

Cherwell District Council

Council

18 October 2021

Capital Programme Amendments

Report of Director of Finance

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Purpose of report

To seek Council's approval to amend the Capital Programme for 2021/22 in line with the Financial Regulations.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 to approve the increase in the Capital Programme of £1.240m Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG), funded by grant received from the Government.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 The Council's Financial Regulations require changes to the Capital Programme of over £50,000 to be approved by Council. This report sets out proposed changes to the Capital Programme recommended by the Executive.

3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 This report proposes to update the 2021/22 Capital Programme to reflect additional funding the Council has received for a specific purpose.
- 3.2 Disabled Facilities Grant – the Council has received £1.240m grant funding that must be used for Disabled Facilities. It is therefore proposed to increase the Capital Programme by £1.240m in order to utilise this grant funding.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended to amend the 2021/22 Capital Programme to incorporate this change. There will be no net additional costs to the Council as additional grant funding has been fully identified for the scheme.

5.0 Consultation

None, however, the proposal was considered and recommended to Council by Executive at their 6 September 2021 meeting.

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: Do not approve the changes to the Capital Programme. However, this would mean that the schemes would not be able to progress.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 DFG funding has been received which can only be used for these purposes. Therefore, there are no additional net costs to the Council from funding either scheme.

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Legal Implications

7.2 The grant received must be spent in line with the grant conditions. There are no other legal implications associated with this report.

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Risk Implications

7.3 Projects must be managed well so that they are completed within their overall budget allocations. The above projects will be included in project/operational risks and escalated to the leadership risk register as and when necessary.

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Equalities and Inclusion Implications

7.4 There are no equalities and inclusion implications arising directly from this report, however, the each of the schemes requested to be added to the Capital Programme will be expected to complete an Equality Impact Assessment to ensure any implications are identified and suitable mitigation activity is put in place.

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Sustainability Implications

7.5 There are no sustainability issues arising directly from this report.

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8.0 Decision Information

Key Decision N/A

Financial Threshold Met: N/A

Community Impact Threshold Met: N/A

Wards Affected

All

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

All

Lead Councillor

Councillor Tony Illott, Lead Member for Finance and Governance

Document Information

Appendix number and title

- None

Background papers

None

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