intended to be at a newly purchased property, Oak House, which has subsequently been demolished, however the intention subsequently is to relocate the ARC to County Hall, whilst alternative options are being considered for the future use of the Oak House site. Drawdown of the budget is assumed to be on the basis of expenditure being repaid on an invest to save basis on approval of relevant business case elements. Expenditure for the year is £2.656 million.
99. A contract for the acquisition of webcasting equipment and cabling at City Hall and County Hall was completed in May 2022 with the balance of £140,000 expenditure.



100. A total of circa £8 million was made available to the Council towards a grant scheme for bus operators to expand electric bus fleet use in the city. The approach was agreed by Cabinet in October 2022, with applications being sought from operators, assessed and grant awards being made in year. Due to lead in times for vehicles, there has been no expenditure in year, resulting in full slippage into 2023/24.

### **Public Housing**

101. The 2022/23 Programme for HRA was £74.864 million and expenditure for the year was £76.352 million, giving an overall variance of £1.488 million.
102. A total of £3.877 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.
103. Expenditure on building improvements totalled £27.756 million for the year against a programme of £19.150 million. The variance is mainly due to the Lydstep Flats recladding scheme, which is forecast to complete much earlier than initially assumed in 2023 and for which circa £15 million funding was received from Welsh Government as part of a building safety remediation grant. Other improvement works in year included rewiring, central heating, roofing and window upgrades as well as kitchen and bathroom works. Further grant funding of £2.5 million was also received in year from Welsh Government which was used for roofing works in 2022/23, allowing the Council's own funding to be used towards an Optimised Retrofit Programme of energy improvements to priority sites in 2023/24.
104. The initial programme for public housing disabled adaptations was £3 million and a late grant award from Welsh Government's Housing with Care Fund (HCF) meant an additional £254,000 was received in year to support independent living in the community for people with care and support needs. Expenditure for the year was £3.596 million and therefore £342,000 has been brought forward from future year budgets. Expenditure will need to be managed within future years budgets.
105. Expenditure on the development of new housing over several sites during the year was £41.123 million in total, and lower than initially profiled. In respect of Cardiff Living, the PassivHaus scheme at Highfields was the only remaining scheme in phase one and completion was achieved in December 2022. Phases two and three of Cardiff Living, are now in progress including early-stage master-planning on the proposed older person/wellbeing village on the former Michaelston College site which aims to 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. A planning application for the scheme is due to be submitted in 2023/24. Work is well underway for the low-carbon scheme on the former Rumney High School site with 13 new council properties handed over to date.

The 44 flats which make up Addison House, the first new-build older person community living project, is due to be completed and handed over in August 2023, with a successful in year grant application also made for this project.

106. Progress is being made on other development projects outside of the Cardiff Living scheme, including 13 new houses at Wakehurst Place and 20 new family homes on the Iorwerth Jones site. Work has commenced on both the St. Mellons and Maelfa older person community living schemes, however, these are paused as a result of the appointed contractor falling into administration. Alternative options to ensure the sites are re-started are being considered in parallel with legal requirements. Procurement of a main contractor for the Channel View redevelopment is in progress and contractors have been appointed for the Riverside/Canton Community Centre redevelopment and the Bute Street Community Living projects. These are due to start on site in early 2023/24.
107. A total of £21.2 million worth of funding has been received from Welsh Government as part of the Transitional Accommodation Capital Programme (TACP) to be used towards acquiring existing properties and buy backs for HRA housing stock as well as the cost of implementing the meanwhile use temporary housing for the Gas Works site. These additional grants have displaced Council funding and have assisted in securing the purchase of private dwellings on the market to meet urgent housing pressures with a total £10.6 million utilised in year. The remaining £10.6 million has been carried forward into 2023/24.
108. Overall, a national shortage of materials and labour supply continue to be a source of concern for the development industry. Any slippage in the year will be reprofiled as part of the 2023/24 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 2022/23 include:

- Parks and Green Spaces – Schemes were undertaken in several areas and include Adamsdown Open Space, Llanishen Park, Craiglee Drive and Blackweir woodland footpath improvements, Cogan Gardens, Tatham Road public open space, University Lawn - Cathays Park
- 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.
- Neighborhood Regeneration – Improvement of community facilities at Llanishen Leisure Centre, Lisvane Old School Rooms and Cardiff Sixth Form College.

- Education and Lifelong Learning – Condition works at Llanishen High School and Rumney Primary School. Provision of secondary education places at Radyr Comprehensive School.
- Public Housing – Development of new Council housing.

The table below shows the contributions held at 31 March 2023 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 2023/24. Any profiling of use will need to be realistic having regard to capacity and skills to deliver projects as well as other interdependencies.

	<b>Balance as at 31 March 2023</b>
	<b>£000</b>
Parks & Green Spaces	3,710
Traffic & Transportation	4,262
Strategic Planning and Regulatory	2,619
Neighbourhood Regeneration	2,142
Economic Development	484
Education	4,508
Public Housing (HRA)	4,160
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,885</b>