

Appendix 5 - Capital Schemes Update

Budget monitoring reports during the year have provided regular updates on capital schemes. This appendix provides an update of main areas in which capital expenditure was incurred during 2019/20 and where resources are carried forward to complete schemes in future years. This accompanies the detailed list at Appendix 6.

Economic Development

The 2019/20 programme for the Directorate is £72.119 million, with a variance identified of £6.454 million predominantly in relation to parks projects, developer contributions, carry forward of Council funding in respect of economic stimulus grant and property asset renewal schemes.

Business and Investment

The council received a further £2.810 million of town centre loan funding from Welsh Government during the year for Butetown and Grangetown, which is repayable by 2032. This makes the total available to the council of £4.810 million towards loans to third parties in order to bring back vacant, underutilised or redundant buildings into beneficial use. Subject to completion of legal agreements, Cabinet agreed a loan of £2 million to allow the completion of the Coal Exchange building and support the wider regeneration of the area. No payments were made prior to the company entering into administration in May 2020. The Council aims to work with the administrators to secure the completion of the site, with a further report to Cabinet in respect of proposals when developed by the administrator, if Council funding is required.

City Development & Major Projects

In the Council's five year programme, a sum of £2.366 million was allocated to economic development initiatives, primarily in relation to heritage buildings. The 2019/20 allocation of £366,000 is to develop a new Black Tower Tales visitor attraction at the castle, with expenditure during the year of £236,000.

The Council was informed in September of an award of £1.929 million of Welsh Government grant to support economic stimulus in local authorities. This is allocated for the acquisition of land situated on the corner of James Street and Adelaide Street in Cardiff Bay that has remained derelict for over 30 years. Completion did not take place in the year and given the funding had to be spent by 31 March 2020, this has been used to pay for other eligible capital expenditure, allowing any displaced resources to be utilised to fund the completion in 2020/21, subject to completion of all legal and financial due diligence.

The primary phase of Central Square Public Realm was completed in November 2018 with costs of £8.7 million in 2018/19 and prior. Slippage of £342,000 is carried forward to complete works arising following future phases of the development in line with various other public realm works planned around the site.

Cabinet approved the acquisition of the Red Dragon Centre site in December 2019, which triggered the approval of the affordability envelope in respect of delivery of a new indoor arena as part of the 2019/20 budget proposals. Completion of the site took place in January 2020. Total expenditure in the year including fees is £58.396 million and procurement of a developer/operator for the new Indoor Arena is currently under way, with shortlisted bidders in a competitive dialogue phase. A full business case on the delivery of the Arena will be presented to Cabinet for final approval for a contract to be awarded to a developer/operator.

Parks & Green Spaces

In respect of asset renewal buildings, works undertaken this year include boiler plant replacement at Bute Park and upgrading the main plant control panel at Blackweir changing rooms. The budget includes a £117,000 contribution towards new toilet provision at Parc Cefn Onn which is being carried forward for completion of that project.

The Asset Renewal Infrastructure budget of £140,000 along with slippage was used for footpaths reconstruction at Parc Cefn Onn, fencing replacement at Greenway allotments. Planned footpath works at Whitchurch common and Hailey Park along with Waterhall bridge replacement. Works to a retaining wall at Fairwater Park were delayed and will re-commence when working under Covid - 19 restrictions is possible. Delays were due to capacity and resource issues with initial tenders and quotations also significantly exceeding available resources. A sum of £113,000 has been carried forward to 2020/21

In 2019/20, the service requested and was provided with an enhanced play equipment capital allocation making the budget for 2019/20 £278,000. As a result of continued capacity issues, £243,000 is being slipped into 2020/21. Work undertaken included, acquiring replacement equipment for Drovers way, Caedelyn park and the Marl and refurbishment of skate parks across the city and preparation of contract documentation for Drovers Way, Glenmount, grange gardens, Lascelles drive, Park Caedelyn, Wilson road, Peppermint drive and Victoria park.

The contract for the landscaping work at Parc Cefn Onn is complete and the upper park reopened in August. Works included a timber walkway, footpath and seating improvements as well as pond works. The refurbishment of the toilet block commenced in February but was suspended due to Covid-19. Works have restarted with a view to completion at the end of August. Additional funding required to complete this element will be met from the Council's building asset renewal budget.

Refurbishment works at Roath Park house to protect it from further deterioration and make it wind and watertight commenced in September and are anticipated to be completed by the end of June 2020. The actual cost to date is £562,000, with options for a commercial use generating income being considered in parallel to ensure the site does not remain vacant. The project utilises funding from capital receipts from the disposal of the former youth hostel at Wedal Road agreed by Cabinet to be re-invested in the Roath Park district area.

The replacement of the boat jetty at Flat Holm Island was successfully completed in December at a cost of £366,000, funded from the Landfill Communities Fund.

Leisure

Property asset renewal budget of £220,000 has been utilised in 2019/20 to allow completion of car park drainage and resurfacing at Insole Court (£135,000) as well as £85,000 for condition and electrical works at Cardiff International White-water and pool hall lighting at Llanishen Leisure Centre.

As part of the contract for the transfer of leisure sites to GLL, the balance remaining of the £3.5 million for investment in the transferred leisure sites was £1.047 million at the start of 2019/20. This is repayable on an invest to save basis, with expenditure in the year including changing room refurbishment, pool play features, boiler replacement and lighting schemes. Slippage of £678,000 into 2020/21 is shown pending a review by GLL of works required and consideration of whether the full amount is required.

Due to the deteriorating condition of the track at Cardiff International Stadium, replacement works which started in 2018/19 were completed during the year at a total cost of £500,000 in line with the original agreement for transfer of the site to Cardiff and Vale College.

A tender package has been prepared for a scheme at Pontcanna riding school to resurface the outdoor arena but not progressed pending SAB approval. Funding sources include a grant from Sport Council Wales and a contribution from the friends of the school.

Venues and Cultural Facilities

Capital budgets were initially allocated in 2015/16 for priority works identified at St David's Hall (£350,000) and New Theatre (£295,000), pending consideration of alternative options for service delivery from those sites. Dormer windows at New Theatre were replaced during 2019/20 (£30,000), with other works subject to a condition survey as part of discussions in respect to the new lease agreement. Work commenced on upgrading the Building Management System at David's Hall (£106,000). A sum of £222,000 is carried forward from these budgets initially allocated.

Property & Asset Management

Property Asset Renewal works at administration buildings included the completion of stone balustrades on the roof at City Hall, upgrades to lifts and improved security measures at County Hall and upgrades to the uninterrupted power supply at Willcox House. Works at other buildings included fencing around the moat, roof replacement at the visitor centre and health and safety works to the high roofs at the Castle and the Former Virgin Active Tennis Site, emergency lighting and electrical remedial works at Cardiff Market; electrical works at Llanover Hall and replacement guttering at Cardiff Heliport. Slippage of £556,000 is being carried forward.

A scheme costing £214,000 to introduce security measures at Brindley and Coleridge road depot site along with related works has been completed, replacing the manned security with technology to both improve the effectiveness of security at the site. Of this expenditure, £146,000 is to be repaid over a five year period from the reduced operational costs on an invest to save basis in line with the original business case.

The Council continues to retain an allocation to support small scale capital works arising from Community asset transfer of buildings. No expenditure was incurred in 2019/20 with the amount of £123,000 carried forward to future years.

The investment property estate is managed on a commercial basis with capital receipts generated from the sale of investment estate assets reinvested to improve existing properties within the estate or to purchase better quality assets. Expenditure during the year included £81,000 to completed refurbishment works at Senlan industrial estate to bring units back into use

Following the completion of immediate health and safety works at the Former Virgin Active Tennis Centre site, expenditure of £1.150 million including fees was committed to in order to reconfigure the centre into separate, self-contained units including replacing mechanical and electrical services at the building. This would allow the securing of longer term lease arrangements for the beneficial use of the site as a local sports and club facility. The costs and fees for works under this contract increased significantly to £1.750 million due to issues in incorporating new mechanical and electrical equipment within existing infrastructure whilst working around current occupiers of the property, as well as to refurbish further areas of the property. Works under this contract were completed in May, with options for additional works required such as air handling ventilation, estimated at £200,000 subject to a procurement exercise. This would be paid for from the property asset renewal budget in 2020/21.

The full cost of the scheme was originally intended to be met from disposal proceeds of land on the site however a disposal is no longer deemed possible. To ensure this does not result in any impact on the council's requirement to borrow, the costs of the project will be met from disposals arising from the investment property strategy, with any costs supporting essential Health and Safety works to the building also being paid for from the Property Asset Renewal budget, where deemed essential.

In respect of Central Market, the council's phase one application for a scheme to provide interpretation, restore and prevent further deterioration to the building has

been approved by National Heritage Lottery Fund. The development and design stage is expected to run to August 2021 and subject to this a final funding announcement in January 2022. The Council has allocated £450,000 capital funding over the next four years as well retaining as an earmarked revenue reserve.

Harbour Authority

Expenditure in respect to the Harbour Authority is £595,000, including an additional allocation of £288,000 for Asset Renewal as well as £93,000 during the year to address issues arising from Storm Dennis. Various barrage structural works including completion of bascule bridge refurbishment, replacement and raising lock electrical panels and pathway widening works were carried out.

Education and Lifelong Learning

The 2019/20 programme for the Directorate is £42.759 million, with a net overall variance identified of £25.523 million primarily due to the delay and the re-profiling of Band B schemes, alongside the continued slippage of asset renewal budgets including the scheme at Whitchurch High.

Schools - General

The asset renewal budget of £17.090 million in 2019/20 includes £6.5 million of an additional £25 million approved over 5 years to address condition, health and safety and additional learning needs within the schools estate. Late in March 2019 during 2018/19, the Welsh Government provided the Council with £4.262 million maintenance grant which was used to displace Council funding resulting in slippage of £4.130 million, which was carried forward to 2019/20. Welsh Government also agreed a similar provision this year, with Cardiff's share at £4.577 million approved during 2019/20. Expenditure in the year totalled £7.377 million on a range of roof and boiler replacements, fire precaution works, safeguarding of lobbies and kitchen upgrades. The majority of the £9.713 million slippage reported is the result of two years of unbudgeted additional Welsh Government schools capital grants alongside delays in projects and capacity restraints. The grant funding has been prioritised for use and additional asset funding approved re-profiled across future years.

The Suitability and Sufficiency spend of £985,000 was utilised in 2019/20 on a range of works including; increased capacity for pupils with additional learning needs at Meadowbank, The Court, Marlborough and Bryn y Deryn as well as priority Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) adaptations in Rhiwbina Primary, Adamsdown, Willowbrook and Ysgol Y Wern. Slippage of £55,000 will be utilised in 2020/21 for emerging suitability schemes.

A £1.322 million separate allocation exists for works at Whitchurch High with future works subject to a full options appraisal. Opportunities for virements from existing education budgets will be considered subject to the impact of such an approach. These options have been reviewed but works are yet to be agreed resulting in slippage of £1.194 million into 2020/21.

A grant of £1 million over two years has been awarded from Welsh Government to improve Ysgol Y Wern under the Welsh Medium programme. The project will increase the school to three forms of entry by providing two new permanent classrooms via extension of the existing building, along with the development of a Welsh medium teacher's training room in partnership with Cardiff Metropolitan, Welsh Government and the Central South Consortium. Slippage of £16,000 will be used in early 2020/21.

As part of an ongoing programme to reduce infant class sizes, Welsh Government agreed a £3 million grant funding package until 31 March 2021 for St Fagan's Primary, St Francis Primary and Oakfield Primary. Works at Oakfield are have been substantially completed this year with planning and project costs incurred in relation to St Francis and St Fagan's. The remaining £1.613 million slippage needs to be spent in 2020/21 under the current grant conditions.

A Welsh Government funding allocation of £5.097 million has been awarded to support Cardiff schools in developing sustainable EdTech Digital Services. This award has been split with 15% (£764,616) allocated to the Authority, of which £356,000 has been spent, with the balance (£4.333 million) available for use by the drawdown of equipment through an all Wales ICT Catalogue. Expenditure for the year totals £3.126 million against the catalogue. Remaining funding on both elements will be utilised in 20/21 as per the grant conditions.

Schools Organisation Plan – 21st Century Schools

In March 2015, the Authority submitted a re-aligned 21st Century Schools Programme for investment totalling £164.1 million to Welsh Government. The 21st Century Schools Band A programme has fully utilised Welsh Government grant funding of circa £66 million. Expenditure in 2019/20 totalled £981,000, including final payments for the Eastern High School contract and initial demolition costs in relation to the Cardiff High School in the West project. Slippage of £500,000 is required due to outstanding demolition costs, alongside an outstanding open space project in relation to the Ysgol Glan Morfa project. The underspend reported relates to overestimated retention payments during 2018/19.

Band B of the 21st Century Schools Programme has now commenced with an agreed in principal funding envelope of circa £284 million. This is to be funded by Welsh Government grant award with match funding from Cardiff Council at a rate determined by the type of school. The timescale of the programme has been reviewed since the initial submission to Welsh Government and will continue to evolve as detailed business cases are developed. At present three schemes are progressing; Fitzalan High, St Mary the Virgin and Doyle Avenue.

The stage one Fitzalan contract was recently awarded and preparatory and design work has commenced. Total spend in 2019/20 was £2.054 million out of the total £64.3 million estimated cost of this project. A full business case has now been submitted to WG, which once approved, will allow Cardiff Council to begin drawing down the associated grant funding.

There is minimal spend to report on other Band B schemes, St Mary the Virgin (£445,000) has been prepared for tender and a full business case is currently being prepared for WG. The Doyle Avenue (£344,000) scheme is a complex scheme aiming to house three schools (Cantonian, Riverbank and Woodlands) on one shared campus. This remains at design stage.

People & Communities

The total programme for 2019/20 is £14.086 million, with a variance identified of £4.533 million, the majority of which relates to slippage on regeneration schemes, schemes related to Intermediate care fund grant awards and hub projects.

Communities & Housing

Neighbourhood Regeneration

The Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes programme of £310,000, includes street scene environmental improvements in Cathays and Riverside, which are scheduled to be completed in June as well as implementation of a 3G sports pitch at Splott Park. A contractor has been appointed for the latter, but start on site is subject to confirmation and approval of the SAB body.

The demolition of the remainder of the Maelfa shopping centre is complete and foundation work commenced on new Cardiff Community Housing Association residential units. The public square will be completed in the summer, with completion of the whole development expected in October. The Council has incurred additional costs in respect of asbestos removal, security and land transaction tax payable with such costs managed from within existing budgets of neighbourhood renewal where possible to do so.

Including slippage from the prior year of £54,000 the alley gating budget is £104,000 for priority schemes throughout the city. There was some delay due to completion of consultation and legal procedures, with budget of £26,000 carried forward into 2020/21.

In March 2018, Cabinet agreed priorities for submission under the Welsh Government Targeted Regeneration Investment (TRI) Programme. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the funding, the Council has allocated its own resources to supplement other public and private funding. Council funding of £337,000 was available in 2019/20 with a further £900,000 in future years. Projects to date with approved TRI funding include a Tudor Road Commercial Business improvement scheme, an environmental improvement and green infrastructure scheme at Tudor Road and development of a creative hub at Butetown youth pavilion.

TRI grant of £920,000, is available towards the £1.350 million business improvement scheme which is proposed to start in phases as soon as it is deemed safe to do so; £1.630 million for the environmental improvement scheme (estimated total cost £3 million subject to receipt of tenders) and £545,000 towards Butetown Pavillion which was completed in the year.

The majority of the Council's TRI match funding is carried forward to allow completion of these and future projects, with any Council funding previously allocated towards Butetown Pavillion re-allocated to support any development of additional facilities for young people.

The Council aims to develop an integrated city centre business academy for young people, at Grassroots in Charles Street. The project is at design stage and with forecast costs of over £2.5 million. An intermediate care fund grant bid has been approved at £400,000 and the outcome of further external grant bids is awaited as part of a wider regeneration scheme. Slippage of Council funding allocated in support of the scheme is shown for a consecutive year with £800,000 carried forward to 2020/21. The feasibility and viability of such a scheme will need to be considered in 2020/21, given the cost and outcomes of alternative grant funding bids.

Schemes to create hubs at Rhydypennau and Whitchurch are both funded by Welsh Government MALD and Integrated Care Fund grant. Expenditure forecast over two years is estimated to be £1.3 million, with completion of both schemes in July 2020.

Housing (General Fund)

The Disabled Facilities Service budget for mandatory and discretionary grants to housing owner-occupiers as well as for administration costs for the grants is £4.400 million. This expenditure allows housing owner-occupiers to continue living in their own home. In addition Enable grant totalling £435,000 was received in the year from Welsh Government to deliver additional adaptations. Expenditure in the year was in line with the budget, with 580 mandatory and 1415 discretionary grants awarded.

An Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) grant of £660,000 was received at the end of March 2019 and used for adaptations. In accordance with the terms in accepting the grant, the Council was required to carry forward its own displaced resources into 2019/20 as slippage. During this year, the Council was requested to take a further £1.644 million of grant. This was used to support expenditure on adaptations, allowing a total of £2.304 million to be carried forward as slippage and to be spent on agreed ICF priorities with the health board.

To facilitate comprehensive regeneration schemes, the estate environmental improvement allocation supports the costs of works to owner-occupier properties as part of the Public Housing programme. Schemes include Anderson place, Taff embankment, Roundwood Estate, Arnold Avenue and Bronte Crescent. The budget also includes £100,000 for enabling works as part of any approved Welsh Government led scheme for energy wall insulation in Llandaff North and Rumney. Slippage of £312,000 is carried forward.

Acquisition of a site to expand the number of pitches at Shirenewton traveller's site took place during the year, with total expenditure of £433,000. This was in

advance of securing grant from Welsh Government for the construction of additional pitches, viability and planning consent.

Construction work on the Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary site in partnership with the Health Board is complete with the total cost within the £1.2 million initially allocated. Unallocated budget will be used to meet additional costs on other Neighbourhood regeneration projects including Maelfa. The facility will be run by RISE which is a consortium of organisations providing services to support women.

Flying Start

The budget for Flying Start Capital schemes for the year totals £18,000. This comprises £8,000 allocation for Shirenewton Playgroup and £10,000 for First Steps, Trelai Primary. All works were completed by year-end and the grant fully utilised in year. Additional Childcare grant totalling £1.117 million has been awarded to support sufficient childcare places to meet demand generated by the Childcare offer. Detailed plans are in place for St Mary the Virgin and St Pauls Primary School, expenditure of £148,000 was incurred across schemes, including external nurseries. Additional drawdown of grant has been brought forward from future years to cover these earlier than anticipated start dates.

Social Services

Adult Services

The Day Centre Opportunities Strategy aimed to reconfigure day services for older people at three existing sites; Minehead Road, Grand Avenue and Fairwater day centres. The final scheme at Fairwater was completed in June 2019.

Children's Services

Proposals from the remaining John Kane Fund include an extension and refurbishment of the Crossland's home. The start of any scheme is dependent on ensuring the works impact on service delivery can be mitigated, accordingly only £27,000 was spent during the year on design.

An Integrated Care Fund grant of £300,000 over two years has been approved to improve and increase capacity of Trelai Youth Centre on the Ty Gwyn Special School campus, making it available to children and young adults with learning disabilities and complex needs in Cardiff for out of school activities. No expenditure was incurred during the year, with any grant funding carried forward to 2020/21.

Planning, Transport & Environment

The 2019/20 programme for the Directorate is £39.288 million, with a variance identified of £15.516 million. This variance is primarily in relation to slippage of

highway infrastructure, transportation projects as well as recycling and waste management schemes.

Energy Projects & Sustainability

Subject to due diligence, a number of schemes totalling c £750,000 are being considered for a second phase of the REFIT programme. A Salix repayable loan funding application will be made for any works that progress.

In May 2019, Cabinet approved the final business case to deliver a higher capacity 9 megawatt solar farm at Lamby Way. The Solar Farm is a long term invest to save project which approved on the basis of being self-financing over its operational life in excess of 30 years, as well as delivering long term financial benefits to the Council. The estimated works cost is £7.5 million with costs of £5.033 million incurred in 2019/20. Completion of the site is delayed due to the supplier being off site due to COVID 19 and is expected to resume as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. Remaining expenditure includes installation of a private wire connection, subject to a review of the costs of construction.

It should be noted that the costs of all projects identified above together with ongoing maintenance must be paid back from savings or future income generation.

Bereavement & Registration services

The total programme for 2019/20 of £1.5 million reflects site and facility improvements of £750,000, with c£570,000 of this being works at Thornhill chapels, including additional costs of installation of air conditioning. The balance of the £750,000 programme was assumed expenditure towards the creation of a new cemetery site. Expenditure during the year on preparatory works was £415,000 due to a delay in accessing the site for site investigations. Tenders for the main works have been sought with works scheduled to commence in July 2020. In accordance with the Cabinet report in relation to extending the Cemetery site, any expenditure must be repaid from future income receivable as part of the bereavement reserve.

Recycling Waste Management Services

The five-year capital programme includes £3.325 million to explore options for a new household waste recycling / reuse centre. No expenditure was incurred during the year and is unlikely until a suitable site is identified, resulting in slippage of £200,000.

As part of a separate glass collection trial in 2018/19, recycling containers and associated equipment costing £285,000 were acquired during that year. The Capital programme for 2019/20 included an allocation of £815,000 to roll out the scheme. The Council is working with Welsh Government, WRAP and Local Partnerships on the Recycling Service Strategy Development and to evaluate,

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plan and implement a cost-effective waste management system that meets current and future Welsh Government and Council targets and aspirations.

Until options modelling and their impact is complete, roll out will not be continued as the service may be developed in a different way. The budget is shown as slippage and to be reviewed as part of the 2020/21 capital programme.

The programme included a £500,000 allocation towards a package of acceptable fire safety measures in relation to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) equipment and building. Following discussions with the Council's insurers, the implementation of a fire trace and detection suppression system is being implemented at a cost of c £72,000 and further enhancements for this purpose are not required at this stage. Due to other emerging safety issues and maintenance issues at the MRF, part of this budget was used to meet these additional costs. Slippage of £384,000 is shown into 2020/21 to be reviewed with emerging priorities.

A budget of £375,000 was allocated for infrastructure asset renewal and safety works at various waste management sites. Works included site crossings and safety changes for users, security barriers, vehicle wash and weighbridge enhancements and litter bins with sensors. A property asset renewal allocation of £85,000 will pay for the provision of welfare facilities for waste collection teams with works to be undertaken during 2020/21.

Vehicles including electric sweepers were purchased during the year, with £515,000 of expenditure on vehicles as well as infrastructure works to support the roll out of hygiene collection services paid for by WG grant.

Highway Infrastructure

The final outturn position for 2019/20 highway infrastructure is characterised by significant delay in the delivery of improvements deemed essential to support the condition of highway infrastructure, following approval of additional funding. Some of this delay has been reported during the year, but has increased during the end of the year. The approach to planning, resourcing, procuring and implementing such schemes during the end of a financial year will always represent a risk to incurring expenditure in the year it is initially requested and allocated, however this has also been impacted by the COVID 19 position and ability of contractors to complete works where contracts have been in place. Budgets carried forward will need to be re-prioritised together with resources allocated for 2020/21, ensuring sufficient internal capacity is in place to deliver priority improvements where still deemed affordable, deliverable and necessary.

Expenditure on the reconstruction of structurally deteriorated roads was £43,000 with work completed at Heol Hir. Site investigations were undertaken to identify the most appropriate treatments on Greenway Road, Nant Fawr Crescent and New Road, however this has delayed a procurement exercise resulting in slippage of £357,000, the majority of the budget initially allocated. . Following detailed assessment and ground investigations at Greenway Road it has been determined that an alternative treatment can be utilised. This will enable a larger

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area of road to be addressed but also resulting in considerably less disruption to road users as the road closure will be far shorter. The works are programmed to be undertaken in June/July 2020.

Budgets for carriageway and footway works total £8.191 million including additional WG grant for public highways of £1.723 million. Expenditure during the year was £4.718 million with significant slippage of £3.473 million carried forward. Although assessment works for the 2019/20 programme are complete, Covid-19 and resource issues to assist with contract delivery has resulted in a delay in letting works contracts. The resurfacing contractor has since returned to work with approximately £240,000 of work completed to date since lockdown, with further specialist works valued at £270,000 during June to address safety concerns under Culverhouse Cross on the A4232.

Both the footway reconstruction and surface treatment programme were tendered and programmed to commence in April 2020. Due to the restrictions associated with Covid 19 neither contracts were awarded as the works were considered as undeliverable for surface treatment and undeliverable without a minimum of 50% uplift for reconstruction and therefore value for money would not have been achieved. The approach for 2020/21 is therefore to reprioritise funds into programmes of work that can confidently be delivered and offer high quality and value for money. Early prioritisation of treatments and schemes will now be progressed in 2020/21 to ensure budgets made available are spent effectively.

The five year capital programme includes a sum of £2.250 million to replace the timber surface of the Millennium Walkway which surveys indicated was at the end of its expected lifespan. The 2019/20 allocation was to support design with potentially a small area of new sustainable material being trialled before wider roll out. Detailed structural survey work, only accessible by boat, is necessary to determine the structural integrity and design options for the replacement structural members. This is on hold due to Covid 19. The design process can continue towards the completion of the contract documentation, however prior to any tender award, access to the stadium will need to be considered, particularly in its current capacity as the Dragons Heart. With expenditure of £10,000 during the year, slippage of £240,000 is being carried forward into 2020/21.

The Bridges and Structures expenditure of £812,000 included addressing flooding issues at a number of sites, replacement of emergency doors and drainage pumps at Butetown Tunnel; culverts at Capel Llaniltern, and parapet works at Caerau Place and Radyr Place. Through the on-site investigations necessary to progress the detailed design for the replacements of culverts at St Fagan's Road and Llandennis Road, an extraordinary volume of utility assets was identified that did not align to utility drawings. Many of the assets have very high dependency and associated penalty charges should they be disrupted, therefore negotiations are ongoing with the asset owners. The aforementioned owners have advised they will require considerable minimum notice periods before permitting any diversion works. Assessment reports are ongoing for North Road flyover although again Covid 19 resulted in aborted overnight specialist inspections. Negotiations for the future improvements required at Station Road

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are ongoing with Network Rail. Slippage of £719,000 is requested to be carried forward into 2020/21.

The street lighting renewal budget was used for replacement lighting in subways and low level solar powered bollards, with the first phase in Pentwyn, and Gabalfa complete. Design continues to be progressed for an essential programme of cable and column replacement works at Eastern Avenue to be phased over a number of years. The scope has been determined with detailed design and contractual documentation now being undertaken by an alternative provider. It is anticipated that the design and tender process will be completed later in 2020. Slippage of £763,000 is being carried forward into 2020/21.

Following a successful trial of LED lighting in the Radyr Ward, an invest to save business case was approved by Cabinet in May 2019, for all remaining residential columns to be converted to LED at a potential cost in excess of £6 million. The tender exercise is to commence in September 2020, with a contract for works, potentially to be in place by 2021. Slippage of £2 million is carried forward as previously highlighted, with any savings expected from reduced energy costs also delayed until implementation.

As part of a coastal defence scheme to implement improvements from Rover Way to Lamby Way, a Welsh Government grant of £639,000 was awarded to progress design, habitat assessments and complete a full business case. Expenditure of £377,000 was incurred in the year with Council match funding £146,000 and Grant £325,000 being carried forward into 2020/21. A ground investigation contract was completed in May 2020, with the results to be utilised in order to determine the most appropriate detailed design. The detailed design is due to be completed by the end of the financial year for submission to WG. Implementation of any scheme is subject to approval of the business case as well as confirmation of financial viability including any match funding required from the Council. Subject to the above, this is likely to be in early 2022.

Traffic & Transportation

The Council Road Safety Schemes budget of £335,000 was fully utilised to match fund schemes delivered under Safe Routes in Communities Grant (Fairwater - Plasmawr), Road Safety Fund (Western Ave and Safety Cameras), and to supplement a developer funded scheme at Heol Pontprennau.

The asset renewal telematics budget of £135,000 was exceeded by £36,000 and was used for replacement of obsolete CCTV cameras at various locations. The variance will be met from the future year's allocation.

The total budget for cycling development allocated by the Council in 2019/20 was £2.5 million, which is also to be used to match fund bids for Welsh Government grant funding where possible. Expenditure in the year was £606,000 primarily on the design of cycle superhighways and towards implementation of a scheme at Senghennydd Road. Slippage of £1.874 million is carried forward.

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A sum of £375,000 Council match funding was included in the 2019/20 Capital Programme together with slippage of £241,000 in order to bid for and secure a range of Welsh Government grants where match funding is a requirement. Welsh Government terms and conditions require all grants to be utilised by 31 March 2020, accordingly the use of grant during the year was maximised, allowing £397,000 of the council's own funding to be carried forward to complete schemes, particularly where delayed as a result of the impact of Covid-19 on the construction programme.

City Centre and Key Links Transport Improvement budget of £1.769 million including slippage was allocated towards air quality and active travel schemes in the City Centre, with slippage of £1.259 million reported, in line with the delivery programme. Local Transport fund grant of £510,000 as part of the Capital Cardiff Region City Deal Metro + scheme was used towards the design of City Centre Eastside. Following the approval by Welsh Government of the business case to meet the Air Quality Direction via a range of measures, Cabinet approved in January 2020, the commencement of works at Central Square – City Centre West Phase 1. Enabling accommodation works were due to start in March 2020, however was delayed due to the Covid-19 restrictions. A revised delivery programme having regard to social distancing working restrictions is being determined with the contractors who were initially due to enter site in July 2020 and aiming to complete by November 2021.

The Council applied for and received a number of grants during the year from Welsh Government for a range of objectives, which are described below. The timescales for utilisation of grant approved was 31 March 2020, however, in light of the unprecedented situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, WG have allowed an extension to the end of June 2020.

The Welsh Government revised allocation to Cardiff for the Local Transport Fund was £4.833M. The fund supported development of integrated, effective, accessible, affordable and sustainable transport systems. Schemes delivered include design of bus improvements on the A4119 and the A470 (£139,000), City Centre Transport Development to support sustainable travel infrastructure in the city centre (£1.369 million), to extend the on-street cycle hire scheme (£775,000), active travel to schools (£844,000), expansion of the 20mph limit area (£1.274 million) and to deliver a package of strategic cycle routes and on-street parking (£432,000).

The Local Transport Network Fund allocation of £150,000 was fully utilised to improve bus performance on strategic routes, through removal of priority narrowing's at key locations.

A Welsh Government Road Safety grant of £286,000 was allocated to support projects that reduce road casualties. Schemes included the design of traffic calming and pedestrian improvements on Rhydypennau Road near Dan-y-Coed Road and Crwys Road and construction work on the A48 Western Avenue. Expenditure during the year was £185,000 whilst expenditure on the A48 Western Avenue scheme was delayed as a result of the impact of Covid-19.

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Safe Routes in Communities Grant of £267,000 was allocated to improve accessibility and safety and encourage walking and cycling in communities around Ninian Park Primary, with outturn expenditure of £250,000 due to Covid-19 impact. Scheme will be completed in 20/21 utilising match funding.

Of the revised Active Travel Fund allocation of £2.549 million, outturn expenditure was £1.969M due to impact of Covid-19, with the remaining funding carried over until end of June. 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 supported Cardiff Cycle Superhighways stage 1 (£1.209 million), design and implementation of local walking and cycling schemes (£309,000) and expenditure of £451,000 used to implement a number other improvements to the Integrated Network Plan.

A grant of £134,000 was approved from the Department for Transport towards the costs of implementing on street residential charge points for electric vehicles. Match funding of £45,000 was allocated from the Parking Reserve. Implementation at 10 locations took place during the year with future sites to be delivered in 2020-21.

An allocation of £310,000 from the Parking reserve was approved to install Electric Vehicle charging points for Cardiff Council vehicles at numerous locations, to support a move towards an electric vehicle fleet. The number and locations of points has been determined and a contract awarded pending confirmation of implementation and phasing. Any commitments arising from this project will need to be managed from within the overall transportation budget and any bids for grant funding, in light of the significant reductions in parking income as a result of the Covid 19.

In relation to moving traffic offences, expenditure of £404,000 was incurred on purchasing stationary and motion cameras as well as a camera car for mobile enforcement. This expenditure was on an invest to save basis, to be repaid from future parking and enforcement income.

Due to the receipt of grant income from Welsh Government, the allocation from the parking reserve was no longer required during the year for expenditure incurred on the A4119 and A470 from Caedelyn to Tyn –y-Parc. Given the impact of Covid-19 on parking income alternative match funding will need to be sourced to construct the schemes, subject to grant award.

Resources

The 2019/20 programme for the Directorate is £9.005 million, with a variance identified of £2.335 million in relation to the Council's commitment to the Cardiff Capital Regional City Deal (CCRCD) wider investment fund.

Technology

The Modernising ICT budget aims to support projects in the Cardiff Capital Ambition programme and the digitisation of business services utilising modern

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technology. Expenditure of £1.308 million was in excess of the budget initially profiled for use in 2019/20, however budget has been brought forward from future years in order to meet costs. Costs include support for the implementation of Corporate Landlord Technology, staff costs for the roll out of SharePoint (Electronic Document Management System), developing the Cardiff App and other Digitalisation projects including the development of the Virtual Assistant (ChatBot).

Expenditure on the ICT Refresh was £362,000 supporting resilience, capacity and capability such as core network switch replacement, telephony rationalisation and update of firewalls. Slippage of £36,000 is carried forward to 2020/21.

Corporate

The £200,000 contingency and £500,000 invest to save budget for small schemes were not drawn down during the year so removed from the programme.

Whilst the programme for 2019/20 allowed for a payment of £2.474 million as part of the Council's £28.4 million approved contribution to the £120 million Cardiff Capital Region City Deal (CCRCD) wider investment fund, no request for funds was made in 2019/20. Drawdown is subject to expenditure on approved projects by the CCRCD Joint Cabinet.

CCRCD Joint Cabinet approved a Housing Viability Gap Scheme in 2019/20, which included a cash grant of £5 million from Welsh Government towards this City Deal project. This had to be allocated by Welsh Government, by 31 March 2020, had to be deemed as used by that date and had to be allocated to a specific local authority. In this case Cardiff Council agreed to be the recipient and in parallel has awarded a grant of similar amount to City Deal for use on the Housing viability gap fund.

The Council's five year capital programme included a loan application from Cardiff City Transport Services of £2 million towards the replacement of diesel vehicles with electric buses. This is removed from the Capital Programme as the Council's 2020/21 and indicative programme includes a wider package of potential financial support to Cardiff Bus to allow the pension fund triannual valuation to be completed. This is subject to detailed discussions with the Company, Welsh Government, and company Pension Fund Trustees, with any support conditional on approval by Welsh Ministers and a report to Council.

Public Housing (Housing Revenue Account)

The revised capital programme for Public Housing was £47.385 million with expenditure during the year of £41.521 million. Variances identified will be reprioritised as part of budgets assumed when setting the 2020/21 capital programme.

Expenditure of £3.160 million was undertaken on a range of estate regeneration schemes to tackle issues of community safety, defensible space, waste storage and courtyard improvements to blocks of flats. Major schemes within the

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programme include Anderson Place / Galston Street in Adamsdown, Taff Embankment, the Roundwood Estate, Arnold Avenue and Bronte Crescent, Willowdale Road and Heol Trelai.

An amount of £10.377 million was spent on improvements to the existing dwellings stock including £0.68 million on roofing, £0.87 million on boiler upgrades, £0.85 million on lift upgrades, £1.90 million on upgrades to High-rise buildings, £2.45 million on sheltered accommodation schemes including Clos Y Nant and Brentwood Court. A range of other investment was undertaken including rewiring, fencing, underpinning of properties where subsidence issues were found, and kitchen and bathroom upgrades when properties become vacant prior to re-letting. Where slippage is recognised, this will be reviewed as part of the 2020/21 programme and allows for rewiring and front door upgrades to flats following further fire testing.

Expenditure on disabled adaptations for public housing was £613,000 in excess of the initial budget due to additional demand and was managed within the overall HRA programme. Over 500 mandatory grants were awarded as well as 400 discretionary grants. Additional costs in this area are to be the subject of a review by the Directorate during 2020/21.

A report outlining the Councils strategy for delivering 1,000 new council homes by May 2022 and at least 2,000 in the longer term was considered by Cabinet in May. Expenditure on the development and acquisition of new housing over a number of sites during the year was £24.326 million. This included completion of phase one and preparation for future phases of Cardiff Living sites (£10.9 million), acquisition of land including the former Iorwerth Jones Centre and Citadel site (£1.70 million) and development of other sites including completion of shipping container schemes (£1.02 million) and further costs to develop a package deal scheme with Cadwyn Housing Association at Courtney Road (£2.84 million). Options are being considered to mitigate the impact of Covid 19 on sites in progress to allow units to be received in order to support the need for social housing.

At September 2019 Cabinet, it was resolved to continue to purchase private properties from the open market to be used as council homes. In order to meet targets the directorate significantly accelerated such acquisitions requesting a bringing forward of approved budget from future years where necessary. Expenditure of £7.17 million took place during the year.

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 2019/20 include:

- Parks and Green Spaces – Schemes included, Wilson Close, Fisher Hill Way, Craiglee Drive, Canal Park, and Jubilee Park play areas,

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Mackintosh Institute Community Garden, public realm and footpath improvements in Penylan, Hendre Lake and Gabalfa and site improvements at Leckwith Allotment. Expenditure during the year continues to be far lower than that originally assumed at the start of a year.

- Traffic and Transportation – public transport improvements, junction improvements, bus stops and bus borders; installation of CCTV and real time information, telematics and transportation schemes including the provision of bus routes in the City and strategic transport initiatives. Here also, expenditure during the year was lower than that originally assumed at the start of a year.
- Neighbourhood Regeneration - Improvement of community facilities at Maes y Coed Community Centre, Old St Mellons Village Hall and Lisvane Memorial Hall.
- Public Housing – development of new Council housing within the Council’s Housing Revenue Account.

The table below shows the Section 106 and other contributions held at 31 March 2020 based on the area of expenditure. These are proposed to be spent in future years, with the profile of expenditure to be updated at the next Cabinet monitoring report for 2020/21. Any profiling of use will need to be realistic having regard to capacity and skills to deliver projects as well as other interdependencies.

	Balance as at 31 March 2020
	£000
Parks & Green Spaces	4,738
Traffic & Transportation	4,059
Strategic Planning & Regulatory	269
Neighbourhood Regeneration	1,994
Economic Development	543
Education & Lifelong Learning	4,007
Public Housing (HRA)	2,011
Total	17,621