

## **Appendix 5 – General Fund Capital Schemes Update**

In February 2023, the Council approved a new General Fund Capital Programme of £129.526 million for 2023/24 and an indicative programme to 2027/28. The budget for the General Fund has since been adjusted to £241.329 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 2023/24 is £36.350 million; with an initial variance of £19.507 million identified and largely attributable to changes in timescales for the Indoor Arena project and the International Sports Village.

### **Business and Investment**

2. The Council has drawn down repayable loan funding of £6.015 million from Welsh Government for the implementation of town centre regeneration schemes to bring back vacant, underutilised or redundant buildings into beneficial use. Subject to completion of terms and conditions, a further £2.926 million of loan has been applied for and awarded in principle. As at 31 March 2023, loans provided, which are recycled for ongoing investment, total £4.878 million with applications currently being reviewed for 2023/24. Three loans to the value of £1.389 million have been agreed in principle, subject to terms and conditions and timing of drawdown of loans based on work undertaken. It should be noted that all risk in respect to repayable loans remains with the Council so robust security for loans is sought.
3. Funded by earmarked capital receipts arising from the former Small Medium Enterprise (SME) Equity Fund, a grant of £72,000 and loan of £48,000 has been provided to Jajems Technology Limited as a contribution towards equipment required to establish a new research and development facility. The facility will create new jobs and attract inward investment to the city.
4. A final business case for the delivery of an Indoor Arena was approved by Cabinet in September 2021. In July 2023, Cabinet approved the final terms of the Development Fund Agreement (DFA) and agreed an extension and variation of the Pre-Contract Service Agreement (PCSA). The signing of DFA documents remain subject to approval of the funding strategy at a future meeting of Cabinet, with enabling works having commenced. As at month 9, it is forecast that circa £4.750 million is likely to be spent in 2023/24 against the original budget of £9.807 million, with the remaining balance of circa £5 million to be carried forward into 2024/25. This projected expenditure includes £1.5 million to start the multistorey car park, £2.5 million for enabling works and £750,000 for land assembly and project costs. The final business case for the multistorey car park is due to be presented to Cabinet for consideration and approval in early 2024.
5. There is also a budget of £8.850 million in 2023/24 to fund main construction works of the Indoor Arena. This expenditure is funded on an invest to save basis with costs recovered from annual lease income receivable from the Arena operator over the term of the lease. Enabling works are due to

commence on site in early 2024, with main construction works expected to begin circa six months later once the Development and Funding Agreement is signed and has become unconditional. Accordingly, no expenditure on main construction works is anticipated in 2023/24 with full slippage projected into 2024/25.

6. In respect to the International Sports Village (ISV), land acquisition and associated costs of £19.312m have been incurred between 2021/22 and 2022/23. Expenditure on land acquisition is assumed to be recovered from sales of land, with a land disposal strategy considered by Cabinet in July 2023. There is an in year budget of £1.840 million for phase 2 of the ISV for the development of leisure attractions such as the Velodrome and Closed Loop Circuit, however an update was provided to Cabinet in July 2023 outlining that due to the current financial challenges relating to rising interest rates and construction inflation, the business case for investment in the leisure attractions has not been concluded. Presentation of the full business case is therefore delayed whilst the Council continues to review the proposals to ensure they are affordable and pending this, expenditure of £75,000 is assumed with slippage of £1.765 million.
7. The Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) forms part of the UK Government's Levelling Up agenda and is a framework to provide £2.600 billion of both capital and revenue funding for local investment by March 2025. Cardiff Council, together with other Southeast Wales local authorities, submitted a regional investment plan to the UK Government and was awarded just under £42 million to invest over three years, £34.500 million of which was allocated to Cardiff. The investment programme covers three priorities: community and place, supporting local businesses, people and skills. Funding of up to £1.353 million in total is available for capital schemes in 2023/24 and of this, £1.090 million has been allocated to deliver specific projects, providing the outcomes meet the criteria of SPF conditions and that the schemes are delivering additionality to planned Council expenditure. Of those confirmed, £250,000 has been approved to be used towards business capital grants this financial year, with applications received and scored in order for allocations to be made. A further £150,000 has been earmarked for major projects, to be identified for schemes that deliver SPF outcomes. This funding will be utilised between the ISV for decarbonisation works and the Pentwyn Leisure Centre redevelopment for planning and feasibility works.
8. A new statue has been erected in Cardiff Bay celebrating the Rugby Codebreakers, with grant support from Welsh Government, private and public donations, as well as a £50,000 contribution from the Council. Total expenditure for 2023/24 is £138,000 including installation of the statue, plinth and interpretation, with the unveiling ceremony having taken place in July 2023.

## **Parks & Green Spaces**

9. The Parks Asset Renewal Infrastructure budget for 2023/24 including slippage is £456,000 and is to be used for footpath reconstruction at Grange Gardens, Waterloo Gardens, Crystal Glen and entrance improvements at Brachdy Lane and Blackweir Woodland. The bridge replacement at Hendre

Lake began in November and will be completed in February. Funding has been identified from Council earmarked reserves towards this purpose at an estimated cost of £201,000.

10. As well as completion of several projects started in the previous year, design and upgrade works for several 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 including significant works to address flooding issues on the latter. This will require funding to be brought forward for this budget with any future schemes undertaken required to be managed and prioritised within existing allocated budgets.
11. A budget of £529,000 including slippage of £329,000 carried forward from previous years was allocated to improve the condition of multi-use games areas, fitness equipment, BMX tracks and skate parks across the city. All expenditure proposed in the year is towards the development of a destination skate park proposed in Llanrumney, with a tender exercise currently being evaluated. This coupled with contractor availability results in the majority of budget, £510,000, continuing to be carried forward.
12. Tennis Wales has approached the Council seeking to invest in 6 Council owned park tennis court sites across the city to improve the quality of the courts and to introduce their Club Spark management system. As highlighted in a Cabinet report in June 2023, a stage one application was submitted to the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to secure an "in principle" agreement for a funding package. Subject to due diligence and confirmation of sites as well as management and operating agreements, it is anticipated that the total level of investment will be in the region of £750,000. The Council has successfully obtained funding of £379,000 to be used towards renovation of three confirmed tennis court sites subject to terms and conditions of the grant agreement.
13. Grant of £45,000 has been received towards the installation of artificial cricket pitches at various sites from the England and Wales Cricket Trust.
14. The Green Flag Infrastructure Renewal budget is £176,000 including slippage from previous years and is allocated to support the replacement of signage and infrastructure in existing Green Flag parks. Slippage of £75,000 has been assumed into 2024/25
15. Expenditure of £467,000 is forecast during 2023/24 in relation to Roath Park Dam, requiring budget of £172,000 to be brought forward from future years. Investigatory modelling works continue, focusing on the detailed design of the scheme to obtain a clearer understanding of cost implications to support a Cabinet report and a recommendation as to a way forward, subject to affordability. The risk of abortive costs will need to be considered as part of the approach.
16. In June 2021, the Flat Holm Partnership comprising Cardiff Council, the Royal Society for Protection of Birds (RSPB), Flat Holm Society and other partners secured a £1.2 million project with £645,200 National Heritage Lottery Fund

(NHLF) grant, £200,000 Cardiff Council investment and additional in kind value, over a three-year period ending in July 2024. Following an initial review of costs and scope, capital works estimates were deemed significantly in excess of initial advice. The preferred option remained to complete all essential historic building works that are Council responsibility at the same time. By committing further Council funds of £520,000, a further £1.153 million of Heritage Fund grant has been secured in addition to the previous allocation. The grant availability has been extended to July 2025, which remains a really tight timetable and resources will need to be allocated to complete this project in line with the terms and conditions and approved funding parameters of the project.

## **Leisure**

17. The Leisure Asset Renewal Works budget totals £216,000. This is being used to address roofing following the initial construction of the flowrider facility and replacement of the mechanical ventilation system at Cardiff International White Water Centre.
18. The redevelopment of Pentwyn Leisure Centre is subject to confirmation of scope and then completion of final design to inform a tender exercise in respect to the building works and external pitches. Subject to this, approval of the business case and funding, expenditure for the year is projected to be circa £48,000 and will include a planning application, fees and feasibility study. Social Prosperity Funding (SPF) will be used to part fund the works this financial year with the remainder repaid on an Invest to Save basis.

## **Venues and Cultural Facilities**

19. Property Asset Renewal expenditure of £464,000 for St David's Hall includes garage roller shutter doors, the completion of the fire alarm installation and the acquisition of four new Steinway pianos for the venue. Cabinet considered a report on the outcome of the intrusive surveys of the St David's Hall roof in October 2023 which concluded that further remedial works were necessary. Subject to a feasibility report and a tender exercise, the Council is also working with the New Theatre operator to address boiler upgrades. The programme will be updated in a future monitoring report with any agreed costs to be met by an Earmarked Reserve identified for such maintenance obligations.
20. Shared Prosperity Funding of £35,000 has been allocated for supporting investment funding in existing grassroots cultural and sports venues and facilities. The funding will enable grants to be given to businesses in order that they can improve their premises and facilities. There has been no spend to date but full spend is projected this financial year so as to fully utilise the grant funding.

## **Property & Asset Management**

21. Property Asset Renewal works expenditure during the year for non-schools' buildings is subject to whether works can be completed by the end of the year and following a review of all costs eligible to be met from this budget. Works

include Norwegian Church, CCTV, Cathays Library roofing and external works, drainage, carpark and lift shaft works at Cardiff Castle and Central Market alarm upgrade. Slippage of £1 million has been assumed into 2024/25 primarily due to work on the school's estate being prioritised.

22. The Community Asset Transfer budget provides up to £25,000 for improvement works to buildings being taken on by third party organisations. There are no schemes currently planned for 2023/24, so the unspent budget will continue to be reprofiled into future years for review as part of the 2024/25 budget process.
23. In line with the investment property strategy approved by Cabinet in 2016, a number of sites where the Council is the freeholder and has provided a lease will be considered for acquisition with a view to onward disposal or to benefit from regearing of sites. Expenditure in the year includes £430,000 towards the acquisition of the long leasehold investment of Unit 10 Ipswich Road and a simultaneously negotiated new lease of the acquired site to a new occupier. Expenditure proposed also includes £334,000 compensation for improvements made under the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995 in respect to New House Farm, which will allow alternative use options to be considered for the site.
24. In respect of Central Market, the Council has allocated funding over four years to invest in the fabric of the building; improving the appearance, tackling structural issues and enhancing the commercial attractiveness. Cabinet in September 2023 considered the latest position in respect to the scheme, including financial impacts, next steps and obligations arising on the Council from any approved external funding. Subsequently a National Heritage Lottery Funding (NHLF) grant and Welsh Government loan and grant have been approved, allowing the next steps of detailed design and procurement to take place from early 2024. The estimated expenditure in year of £102,000 is primarily professional fees and will be funded by NHLF grant and an Earmarked Revenue Reserve.
25. The Core Office Strategy had an overall allocation of £9.750 million towards smarter working, digital infrastructure and building adaptations to allow consolidation into alternative council buildings. This was on an invest to save basis i.e. to be paid back from revenue savings from the project. An amount of £4.054 million had been spent by 31 March 2023, with further expenditure of £1.5 million expected in 2023/24. Oak House was purchased in 2020/21 initially for the relocation of the Alarm Receiving Centre (ARC). However, the cost of refurbishment of Oak House to the required standard escalated following the pandemic due to inflationary pressures and rising material and specialist equipment costs. Delivery of the project significantly exceeded the assigned budget and consequently the ARC and Telecare Services moved to County Hall in August 2023, permitting relinquishment of the lease for Willcox House which was finalised in December 2023. Subject to an appropriate business case, the future use of Oak House is currently being reviewed in order to decide on an agreed way forward. No further expenditure is assumed on the project, with the remaining budget reduced accordingly.

26. Phase one of the City Hall mechanical and electrical components refurbishment, is subject to a tender process. Works to replace heating systems are expected to start next financial year, with initial costs being surveys and design costs. Projected expenditure during this year, subject to receipt of a final cashflow, is £500,000 of the £4.200 million budget made available from Earmarked Reserves. The additional funding requirement to complete phase one works and any subsequent phases will be subject to consideration of all options as part of final business case development including seeking external grant funding.
27. Expenditure of £135,000 and £140,000 has been approved on an invest to save basis for transfer of elements of premises security to the Alarm Receiving Centre for County Hall and City Hall respectively. The projects form part of the reorganisation of the Council's core buildings and full expenditure is expected in year. Opportunities will be considered to meet the costs in this year to allow savings expected from the projects to support the revenue budget earlier than planned.

### **Harbour Authority**

28. The Harbour Asset Renewal budget approved for 2023/24 is £457,000, to be spent on upgrading the board walk in various locations and water quality monitoring equipment.

### **Recycling Waste Management Services**

29. 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 has been carried into 2023/24 and £290,000 is forecast to be spent as part of the new recycling strategy segregation roll out planned for February 2024.
30. The Site Infrastructure budget of £128,000 is to be used for a range of infrastructure improvements at depot and recycling sites and specifically for changes to accommodate additional vehicle parking, essential to facilitate the Recycling Strategy Segregation roll out.
31. The Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) budget of £38,000 will be used for enhancements to equipment to keep the facility operational.
32. A budget of £80,000 has been allocated to install CCTV in fly tipping hot spot locations across the city. As well as acting as a deterrent they aim to gather evidence of offenders.
33. A sum of £100,000 Council match funding was requested and approved in previous years to help secure a range of Welsh Government grants such as from the Circular Economy Fund. Pending confirmation as to whether external grant funding may be available, the budget is projected not to be used at this stage.

34. The Welsh Government revised allocation to Cardiff for Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) Transformation grant approval is £300,000, which will promote Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure projects in alignment with the Welsh Government's EV Charging Strategy. Of this award, £94,000 has been allocated to deliver charge points for public use and the balance of £206,000 will be used for charge points for Council owned vehicles at Lamby Way. A further allocation of £408,000 for continued roll out of electric charge points is available in future years.
35. A budget of £800,000 was set for the year for the Circular Economy Fund on the basis that the grant funding source would be available and subject to a bid process. This has not been confirmed and therefore assumptions of grant budget being receivable towards projects have been removed on this basis, however discussions continue to take place with Welsh Government to support the recycling strategy.
36. A sum of £30,000 has been allocated for the Love Where You Live scheme as part of the overall Social Prosperity Funding which is a project to introduce new community infrastructure in order to encourage waste prevention, reuse and recycling across the city. As at month 9, there has been £11,000 expenditure on the provision of water fountains in Bute Park and Cardiff Market but full spend is expected in year.

### **Education and Lifelong Learning**

37. The Directorate Programme for 2023/24 is £108.315 million, with a variance of £9.790 identified.

### **Schools – General**

#### *Asset Renewal - Buildings*

38. The Council's asset renewal allocation of £7.471 million in 2023/24 was budgeted for works across the estate, including roof and boiler replacements, fire precaution works and safeguarding of lobbies. However, projected expenditure for the year is £12.811 million and £5.340 million is projected to be brought forward from future years to address the condition of the estate.

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

39. The projected expenditure for Suitability and Sufficiency is £19.182 million against a budget allocation for 2023/24 of £6.041 million. This has necessitated bringing forward budgets from future years of £13.141 million. A significant increase in Additional Learning Need (ALN) provision and distributing it more evenly across the County to meet demand, is the primary driver for these works. Other works undertaken include security and safeguarding works on boundaries and receptions across the schools' estate, as well as priority Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) adaptations. Current mitigations are being explored such as the possibility of acquiring match funding for schemes that align with Welsh Government priorities.

40. Slippage of £926,000 has been brought forward from 2022/23 to enable kitchen improvements to facilitate the introduction of universal free school meals across Cardiff.

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

41. Band B of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme is underway with a funding envelope of £298 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.
42. The Fitzalan High School scheme has a Welsh Government approved overall budget of £64.300 million. Expenditure on the project in 2023/24 is estimated to be £7.996 million and the scheme is estimated to be completed at a total cost of £67.443 million.
43. The Fairwater Campus scheme includes three schools (Cantonian, Riverbank and Woodlands) relocated onto one shared campus. A full business case has been approved by Welsh Government, and main works on construction cost has begun with in year costs of £27million expected with an overall project cost of £150 million.
44. Linked to Band B expenditure is the projected cost connected to enabling works, linked to a site in North Cardiff, to prepare the site for future schemes linked to education at a cost of £6.5 million.

### **People & Communities**

45. The Directorate Programme for 2023/24 is £22.051 million with a variance of £5.661 million identified.

### **Housing & Communities**

#### **Neighbourhood Regeneration**

46. The Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes budget is £662,000 including a £140,000, Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) grant allocation. Expenditure projected for the year is £402,000, allowing completion of environmental improvements at Louisa Place and Llanishen Park. Planned expenditure on a new programme will be dependent on design and consultation processes and these schemes include, Llanrumney play area, Splott Park, Clare Gardens, Maria Street and Insole Court shops. Slippage of £260,000 is assumed at this stage.
47. A budget allocation was requested and approved in 2021/22 towards District and Local Centres. Due to availability of grant funding, budgets continue to be carried forward, with £233,000 slipped into the current financial year. Due to the availability and use of Transforming Towns grant funding, the full amount is expected to be carried forward again into 2024/25.



48. During 2022/23, expenditure exceeded the budget allocated for alleygating in that year due to increased contractor prices within the framework. When setting the 2023/24 budget, the forecast for expenditure on this scheme was limited due to delays in previous years in respect to legal and consultation requirements. A programme of locations has now been approved and whilst there is only circa £6,000 expenditure as at month 9, schemes are due to have been completed by the end of the calendar year, with forecast expenditure of £135,000. This requires budget to be brought forward from future years, with any expenditure across the programme to be managed within the overall budget made available. As a result, there will be a need to review the number of alleygating schemes that can realistically be completed within approved budget frameworks and/or additional funding may need to be obtained from external sources. It should also be noted that once the gates are installed, any ongoing management and maintenance costs will need to be funded from the revenue budgets.
49. There is budget of £435,000 for Transforming Towns (Placemaking) whereby priorities are identified across the city as part of the placemaking plans for priority areas. Expenditure for the year is projected to be £94,000 with £91,000 to be spent on the former Transport Club and £3,000 to be spent on Tudor Street artwork. Additional projects are currently being scoped and designed but some grant underspend is assumed at this stage.
50. Rhiwbina Hub refurbishment was completed in 2022/23 with the final retention balance on the construction contract due in 2023/24. Expenditure of £38,000 is projected and this will be funded from both 2022/23 slippage and Social Prosperity Funding.
51. Following the land appropriation of the Canton Community Centre and car park site to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) agreed by Cabinet in March 2023, £1.100 million, deemed to be the value of the site, is to be re-invested in a new community facility as part of the new housing development. This will be spread over the term of the development, with costs estimated to be £150,000 during 2023/24.
52. The Council budget remaining to develop a Multi-Agency City Centre Youth Hub totals £2.019 million over a number of years. Further design and survey costs are being undertaken to support a review of alternative options and sites by Cabinet to deliver a viable project. Expenditure of £40,000 is assumed to take place in the year but subject to the agreed approach, there remains a risk of abortive costs. Shared Prosperity Funding of £20,000 will be used for feasibility work on the grade II listed building at the Parade which subject to due diligence, funding and associated approvals, is deemed to be an option for the service.
53. An allocation of £70,000 Social Prosperity Funding is also to be used to support a community small capital grant scheme. The successful applicants have been determined following an application and assessment process. Grant awards will be limited to amounts available to the Council and paid only after confirmation of any match funding committed. Post grant assessment will be undertaken as part of the grant terms and conditions to ensure that the benefits, as outlined in bidding for such funds, are crystallised including

impact on the existing and new users benefiting from the investment. Grants have been awarded to a number of community bodies for works including energy efficiency upgrades, installation of roof panels, renovations and CCTV improvements.

54. 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. This is subject to a business case, working with external partners and a future business case to Cabinet having considered all options. There is no projected spend for 2023/24 and no further expenditure at this stage, so the budget is removed.

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

55. The Disabled Facilities Service budget for mandatory and discretionary grants to housing owner-occupiers as well as for administration costs for the grants is £4.725 million. Additional funding has been made available from the Housing with Care Fund via the Regional Partnership Board to be used in 2023/24. There is £268,800 available and this will be split equally between the public and private sector adding an additional £134,400 to the budget, all of which is projected to be spent. Whilst there are additional pressures in demand, changes in regulations and costs, expenditure is to be managed within the existing budget available.
56. As well as the above, an Enable Grant totalling £654,535 has been awarded by Welsh Government and will be 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.
57. Additional Housing with Care Funding of £105,000 has also been made available for use towards purchasing Tech Enabled Care. Expenditure of £80,000 is projected for the year although this could increase by the end of the year as spend is maximised as much as possible. This includes £50,000 expenditure on telecare units for referrals by Independent Living Services in order to support hospital discharge, avoid hospital admission and support packages of care.
58. The Council approved a budget of £5 million on a self-financing basis, to develop an independent wellbeing hub. At the end of 2021/22, a grant was received from Welsh Government of £1.101 million to support independent living solutions and allocated for this purpose as well. Following an options appraisal exercise, the preferred option is to build a bespoke equipment store, multi-disciplinary independent living wellbeing hub and associated facilities such as a smart house. However, with costs significantly in excess of budget, this is subject to review of costing, due diligence, and approval of external partners in line with their own processes and the Joint Agreement, as well as agreed contributions towards costs. Opportunities for external funding are also being sought with recommendations for a way forward having been considered by Cabinet as part of the affordability and outcomes of the scheme.

59. A cabinet report of 23 March 2023 considered the approach to deliver a mixed tenure energy efficiency retrofit scheme to unimproved British Iron and Steel Federation (BISF) properties in Llandaff North and Rumney. This was following notification of a capital grant award of £4.650 million to be used towards owner occupier properties and to be spent by 31 March 2025. The approach and outcome of tender exercises are the subject of discussions with Welsh Government prior to proceeding with any project. No expenditure is assumed during 2023/24.
60. The Council has received confirmation of two successful grant applications from Welsh Government for the prevention of Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) totalling £602,000 to be utilised by the end of March 2024. Of this total, £33,000 will be utilised to update community alarms in order to ensure ongoing contact with the emergency control room. The remainder will be used for the acquisition and refurbishment of additional properties within the Housing Revenue Account to be utilised for refuge for victims of domestic violence.
61. Following initial design, ground condition and design works, the extent of any expansion to the Shirenewton Traveller site has been reviewed with further design works in progress. Additional costs of £62,000 are expected during this year with risk of abortive costs, prior to any confirmation of costs and Welsh Government grant approval towards the costs of the project.
62. A budget of £323,000 is in place for owner occupier costs towards housing estate improvement schemes but full slippage into 2024/25 is assumed as there are currently no schemes on site.

### **Flying Start**

63. The budget for Flying Start Capital schemes for the year totals £2.570 million. This comprises of ongoing projects from previous years in relation to allocations for furniture and ICT at five nursery sites across Cardiff, alongside schemes to fund ventilation upgrades, canopies, replacement boilers and refurbishment across 19 sites. Work is ongoing at Moorland Primary School, and grant allocation of £3.050 million will be utilised in funding the project to increase sufficiency of placements in the primary school.

### **Childcare Capital Grant**

64. Expenditure of £850,000 relates to grants provided to nurseries as part of additional funding awarded by Welsh Government.

### **Social Services**

#### **Adult Services**

65. Shared Prosperity Funding (SPF) of £50,000 has been allocated for two projects within Adult Services. Firstly £30,000 has been earmarked for Pedal Power Disability Cycling in order to provide people with learning difficulties, physical impairments, autism and dementia with opportunities to cycle in an

inclusive and accessible environment. The funding will also be used to actively encourage cycling in order to improve fitness and wellbeing whilst promoting skills enhancements and independence. Secondly, £20,000 has been allocated for a Volunteer Emergency Transport Service to provide opportunities for individuals or groups of elderly people who are unable to use public transport so that they can access community facilities such as lunch clubs and day services or go for day trips which will in turn help to reduce social isolation.

## **Children's Services**

66. 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 (16-18 years) to help them live independently whilst still providing intensive 24-hour support. A framework agreement is currently in progress allowing the Council to access additional properties and the budget for 2023/24 is £148,000 with projected expenditure of £70,000 which will be repaid on an invest to save basis. As at month 9, four housing association properties have been sourced with refurbishment costs shared between the association and the Council.
67. Feasibility studies for the 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 are currently being undertaken, to inform a business case and potentially external grant funding applications. The Council has allocated £2.885 million over a number of years to support a viable project, with £65,000 Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) grant also available towards the scheme. Design fees of £29,000 on Ty Storrie are projected, with the remaining £436,000 budget slipping into 2024/25.
68. As part of the Right Home, Right Support Children Looked After Commissioning Strategy (2019-2022) and the Children's Services Accommodation Strategy, a number of properties were proposed to be acquired refurbished where necessary. Options to be considered included open market purchase, new build as well as re-purposing and upgrading existing Council assets and a sum of £750,000 was allocated by the Council in year as match funding towards grant bids and repayable from service and financial efficiency gains. At month 9, full slippage is assumed, subject to legal completion and success or otherwise of grant applications.
69. A number of properties to cover mainstream residential provision, emergency provision and emotional wellbeing services are to be acquired. Based on current forecasts, the value of current commitments is circa £2.2 million, with funding from Welsh Government Housing with Care Fund (HCF) grant and Intermediate Care Fund grant displacement in previous years. Further properties have been acquired as part of the HRA new build programme for children's services use. As at month 9, slippage of £485,000 displaced ICF funds will roll into 2024/25 to be used for future acquisitions. As part of the commissioning strategy, it remains essential that post project appraisals of the positive financial and service outcomes are monitored to input into future schemes as well as an assessment of the impact of the strategy.

## **Planning, Transport & Environment**

70. The Directorate Programme for 2023/24 is £55.341 million with a variance of £14.012 million identified.

## **Energy Projects & Sustainability**

71. 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 Salix 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 any event that CHN is unable to repay the loan, the risks remain with the Council and therefore it is essential that check points are in place to ensure continued affordability as any loan is given. As at month nine, £6 million has been drawn down with the balance of £2.634 million to transferred by the end of the financial year.

72. 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 allocation for 2023/24 is £957,000 including slippage of £597,000. As at month 9, slippage of £185,000 is assumed in respect to projects that may no longer be proceeding or which relate to buildings where further design and surveys are required. Projects approved include installation of recycling infrastructure, carbon zero carriageway surfacing, Bute Park Nursery rainwater collection and a healthy playground programme across Cardiff schools.

## **Bereavement & Registration Services**

73. The segregated capital asset renewal allocation for bereavement services totals £157,000 for 2023/24, including £22,000 of slippage from 2022/23. Expenditure in year is forecast to be £144,000 with slippage of £13,000 into 2024/25. Included within the expenditure is a dumper truck (£19,000) and electric ride on mower (£32,000) as well as £65,000 for tarmac and paving block works at Thornhill cemetery. Finally, there has also been work undertaken on the Radyr Churchyard extension which will be funded directly from the Reserve as it does not form part of the Asset Renewal budget.

74. A budget of £99,000 has also been created to replace the current Burial and Cremation Administration System (BACAS), a specialist IT package managing bookings and records in relation to cremations, burial and grave ownerships. The previous system was built on outdated server software which became unsupported in October 2023 and therefore a new system was urgently required to ensure that legal and operational requirements could be met by the Service Area. The budget includes a £15,000 contribution from the overall ICT Refresh budget and expenditure will be funded on an invest to save basis and repaid over 7 years.

## Highway Maintenance

75. 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 2023/24 is £7.289 million. Of this budget, £338,000 has been segregated for works primarily within the city centre and a prioritised listing of capital works to be undertaken is to be determined. Where this is done, any works should have regard to the overall asset management plan. In March 2023, Cabinet considered the status of the Highway Asset Management Plan. It noted that the report will inform Cabinet's recommendations to Council for the Revenue and Capital budgets for 2024/25 and Medium-Term budget setting process and approved the release of £2 million identified in the 2023/24 budget for carriageway works. Slippage of £600,000 is assumed in respect of safety fencing to ensure alignment with electrical upgrade works on the A48 carriageway.
76. The bridges and structures budget for the year is £1.181 million and includes slippage from previous years. Works planned over multiple years include River Rhymney bridge, Fairwater and Llandennis Road culverts, North Road flyover and Cathedral Bridge refurbishment. Expenditure planned for the strengthening of a retaining wall at 599 Newport Road has been delayed due to the requirement to reconsider the strengthening approach to be consistent with any development on adjacent land. A number of projects in respect to bridge joints, culverts and the outcome of works recommended from principal are primarily at design stage and subject to a construction tender exercise. Accordingly, slippage of £481,000 is assumed.
77. 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 Eastern Avenue. Implementation continues to be delayed, with the design still in progress and now to be combined with works to upgrade the central reservation to ensure better value. A tender exercise remains to be undertaken and pending this, slippage of £900,000 into 2024/25 is currently assumed.
78. Cabinet approved in May 2019, a £5.200 million invest to save business case for all remaining residential columns to be converted to LED. The project had 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 the end of the financial year, with projected expenditure of £897,000.
79. As part of the Welsh Government Flood and Coastal Risk Management Programme (CRMP), a scheme has been developed to improve the flood defences at the foreshore along Rover Way. The scheme was subject to a further Cabinet report setting out scope, risks, mitigations and procurement process to be undertaken. A construction contract has been awarded with initial ground investigations to take place. The estimated total cost of the scheme is £35.937 million including professional fees and a risk allowance.

It should be noted that this excludes works in respect to the Lamby Way Landfill Site. The funding approach to the Coastal Risk Management Programme is that 85% of the total cost is to be funded by Welsh Government (WG), with 15% to be identified by the Council. The Welsh Government funding approach is not a cash grant towards the expenditure, but to reimburse the Council for the costs of servicing borrowing that would need to be taken by the Council, over a period of twenty-five years. In 2023/24 this is a specific revenue grant, but from 2024/25 will be part of the annual Revenue Support Grant (RSG). The WG will provide no additional funding in the event of costs exceeding the above, so robust contract management will need to be in place to manage the outcomes and costs of the scheme. Although works will commence on site, much of this will be enabling works, including investigations and set-up. It is a multiple year construction scheme with more significant spend forecast in future years. Subject to this, slippage of £7 million is currently assumed.

80. A sum of £458,000 Council match funding has been allocated towards the implementation of flood prevention measures together with Welsh Government grant funding of £551,000 expected to be utilised in the year. This is for small scale and post storm schemes with only £24,000 match funding likely to be utilised this year, and the balance to be carried forward as slippage.

### **Traffic & Transportation**

81. The asset renewal telematics budget, including slippage, is £1,036 million and will be used for the replacement of obsolete analogue CCTV cameras at various locations with high-definition digital cameras, to replace obsolete electronic signage, replacement of traffic lights to LED, and the lane control systems for North Road and Butetown Tunnel. Subject to the timing of installation of equipment, slippage of £250,000 is assumed.
82. The total Council budget for cycling development in 2023/24, including slippage from the prior year, is £1.970 million. This will be used as well as Welsh Government grant funded schemes for primary cycleways and slippage of £1 million is assumed at this stage.
83. The Council Road Safety Schemes budget of £529,000 together with a sum of £841,000 Council match funding, will secure a range of grants where match funding is required. This includes schemes for local transport, safe routes in communities and road safety as described below. Slippage of £341,000 is currently projected in year, however this may increase where there is a requirement to ensure that grant funding is utilised first.
84. The Welsh Government revised allocation to Cardiff for the Local Transport Fund is £1.904 million and supports development of integrated, accessible, and sustainable transport systems. Schemes bid for and approved include £1.006 million towards improving sustainable transport and active travel measures in the city centre, and £606,000 towards the A4119 strategic bus corridor scheme phase 2D with the balance to be used for bus stop enhancements, including real time information display.

85. The Welsh Government allocation to Cardiff for Safe Routes in Communities Grant of £75,000 aims to improve accessibility and encourage walking and cycling in communities. The allocation is for the School Streets scheme, part of a wider programme working with schools to increase the use of active modes of travel for school journeys, through targeted interventions and behaviour change support to improve safety outside school gates.
86. The Welsh Government allocation to Cardiff for Active Travel is £3.386 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 Cycleway 2 - Newport Road Transport Corridor Link A (£408,000), active travel to schools (£711,000), Roath Park Cycleway (£787,000) and various improvements to the integrated cycle network plan (£1.480 million). Opportunities for additional grant funding continue to be sought where there is a high degree of deliverability by the end of the financial year.
87. A Welsh Government grant allocation of £2.041 million was awarded for the roll out of a 20mph default speed limit on restricted roads across Wales which came into force in September 2023.
88. The Welsh Government revised allocation to Cardiff for Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Transformation (ULEVT) grant approval is £300,000, which will promote electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure projects in alignment with the Welsh Government's EV Charging Strategy. Of this, £94,000 has been allocated to deliver charge points for public use and the balance of £206,000 will be used for charge points for Council owned vehicles at Lamby Way. There is expected to be further provision of £408,000 for electric charge points available in future years.
89. Slippage of £1.508 million was carried into 2023/24 in respect of a Welsh Government Grant to undertake bus stop infrastructure improvements including real time information systems. Delays with a new Transport for Wales (TfW) framework resulted in very little expenditure last financial year, however, the contract for an initial phase was awarded in March 2023, with further grant expected in 2024/25 to continue rollout.
90. The Council Bus Corridor enhancements budget of £502,0000 will be used for match funding towards the Welsh Government Local Transport improvement scheme (A4119 Corridor Phase 2D) and to partially fund Eastern Corridor (CW2 Newport Road).
91. Budget of £201,000 is carried forward from 2022/23 towards development of the bus 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. The start on site, subject to tender is anticipated in the new calendar year. and pending this, slippage of £175,000 is assumed.
92. Following approval of the Levelling Up Fund Cardiff Crossrail Phase One bid, further discussions have taken place with the UK Government to progress the scheme. As outlined in the Cabinet report of March 2023, a Full Business Case is required to unlock the full £50 million funding of the scheme in addition



to the £50 million to be provided by Welsh Government towards the scheme. Up to 10% of the Levelling up allocation can be used to develop the scheme and in 2023/24 costs of circa £2.050 million are anticipated. This includes an update of the outline business case and confirmation of final business case, which is being informed by highway and rail design and survey work, the latter being undertaken on behalf of the Council by Transport for Wales as part of established governance arrangements.

93. The next stage of the Northern Bus Corridor will focus on completing the outline business case WelTAG 2 for the scheme. This work will involve surveys, modelling, concept design for schemes and further work on the installation of technological survey and bus priority measures following engagement work with key stakeholders and bus operators.
94. In April 2023, Cabinet considered a report on delivering a permanent improvement in air quality on Castle Street in the context of citywide sustainable transport proposals. Any detailed design and implementation will be subject to Welsh Government confirmation of grant funding to meet estimated costs of the scheme. Accordingly, no budget is included in the current capital programme, but will be subject to further updates as the year progresses.
95. Following completion of works at Wood Street and Central Square, the first phase of the Canal Quarter regeneration scheme and road traffic infrastructure works scheme remains on site. The former is expected to open on a phased basis from the Autumn of 2023, with the Transport elements to be completed in the last quarter of the financial year. Following finalisation of all design packages and other unforeseen costs, the overall construction contract is estimated to cost approximately £11 million, with the overall total cost including professional fees being approximately £13 million. The balance of Council capital funding allocated towards the canal element of the scheme of £1.767 million will be used to pay towards costs in the year, with the balance assumed from external grant funding applications to Welsh Government Capital Cardiff City Deal. The ongoing risks of cost variations and resources available for the project will need to be managed closely as the project continues to ensure this can be managed within the overall funding available to the directorate. This may impact adversely on other planned projects, where this may be the case.
96. 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 2023/24 is £1.176 million. This will support the completion projects such as Tudor Street transport and green infrastructure and improvements and mitigations at Pendyris Street and Clare Road junction.

### **Strategic Planning and Regulatory**

97. A sum of £60,000 has been allocated from the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) towards a city centre wayfinding strategy which will be used to replace all existing fingerposts and tourist information panels within the city centre with new static and digital infrastructure. This scheme provides opportunities to

improve bilingual signage and will coincide with the opening of the new transport interchange. Full expenditure is expected for the financial year in order to utilise the grant.

## **Resources**

98. The Directorate Programme for 2023/24 is £19.272 million with a variance of £6.454 million identified.

## **Technology**

99. The Modernising ICT budget aims to support digitisation of business processes. The estimated costs of £128,000 during the year relate to projects to secure robotic process automation.
100. A total of £920,000 is available for ICT Refresh schemes this year, including £635,000 of slippage from 2022/23 and a virement of £15,000 to Bereavement as a contribution towards replacing a dated system to manage bookings, burial and cremation records. Subject to delivery of equipment, expenditure of £735,000 is projected in year with projects including switch replacements (£200,000) and updates to the servers (£290,000). This budget also covers a range of projects to support ICT resilience, capacity and capability including direct access and hardware replacement. Slippage of £185,000 is projected into 2024/25.
101. Following a successful application process, funding of £7.694 million was 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 took place on scheme development in 2022/23, with planned expenditure of £2.256 million during 2023/24. This has increased from earlier in year due to a move towards incremental payments throughout the project.

## **Central Transport Services**

102. Cabinet on 13 July 2023, approved the procurement of replacement waste collection fleet between 2023 and 2025. The value of vehicles totals circa £9.700 million, with payment on delivery. With current lead in times, delivery of the first phase is likely to be in the spring of 2024, accordingly no payments are currently forecast to be made this year in respect to this procurement.
103. Planned Expenditure during the year however does include a segregated trade waste collection vehicle and two replacement co-mingled refuse collection vehicles. Based on projected expenditure, slippage of the invest to save budget of £2 million allocated in year is £1.301 million. The acquisition of vehicles using this budget will be via additional Council borrowing, with the directorate commitment to repay any acquisition costs over a 7-year period from existing revenue budgets held. To ensure the financial sustainability of this policy approach to acquisition of vehicles, any variations to this should be made in exceptional circumstances only, with the reasons and rationale for this reported as part of budget monitoring reports to Cabinet.

## **Corporate**

104. In respect of the contingency budget of £200,000, this is projected not to be required at this stage with commitments being managed within existing budgets.
105. The £500,000 Invest to Save budget is in place for small capital schemes identified during the year that would pay for themselves. Of this, £84,000 has been used towards the instalment of the new Bereavement ICT system. The budget will be reviewed and adjusted in future monitoring reports if schemes are approved during the year.
106. The Council's total commitment of £28.400 million over a number of years is based on its share of £120 million to the Wider Investment Fund. The budgeted drawdown for Cardiff's contribution was £4 million however recent forecasts from the region indicate drawdown is likely to be £1 million given progress on City Deal Projects and revisions to the timing of receipt of HM Treasury grant. Significant slippage is therefore identified. The regions expenditure on capital projects during the year include the Housing Viability Gap Fund, Premises Fund, Innovation and Investment Fund, Metro Plus transport projects and Aberthaw Power Station.
107. As part of the 2023/24 budget process, an allocation was made to support external grant bids where there was a gap arising following completion of a business case or following the outcome of tender exercises. A sum of £520,000 has been transferred to the Flat Holm: A Walk Through Time project. This has secured an additional £1.152 million Heritage Fund grant towards revised cost estimates in future years. A number of projects are still being developed and so the balance of grant match funding budget is carried forward into 2024/25.
108. Following an assessment process, a total grant of £8 million has been awarded to expand electric bus fleet use. Grant of £2.470 million has been paid to date as a deposit for new vehicles, with the balance payable by the end of the financial year.

## **Public Housing (Housing Revenue Account)**

109. The programme for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is £111.000 million, with expenditure of £118.867 million currently forecast for the year. Expenditure at the end of Month 9 was £75.720 million which represents circa 64% of the projected outturn.
110. Against an original allocation of £2.150 million, full expenditure is projected to be spent on estate regeneration, tackling issues of community safety, defensible space, waste storage and courtyard improvements to blocks of flats. Expenditure includes projects at Lincoln Court, Caerwent Road and Penmark Green as well as overall works around garages and asset improvements.

111. Expenditure on building improvements is projected to be £13.469 million for the year against a budget of £15.850 million, which represents a variance of £2.381 million. Projected expenditure includes ongoing upgrades to high rise flats with £1.500 million expected to complete cladding works on Lydstep flats. Refurbishment expenditure of £1 million is projected for Nelson and Loudoun including bin chutes and electric doors. Survey work is currently being undertaken at Beech and Sycamore flats for an estimated cost of £50,000 to upgrade sprinklers. All of the above-mentioned works to high rise buildings will be funded from Welsh Government Social Landlord Building Safety grant. Other improvements for the year include roofing works to both houses and flats (£2.300 million), central heating upgrades (£1.650 million), kitchen and bathroom upgrades (£1.400 million) and door and window upgrades (£1.200 million). As at month 9, the Major Repairs Allowance grant of £9.570 million is utilised in full towards building improvement works across the portfolio and the Welsh Government Optimised Retrofit grant of £3.074 million will be used in its entirety towards energy efficiency measures. Opportunities for additional grants which will support future cladding and building safety schemes in the Council's future expenditure plan are approved in principle and will be the subject of future reports to Cabinet. It is essential that progress on developing projects is prioritised in line with such approvals to ensure that external funding can be maximised in line with any terms and conditions of grant.
112. The budget for adaptations for disabled residents of HRA properties is £3 million for the year with additional funding made available from the Housing with Care Fund via the Regional Partnership Board to be used in 2023/24. Expenditure as at month 9 is £2.523 million as a result of increased applications to support independent living in the community. All future applications must be managed within the existing budget for the remainder of the year and full spend is projected by the end of March.
113. Expenditure on the development of new housing across several sites during the year is currently projected to total £100.113 million, against an initial assumption totalling £90 million. In respect of Cardiff Living, total expenditure of £14.643 million is projected this financial year. Phase 1 which includes projects such as Willowbrook West, Highfields, Briardene, Braunton and Clevedon will be completed in 2023/24, with most remaining retentions due to be paid. Phase 2 projects due to start this financial year include Narberth Road (83 units), Llanrumney High School site (28 units), Waungron (21 temporary and 23 permanent units) and Citadel (12 units). Brookfield Drive and the Addison House element of the Eastern High site are also due to complete this year. Whilst delayed compared to initial timeframes, total expenditure projected for the meanwhile use Gasworks site in Grangetown this financial year is £36.300 million with phase one of the project for this temporary housing scheme occupied from October 2023. Expenditure in year will be partly grant funded with £10.608 million from the Welsh Government's Transitional Accommodation Capital Programme (TACP) and the remaining £2.243 million from the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) Housing Viability Gap Fund. It should be noted that the permanent scheme at the Gasworks site is to be developed as part of a new partnering scheme, with the existing modular homes to be relocated to other sites to be identified.

114. Progress on other development projects outside of Cardiff Living is expected to total £30.170 million and includes recommencement on site for St. Mellons (£1.500 million) and the Maelfa independent living scheme (£1.100 million). Work paused at the end of 2022/23 as a result of the appointed contractor falling into administration. Phase 1 of the Channel View development was the subject of a Cabinet report in September 2023, with the scope and affordability being assessed with enabling works expected to start on site at the end of the financial year. The former Iorwerth Jones site is expected to be completed early in 2024/25 with projected expenditure of £1.645 million in 2023/24. Canton Community Centre and Bute Street Community Living were both on site in Autumn 2023 with combined projected costs of £3.500 million for the year. Funding for these projects comes from a number of sources including; Social Housing Grant (£6.305 million), TACP (£8.980 million), Housing with Care Fund (£900,000) and CCR Housing Viability Fund (£557,000).
115. Expenditure of £19.000 million has already been committed for private market acquisitions in 2023/24, utilising budget allocated by the Council across two financial years and including circa £5 million in principle grant funding from Welsh Government, to meet the immediate demand for housing. Additional grant funding of £569,000 from Welsh Government in relation to Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) has also been utilised towards the purchase of properties for refuge for women in need and an additional £1 million of Social Housing Grant has also been allocated towards acquisitions in order to address the housing crisis.
116. The projections for 2023/24 consider relevant costs for acquisitions assumed as part of the Housing Emergency Cardiff report considered by Cabinet in December 2023. Further opportunities for Welsh Government grant funding to increase the volume of purchases to meet pressures are also being explored, however expenditure needs to be managed and approved within the Council's budget and control framework and the subject of the same viability assessment processes.

## Section 106 Schemes and Other Contributions

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 a revised projection as at Month 9:

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Projection at Month 9</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Parks & Green Spaces	1,655	1,087	(568)
Traffic & Transportation	680	464	(216)
Strategic Planning & Regulatory	2,388	447	(1,941)
Neighbourhood Regeneration	750	18	(732)
Economic Development	118	0	(118)
Education & Lifelong Learning	2,101	4446	2,345
Public Housing (HRA)	3,525	2300	(1225)
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,217</b>	<b>8,762</b>	<b>(2,455)</b>

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 – Includes a sum of £350,000 paid towards the completion of paving works by Welsh Government at Central Square, which was best deemed undertaken as part of the development of the Interchange. Further enhancements in respect of Central Square public realm assumed to be completed in 2024/25.
- Neighbourhood Regeneration – Improvements and grants towards community facilities.
- Education & Lifelong Learning – Additional use of contributions in year towards various school projects where in accordance with the agreements.
- Public Housing – Development of new Council housing.