

Appendix 5 - Capital Schemes Update

Economic Development

1. The 2020/21 programme for the Directorate is £20.868 million, with an initial variance identified of £10.272 million predominantly in relation to city development and major projects.

Business and Investment

2. The council has received from Welsh Government, repayable loans totalling £4.810 million for the implementation of town centre regeneration schemes in order to bring back vacant, underutilised or redundant buildings into beneficial use. Expenditure of £1.5 million on loans is currently assumed for the year, but is dependent on applications, due diligence and ensuring appropriate security arrangements for any loans. This currently includes projects at Windsor Place and Chapter Arts Centre.

City Development & Major Projects

3. A sum of £2.366 million was originally allocated in the 2019/20 capital programme for economic development initiatives, primarily in relation to heritage buildings. A sum of £366,000 is to be used for the completion of the Black Tower Tales visitor experience at Cardiff Castle, with £130,000 of this to be spent in 2020/21 to allow for completion of this. The balance of £2 million is currently assumed to be carried forward into 2021/22 to facilitate ongoing economic development initiatives.
4. A sum of £1.929 million arising from 2019/20 Welsh Government grant to support economic stimulus in local authorities has been used for the acquisition of land situated on the corner of James Street and Adelaide Street in Cardiff Bay that has remained derelict for over 30 years. Site clearance and demolition is planned this financial year and coupled with existing land ownership in the area such as the Royal Stuart Workshops, a comprehensive redevelopment plan of the area is to be prepared to assist with the regeneration of Cardiff Bay.
5. An initial sum of £1 million was allocated in 2020/21 towards the Development strategy for the Sports Village and infrastructure works which would be repaid through capital receipts or revenue from sites. An updated masterplan and development strategy is due to be presented to Cabinet in the latter half of the year. Pending this, it is assumed that no costs will be incurred this financial year.
6. 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 will continue to be carried forward into 2021/22 in order to complete works arising following future phases of the development and in line with various other public realm works planned around the site.

7. Cabinet approved the acquisition of the Red Dragon Centre site in December 2019, triggering the approval of the affordability envelope in respect of delivery of a new indoor arena as part of the 2019/20 budget proposals. Completion of the site took place in January 2020. Procurement of a developer/operator for the new Indoor Arena is currently under way, with shortlisted bidders in a competitive dialogue phase as part of a full business case on the delivery of the Arena to be presented to Cabinet for final approval. Subject to submission of a planning application for an Indoor Arena on the Atlantic Wharf site, a further sum is payable for the acquisition of the site. This is currently assumed to be in 2021/22, resulting in slippage.
8. In August 2020, the affordability envelope was also utilised to acquire the long leasehold in a property known as Pizza Hut, Hemingway Road, Cardiff. The property is to be managed as part of the Red Dragon Centre, but is also deemed a strategic investment to assist with the Council's wider master planning of Atlantic Wharf.

Parks & Green Spaces

9. The contract for the refurbishment of the toilet block at Parc Cefn Onn which started last February was completed in August at a total cost of circa £219,000 with additional funding required to complete this of £117,000 to be met from the Council's building asset renewal budget.
10. The Parks Asset Renewal Infrastructure budget for 2020/21 including slippage is £253,000 and is to be used for footpath reconstruction at Hailey Park and Whitchurch Common, and for retaining structural works, including Waterhall bridge replacement, Cath Cobb Woods and Fairwater Park Wall.
11. The enhanced play equipment capital allocation is £533,000 including a significant level of slippage from 2019/20. It is essential that a robust process for the planning and delivery of these schemes is in place with resurfacing and replacement of playground equipment at sites including Lascelles, Parc Caedelyn, Glenmount Way, Grange Gardens, Drovers Way, Catherine Gardens, Victoria Park and Peppermint Drive.
12. Refurbishment works at Roath Park House, to protect it from further deterioration and make it wind and watertight, commenced in September and were completed in August 2020 at a cost of £617,000. Options and costs are now being determined to complete the building and fit out the property as a cafeteria and cookery school for Youth Foods. The project utilises most of the 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.
13. Expenditure of £100,000 is forecast on professional fees and surveys during the year in relation to Roath Park Dam in order to determine an options report for works deemed required as part of the Reservoir Act 1975 and in response to a Natural Resources Wales inspection report. Future costs are subject to this

appraisal, consideration of the impact on other features of this Grade1 listed Historic Park as part of a future Cabinet Report.

Leisure

14. A property asset renewal budget of £310,000 has been allocated in the year to replace sections of roof at Western Leisure Centre in order to urgently address water ingress.
15. As part of the contract for the transfer of leisure sites to GLL, the balance remaining of the £3.5 million for investment in the transferred leisure sites is £0.678 million, which is repayable on an investment to save basis. Expenditure of £220,000 is forecast during the year on the Air Handling Unit at Western Leisure Centre.
16. Following confirmation of drainage requirements, a tender package is being amended and is to be issued for a scheme at Pontcanna Riding School to resurface the outdoor arena. The project has been a significant time in development but is aimed to be completed this financial year following confirmation of a drainage assessment. Funding sources include a grant from Sport Council Wales and a contribution from the friends of Pontcanna Riding School.

Venues and Cultural Facilities

17. A balance of £222,000 is available in 2020/21 from Capital budgets initially allocated in 2015/16 for priority works identified at St David's Hall (£350,000) and New Theatre (£295,000). The upgrading of the Building Management System at St David's Hall which commenced last year will be completed this year at a total cost of £415,000, with the balance to be met from the Council's property asset renewal budget.

Property & Asset Management

18. Property Asset Renewal works for administration buildings will be developed over the year but currently includes health and safety works at Ocean Park Arena, roof replacement at Cardiff Castle Visitor Centre, the Grassroots Building, Thornhill Crematorium and Cardiff Central Market and lift upgrades at County Hall and St David's Hall.
19. The Community Asset Transfer budget provides up to £25,000 for improvement works to buildings being taken on by third party organisations. Payments are subject to progress on schemes and slippage of £73,000 is shown at this stage into 2021/22.
20. In respect of the former Virgin Active Tennis Centre, immediate health and safety as well as works to reconfigure the centre into separate, self-contained units has been completed at a cost of £1.635 million to create a local sports and club facility, the Ocean Park Arena. Rental and service charge agreements have been established with tenants and works are currently being undertaken in respect to

outdoor sports pitches in partnership with the House of Sport. In the absence of a land receipt from the site, these costs are paid for from capital receipts from the investment property strategy. Further work to replace the Air Handling units at an estimated cost of £250,000 is proposed to be paid for as part of the Property asset renewal budget.

21. In respect of Central Market, the council's phase one application for a scheme to provide interpretation and to restore and prevent further deterioration to the building has been approved by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The development and design stage is expected to run to August 2021 and subject to this, there will be a final funding announcement in January 2022. The Council has allocated £450,000 capital funding over the next four years as well as an earmarked revenue reserve of £269,000. Expenditure during this year is forecast to be £20,000.

Harbour Authority

22. The Harbour Asset Renewal budget approved for 2020/21 is £262,000, to be spent on the purchase of a new crane to undertake barrage maintenance and refurbishment of railings at Penarth Marina. Discussions are taking place with Welsh Government in respect of works required in relation to the Dock feeder and Castle water bus stop.

Education and Lifelong Learning

23. The 2020/21 programme for the Directorate is £26.389 million, with a net overall variance identified of £1.416 million primarily due to the delays in on site works across all schemes due to the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions at the start of the year.

Schools - General

Asset Renewal - Buildings

24. The Council asset renewal allocation of £5.601 million in 2020/21 includes an assumed £3 million WG grant for schools capital maintenance, in line with grants received in the prior two financial years. Full expenditure is anticipated this financial year based on the current programme of roof and boiler replacements, fire precaution works, safeguarding of lobbies and kitchen upgrades. Due to limited scope for works to be carried out during recent lockdowns, spend is anticipated to be lower than prior years and the medium term budgets re-profiled to reflect current circumstances. An additional £25 million invest to save funding to address condition, health and safety and additional learning needs within the schools estate was approved in 2018/19 and, as approved in the Capital Programme in February, no spend from this allocation was intended for 2020/21. This additional funding will be used flexibly over the medium term to support the programme of works when required.

Asset Renewal – Suitability and Sufficiency

25. The Suitability and Sufficiency budget of £1.095 million includes £55,000 slippage brought forward from 2019/20. This budget is expected to be fully utilised in 2020/21 on a range of works including; security and safeguarding works on boundaries and receptions across the schools estate, as well as priority Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) adaptations.

Whitchurch High

26. A £1.194 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. Given delays in construction across the programme it is assumed that there will be slippage of £450,000.

Welsh Medium Grant

27. A further grant of £1 million was awarded from WG in 2019/20 to improve Ysgol Y Wern under the Welsh Medium programme. Works on the project will be finalised this year, which 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 teachers training room in partnership with Cardiff Metropolitan, Welsh Government and the Central South Consortium. Full spend of the remaining £730,000 grant is anticipated in 2020/21.

Reducing Infant Class Sizes Grant

28. As part of an ongoing programme to reduce infant class sizes, Welsh Government agreed a £3.322 million grant funding package until 2021 for St Fagan's Primary, St Francis Primary and Oakfield Primary. Final payments to Oakfield contractors will be paid this year, with works on the St Fagan's project having commenced. St Francis is expected to commence later this year, with expected slippage of £1.865 million. WG have confirmed an extension to this grant allowing slippage into 2021/22 due to the difficulties in working on site caused by COVID-19.

Schools Organisation Plan – 21st Century Schools

29. The 21st Century Schools Band A programme has fully utilised Welsh Government grant funding of circa £66 million with final expenditure in 2020/21 expected to be £1.5 million including the demolition and security costs at the Michaelston site as part of the Cardiff High School in the West project. This is significantly higher than first planned due to delays in being able to start on site (COVID-19 related) and significant concerns relating to asbestos and other site contaminants. Outstanding Band A grant retentions will be utilised to fund this expenditure in the first instance with Invest to save picking up any additional spend.

30. Band B of the 21st Century Schools Programme has now commenced with an original funding envelope of circa £284 million. This has been amended by WG to £202 million based on the movement of Cathays High and Willows schemes to the Mutual Investment Model (MIM). This is to be funded by a Welsh Government grant award with match funding from Cardiff Council at a rate determined by the type of school. The timescales of the programme have 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.
31. The stage one and enabling works contracts for Fitzalan have been awarded and works on site are expected to commence imminently. Total spend anticipated in 2020/21 is £11.479 million out of the total £64.3 million allocated budget. The full business case has been agreed by Welsh Government.
32. St Mary the Virgin is currently at design stage with the full business case currently being drafted. Minimal expenditure is anticipated this year in line with cash flows projected in the business case.
33. The Doyle Avenue scheme aims to house three schools (Cantonian, Riverbank and Woodlands) on one shared campus. This is currently at the initial design stage, awaiting appointment of technical project management due to the complex nature of the scheme. Current projections are based on historic cost profiles and are currently being reviewed. It is likely that additional slippage will occur on this scheme.

People & Communities

34. The total programme for 2020/21 is £14.575 million, with a variance identified of £3.296 million, the majority of which relates to slippage on regeneration schemes and housing.

Communities & Housing

Neighbourhood Regeneration

35. The Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes budget of £489,000, includes completion of schemes from 2019/20 in relation to street scene environmental improvements in Cathays and Riverside as well as implementation of a 3G sports pitch at Splott Park. Additional projects in development include a range of wellbeing improvements in Llanishen Park as well as environmental improvements on Cowbridge Road East and Llanishen Street.
36. Including slippage from the prior year of £26,000 the alley gating budget is £76,000 for priority schemes throughout the city. Subject to completion of consultation and legal procedures, full expenditure is currently forecast.
37. 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, a total of £1.3 million.

38. TRIP funding of £545,000 was approved towards Butetown Pavilion which is now complete following a delay in the acquisition of equipment and fit out as a result of COVID-19.
39. The Tudor Street Business Improvement Scheme will focus on the delivery of external improvements to commercial premises in Tudor Street, Riverside. Start on site was delayed by COVID-19 and progress continues to be dependent on the ability to enter properties. TRIP funding of £920,000 is approved for this £1.35 million scheme, expected to be complete by September 2021.
40. £1.630 million of TRIP funding has been approved for an environmental improvement and green infrastructure scheme at Tudor Road as part of a potential scheme totalling £3 million, subject to completion of a tender process. Subject to this, a start is expected this financial year.
41. Schemes to create hubs at Rhydypennau and Whitchurch funded by Welsh Government MALD and Integrated Care Fund (ICF) grants were completed in August. Options are being considered to create a comprehensive scheme at Rhiwbina, with initial design costs assumed in 2020/21 and subject to grant applications to Welsh Government.
42. 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 to supplement a Council allocation of £800,000 and the outcome of further external grant bids is awaited as part of a wider regeneration scheme. The feasibility and viability of the scheme is being considered given the cost and outcomes of alternative grant funding bids.

Housing (General Fund)

43. The Disabled Facilities Service budget for mandatory and discretionary grants to housing owner-occupiers as well as for administration costs for the grants is £4.550 million and includes an additional £750,000 p.a to meet additional demand and reduce waiting times. This expenditure allows housing owner-occupiers to continue living in their own home. Due to COVID-19, demand in the first quarter has been weak, and the focus has been on the most critical cases. Assessments are now progressing as part of the service recovery plan, with the current forecast of expenditure being £3.9 million.
44. In addition, an Enable grant totalling £436,000 has been awarded in the year from Welsh Government to deliver additional adaptations.
45. An Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) grant of £660,000 and £1.644 million was received late in 2018/19 and 2019/20 respectively and utilised for disabled adaptations expenditure. In accordance with the terms in accepting the grant, the

Council was required to carry forward its own displaced resources as slippage. This £2.304 million is now to be returned to Welsh Government to be spent on agreed ICF priorities with the health board.

46. To facilitate comprehensive regeneration schemes, the estate environmental improvement allocation supports the costs of works to owner-occupier properties as part of the Public Housing programme. Schemes during the year include, Roundwood Estate, Arnold Avenue and Bronte Crescent. The budget will also contribute towards any requirement for enabling works as part of approved energy efficiency schemes, for which £100,000 is assumed whilst a WG led scheme is developed. There will be slippage of £200,000 into 2021/22 in respect of the energy scheme and to allow completion of existing schemes.
47. Acquisition of a site to expand the number of pitches at Shirenewton traveller's site took place in 2019/20 with total expenditure of £433,000. Demolition of buildings is being undertaken in parallel with options to determine the number of pitches on site prior to submission of a grant application to Welsh Government.
48. The Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary site was built in partnership with the Health Board and will be run by RISE which is a consortium of organisations providing services to support women. Handover was delayed as a result of COVID-19 whilst awaiting final interior elements to be installed.
49. Subject to finalisation of legal agreements and terms and conditions of funding from Welsh Government, the Council will trial of the Private Rented Sector (PRS) Leasing Scheme between 2020-27. The purpose of the Scheme is to improve access to longer term affordable and good quality housing, with tenancy support, in the PRS. The lessons learned from the trial of this scheme will support the development of a national scheme across all local authorities in Wales. The Scheme will support those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and provide tenants with longer term security of accommodation (up to 5 years) at a rent at local housing allowance (LHA) level. Under the scheme, the Council will provide support to tenants to help them to access and maintain their tenancies; reducing the risk of future homelessness by addressing their challenges quickly and responsibly. The Council will acquire quality properties for a period of 5 years; providing regular rental income to property owners at the relevant Local Housing Allowance rate less 10%. Detailed processes are being determined with further information on timescales, revenue and capital grants as well as loan funding to be provided by Welsh Government included in the programme in future monitoring reports.

Flying Start

50. The budget for Flying Start Capital schemes for the year totals £152,000. This comprises of allocations for furniture and ICT for Ely and Caerau Children's Centre and Greenway Primary (£45,000 and £47,000 respectively), alongside a sum of £60,000 for refurb works at seven nursery sites across Cardiff. It is anticipated that all works will be completed by year-end.

Childcare Capital Grant

51. WG grants in relation to Childcare total £382,000 to continue to support sufficient childcare places to meet demand. Slippage of £271,000 is expected in relation to St Mary the Virgin and childcare for the new Welsh Medium childcare, due to dependency on other projects progressing first. The remainder is estimated to be fully utilised in 2020/21.

Social Services

Children's Services

52. Proposals from the remaining John Kane Fund include an extension and refurbishment of the Crossland's home. With projected costs in excess of the budget available and the need to mitigate the impact of the works on service delivery, no expenditure is currently assumed during the year.
53. Expenditure of £370,000 is assumed to acquire a property and develop it for short stay assessment accommodation for Children looked after as part of the 'Right Home, Right Support' commissioning strategy.
54. An Integrated Care Fund grant of £300,000 over two years is available 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.

Planning, Transport & Environment

55. The 2020/21 programme for the Directorate is £48.897 million, with a variance identified of £5.125 million. This is primarily in relation to slippage of highway maintenance and cycling development projects. A range of grants have been approved by Welsh Government, in most cases, with a requirement to undertake expenditure by 31 March 2021. Schemes and associated preparatory works will need to progress promptly in order to maximise utilisation. Opportunities to switch council funding will also need to be considered as the year progresses.

Energy Projects & Sustainability

56. A number of energy schemes totalling circa £1.3 million are proposed to be undertaken under the second phase of the REFIT programme. Subject to tender as well as application and approval of a repayable Salix loan, forecast expenditure is £750,000 during 2020/21.
57. In May 2019, Cabinet approved the final business case to deliver a solar farm at Lamby Way. The Solar Farm is a long term invest to save project which is projected to be self-financing over its operational life which is in excess of 30 years. In reaction to the COVID-19 crisis, the contractor left the site in March and returned in June, resulting in a delay in the works. However installation of the panels is now complete with first electricity generation following connection to the grid expected in early September. The critical next phase in terms of timing and maximising income is the installation of a private wire and this is now

expected to be complete before the end of November. The total cost of the scheme is now expected to be in excess of £8.5 million including the initial grid connection.

58. The Council has been offered grant funding of £6,628,000 for Phase 1 of the Cardiff Heat Network project from the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). This is subject to the outcome of a procurement exercise to appoint a contractor to design, build, operate and maintain the network and subsequent approval of the final business case by Cabinet.
59. 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

60. A contract for works to create new burial space in the North of the city is currently on site and forecast to be complete by February 2021. Any expenditure must be repaid from future income receivable as part of the bereavement reserve.
61. As part of the budget proposals for 2020/21, a segregated Capital property asset renewal allocation for bereavement services was created from the rest of the property portfolio to allow more of the bereavement reserve to be used to support the revenue costs of the service and Directorate. The allocation for 2020/21 is £275,000, to support site infrastructure improvements, equipment, lighting and improvements to facilities. The lining of the three cremators have also been replaced at a cost £185,000 earlier than planned, with funding to be potentially brought forward subject to progress on other schemes.

Recycling Waste Management Services

62. The five-year capital programme includes £3.325 million to explore options for a new household waste recycling / reuse centre. No expenditure is forecast to be incurred during the year until a suitable site is identified, resulting in slippage of £200,000.
63. The Capital programme for 2019/20 included an allocation of £815,000 to roll out a separate glass collection scheme. The Council is working with Welsh Government, WRAP and Local Partnerships on the Recycling Service Strategy Development and to evaluate, plan and implement a cost-effective waste management system that meets current and future Welsh Government and Council targets and aspirations. Opportunities for grant support will be considered as part of any agreed approach. The budget has been profiled and moved to the 2021/22 financial year.
64. Funds previously allocated for fire safety measures in relation to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) equipment and building are to be used for a range of infrastructure improvements at depot and recycling sites. This includes CCTV,

barriers for health and safety, weighbridge and vehicle wash upgrades. Current projections show that budgets allocated in future years will need to be brought forward. Property asset renewal works include shower and drying facilities for staff at Lamby Way, with other schemes being considered to support improvement of site operations.

Highway Maintenance

65. Expenditure on the reconstruction of structurally deteriorated roads which are deemed to be a priority is forecast to be £757,000. Site investigations will determine the most appropriate treatment to address their condition and form the basis of any tender exercise. Prioritised roads are Church Road in Pentyrch and Creigiau Road.
66. The budgets for carriageway and footpath works total £7.106 million including slippage from 2019/20. Budgets from footpaths have been re-prioritised to carriageways as social distancing requirements make the delivery of such works difficult as well as costly. The budget will complete 2019/20 carriageway preventative, resurfacing and patching contracts, micro asphalt resurfacing and a number of other treatments during the remainder of the year. In order to avoid slippage, assessment of priorities and immediate actions should be put in place in order to ensure works can be procured and completed where budgets have been requested during the year to address condition.
67. The five year capital programme includes a sum of £2.240 million to replace the timber surface of the Millennium Walkway which is deemed to be at the end of its expected lifespan. Works entail the replacement of the timber decking and supporting bearers using reinforced plastic components along the length of the walkway from Wood Street to Cowbridge Road East/Castle Street along the River Taff. Following a trialling of materials, a tender process is to be undertaken, with the timing of any works subject to decisions in respect to the Dragons Heart temporary hospital site.
68. The bridges and structures budget of £1.835 million will support St Fagan's Road and Llandennis Road culvert works as well as any capital works arising from assessment reports from North Road flyover. The budget will also be used to match fund a number of small scale flood defence schemes attracting Welsh Government grant, planned to be undertaken during the year. Slippage of £835,000 is currently forecast and to be re-prioritised in future years.
69. The street lighting infrastructure budget is to be utilised for subway lighting, column replacement and also to start the design process for electrical works on Eastern Avenue. Implementation of the latter continues to be delayed resulting in overall slippage of slippage of £608,000 into 2020/21.
70. Following a successful trial of LED lighting in the Radyr Ward, with the conversion of 1,250 columns, Cabinet approved in May 2019, an invest to save business case for all remaining residential columns to be converted to LED at a potential cost in excess of £6 million. Procurement of works has not yet commenced and subject to this, expenditure assumed during the year is £1.5 million.

71. 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. 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

72. The Council Road Safety Schemes budget of £335,000 will be used to match fund safety related schemes being delivered as part of Welsh Government grants.
73. The enhanced asset renewal telematics budget of £524,000 is to be used for replacement of obsolete analogue CCTV cameras at various locations with HD digital CCTV cameras, replacement of electronic signage / control system for the North Road tidal flow lane control system and Bute Tunnel entrance electronic signage.
74. The total budget for cycling development in 2020/21, including slippage from the prior year, is £2.674 million, which will be used to match fund WG grant funded schemes for primary cycleways and completion of schemes such as North Road Phase II. Opportunities will be considered to supplement WG grant to introduce additional pop up cycling facilities. Slippage of £1.2 million is forecast, in line with the current delivery programme.
75. A sum of £375,000 Council match funding is included in the Capital Programme to help secure a range of Welsh Government grants where match funding is required. Together with slippage from 2019/20 this is to complete a range of schemes for Local Transport, Safe Routes in Communities and Road Safety. Current estimated suggest slippage of £106,000, but with Welsh Government terms and conditions requiring all grant to be utilised by 31 March 2021, this may increase towards the end of the year.
76. The Council's City Centre and Key Links Transport Improvement budget of £1.259 million is to be utilised towards schemes in the City Centre in future years in line with the delivery programme. However, for 2020/21, a Metro+ grant approval has been received of £405,000 which will be used towards the design of City Centre Eastside.
77. A Local Sustainable Transport COVID-19 Response Grant of £3.619 million has been approved by Welsh Government for 2020/21. It includes funding for pop up cycle measures, infrastructure to support social distancing measures; 20 mph limits on key routes, and public realm enhancements for spill over pedestrian areas and low-cost solutions to reallocate road space in favour of sustainable forms of transport.

78. The Welsh Government allocation to Cardiff for the Local Transport Fund is £2.899 million. The fund supports development of integrated, effective, accessible, affordable and sustainable transport systems. Schemes bid for and approved include £2.649 million towards improving sustainable transport infrastructure and tackling local and national air quality issues at City Centre West (Central Square) and City Centre South (Fitzalan Place / Bute Terrace). It also includes £250,000 towards implementation of 20 mph limits in various areas to encourage active travel and improve quality of life for residents.
79. The Resilient Roads Fund of £1.673 million is to support transport projects that mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change, including addressing disruptions caused on the highway network by severe weather. Schemes supported are the A470 Bus Corridor improvement; Caedelyn Road to Tyn y Parc Road and the A4119 Bus Corridor improvement – Phase 2D. The Council's bus corridor improvement budget of £80,000 will be used to match fund these schemes.
80. Whilst bids were submitted for the Welsh Government Local Transport Network Fund, no bids were approved.
81. The Welsh Government Road Safety Casualty Reduction grant approval was lower than estimated at £271,000, which along with slippage of £101,000 will support capital projects that reduce road casualties including traffic calming and pedestrian improvements on Crwys Road.
82. Safe Routes in Communities Grant of £285,000 along with slippage of £17,000 aims to improve accessibility and safety and encourage walking and cycling in communities. There is particular emphasis on improving routes to and from schools within the Canton area.
83. Welsh Government Grant available for Active Travel is £4.875 million. The purpose of the fund is to increase levels of active travel, improve health and well-being, improve air quality, reduce carbon emissions and connect communities. Funding will support Cardiff Cycle Superhighways stage 1 (£2.773 million), Taff Trail upgrade at Hailey Park (£460,000), Active Travel to Schools (£579,000) and an allocation of £1.063 million for various improvements to the Integrated Network Plan.
84. A number of transport and environmental projects were initially assumed to be paid for from income arising from the Civil Parking Enforcement Account. This includes on street residential charge points and charge points in various council locations. Due to the impact of COVID-19 on the level of income receivable, budgets allocated for these purposes have been removed pending a review of affordability and feasibility of funding these projects with alternative sources of funding.
85. In relation to moving traffic offences, expenditure of £325,000 is to be incurred on purchasing motion cameras and £181,000 for attended parking stationary

cameras. This expenditure is on an invest to save basis, to be repaid from future parking and enforcement income.

86. Slippage is shown in relation to development of the transport interchange on the site of the former recycling site at Waungron Road, which is proposed to be delivered in parallel with the housing scheme. Planning permission has been received, however delivery is dependent on design works in respect to the housing development and also completion of Network rail improvements to the retaining wall and Fairwater train station.
87. In order to comply with the requirement of the Environment Act 1995 – air quality direction 2019 Welsh Government provided a grant for a range of agreed measures including Bus retrofit (£2.25m); Taxi vehicle emissions incentive (£1.86m); City Centre transport and active travel (£15.2m); completion of 20mph (£1.28m); Implementation management and monitoring (£0.65m). As part of the City Centre Transport projects, works have commenced on improvements at Central Square as part of a £7.5 million scheme. Works are currently expected to be complete in February 2022.

Resources

88. The 2020/21 programme for the Directorate is £14.883 million with a variance of £3.797 million, mainly due to slippage of City Deal projects.

Technology

89. The Modernising ICT budget aims to support projects in the Cardiff Capital Ambition programme and the digitisation of business services utilising modern technology. Expenditure planned during the year includes a final contribution towards the roll out of SharePoint (Electronic Document Management System), Digitalisation projects and SAP archiving. Expenditure of £300,000 is currently forecast for the year.
90. The ICT Refresh budget of £866,000 will support a range of projects to support resilience, capacity and capability such as core network switch replacement, telephony rationalisation and the update of firewalls.

Corporate

91. In respect of the contingency budget of £200,000, given that it is early in the financial year, this is shown projected to be fully required, although as the year progresses, any under spend will be used to reduce the level of borrowing assumed in the Capital Programme.
92. The £500,000 invest to save budget for small schemes has not been requested to be drawn down for approved schemes to date. This will be reviewed and adjusted in future monitoring reports if schemes are approved during the year.
93. Including slippage from 2019/20, the 2020/21 programme includes an allowance of £3.672 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. The timing and value of any drawdown is subject to proposed projects being considered and approved by CCRCD joint committee, but is also dependent on the different funding streams available to CCRCD to manage expenditure obligations. Current assumptions are that any expenditure will be managed within existing resources held by City Deal and accordingly, slippage of £3.672 million will be carried into 2021/22.

94. To allow the development of a housing viability loan scheme across the region, Cardiff Council agreed to be the recipient of a £10 million repayable loan from Welsh Government. The scheme is subject to approval of a final business case and detailed operational procedures by Regional Cabinet. Subject to this, future monitoring reports will include loan expenditure as part of this scheme.
95. An overall allocation of £9.750 million was included in the programme over a three year period with £2 million of this assumed in 2020/21. This was towards smarter working, digital infrastructure and minor building adaptations to allow consolidation into alternative council buildings including County Hall. Drawdown of this allocation is subject to any expenditure being repaid on an invest to save basis, and subject to further reports to Cabinet on Wilcox House and Core Office proposals.
96. In respect to infrastructure and equipment for webcasting Council meetings, procurement has been delayed due to COVID-19, but this has also necessitated a change in specification to allow meetings to be Hybrid i.e. some attendees in the chamber or meeting room and some attending remotely. Expenditure of £220,000 is assumed at this stage.
97. Subject to a further report to and decision of full Council, due diligence and other matters; a package of support for Cardiff City Transport Services Limited totalling £13.6 million is included in the capital programme over a two year period. This report scheduled for September will consider the actual level of expenditure required and its timing.