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**CAPITAL PROGRAMME**  
**MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT – NOVEMBER 2005**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member(s) - Councillor Don Bristow,**  
**Resource Management Portfolio**

**Responsible Director(s) - Paul Wildsmith, Director of Corporate Services**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. This reports presents an update of the Capital Programme and looks at spending and resource levels.

**Summary**

2. This report confirms that the 2005/06 Capital MTFP which assumes a total of £56.402m, an increase of £1.033m from the last update. Capital receipts of £3.726m is required to be achieved during 2005/06, however slippage of £0.700m. has been identified resulting in only £3.026m being required in 2005/06, The 2005/06 asset disposal programme totals £3.072m, therefore a balanced position should be achieved this financial year.

**Information and Analysis**

3. Since the last update the Capital Receipt requirement (**Appendix 1 line 13**) has increased to £3.726m, however only £3.026m is required in this financial year, as expenditure of £0.700m will be incurred in future years. An analysis of the movement in the forecast of capital resources is set out below.

Note Ref.	Capital Receipt requirement as 31st March 2006 as last reported	£m +3.376
(a)	Increase in Prior Years Commitments	+0.171
(b)	Increase in 2005/06 Capital Programme	+0.862
(c)	Increase in Capital Funding excluding Capital Receipts	<u>-0.683</u>
(d)	Total Capital Receipt Requirement	3.726
(e)	Identified Slippage	<u>-0.700</u>
(f)	2005/06 Capital Receipt Requirement	<u>+3.026</u>

4. **Appendix 2** shows the schemes brought forward from 2004/05, the increase of £0.171m is as detailed below.
- (a) In relation to the Firthmoor Doorstep Green scheme an additional £0.016m of capital grants have been secured from the Countryside Agency since the last update. This additional funding will be utilised to provide additional vehicular access gates, signage, seating and various environmental improvements.
  - (b) In relation to the Air Conditioning Equipment replacement in the IT suite, the scheme is now financially complete. In total £0.071m has been expended on this scheme, which is £0.004m less than projected on the previous update.
  - (c) On the 29th November 2005 Cabinet approved a further £0.160m of funding to enable the Darlington Eastern Transport Corridor to be completed to the required State of Readiness so that if Government funding is committed construction can start in Spring 2006.
  - (d) Other minor variances totalling £0.001m have also been reported since the last update.
5. **Appendix 3** details the 2005/06 capital programme. The increase of £0.862m is explained below:-
- (a) In relation to the Central Park College junction, since the last update the anticipated outturn on the scheme has reduced by £0.080m to £1.270m. This scheme is being funded via the Tees Valley Partnership but project managed by the Authority.
  - (b) A review of the housing capital programme has decreased the programme marginally by £0.035m to £10.605m. This has the effect of reducing the unsupported borrowing requirement.
  - (c) Regarding the Faverdale Industrial Estate development, it is anticipated that the scheme will complete, £0.022m less than previously reported. The final stages of environmental works are currently underway in relation to the scheme.
  - (d) Arts Centre Refurbishment - An additional £0.594m of external funding matched by £0.096m capital receipts from the 2006/07 Capital Programme allocation has enabled the project scope to be substantially increased. A report to Cabinet on the 10th January 2006 gives further details of the scheme and requests Cabinet to release this funding.
  - (e) It was agreed by Cabinet on 29th November 2005 to reimburse £0.056m to Firthmoor Community Association to facilitate a Multi Use Games Area for Firthmoor. This reimbursement would be top-sliced from a future capital receipt from the sale of land to a housing association.
  - (f) The Contact Centre building costs have increased by £0.025m since the last update, which equates to 4.5% of the total cost of the scheme. These extra costs will be financed from capital receipts.

- (g) Since the last report a review of the authority's leasing/prudential borrowing requirement has been undertaken. This has resulted in £0.212m of additional prudential borrowing being undertaken, with repayments being met from departmental resource allocations. The equipment being financed in this way consists of various vehicles and IT equipment.
- 6. Since the last update the Crown Street Library refurbishment scheme has reported additional costs of £0.009m.
- 7. Other minor variances totalling £0.007m have also been reported since the last update.

## **Outputs**

- 8. In relation to the Children's Services capital programme, works in relation to the federation scheme at Hurworth Comprehensive are now complete. At Longfield Comprehensive school window repairs and redecoration are now complete. At Gurney Pease Primary construction of a new nursery is currently underway with completion anticipated to be mid April 2006. Work is still continuing on the construction of Skerne Park Primary, and the Educational Village. At Dodmire Junior Children's Centre, physical works have commenced and completion is anticipated for May 2006. At Red Hall Primary, adaptations for the children centre have commenced and the work is anticipated to be completed by the end of the financial year. The replacement St George's Primary is also under construction.
- 9. In relation to the housing capital programme as at 30th November 2005, in total internal planned maintenance has been completed at 246 properties and heating replacements have been installed at 192 properties during 2005/06. Remodelling work at Sherbourne House, Coxwold House and Mount Pleasant House is continuing. Additionally £0.204m and £0.424m has been expended in relation to disabled facility grants and private sector renovation grants respectively.
- 10. Regarding the transport capital programme, work on the North Road Corridor of Certainty bus lanes and traffic signing and lining scheme is now complete, as is the Leyburn Road/Fitzwilliam Drive junction improvement. The A66/A67 Morton Palms roundabout improvement, public utility diversions, is now complete in advance of the main road works, which are programmed to start just before Easter 2006. Highway Maintenance works are ongoing on the B6279 Houghton Road, while works to A167 Beaumont Hill/Harrowgate Village are now complete. Carriageway resurfacing is ongoing at Salters Lane South Phase 2 and footway refurbishment is due to start shortly on the B6280 Parkgate. Construction work on the traffic calming scheme at Coombe Drive is almost complete together with the Heighington Gateway/Safer Routes to School Scheme. The McMullen Road cycleway work is programmed to start at the end of January 2006. In relation to bridgeworkschemes, Bishopton Bridge design work is complete and Barmpton Bridge detailed design is currently ongoing. Leadyard Bridge work is to go out to tender during January 2006.

## **Conclusion**

11. The Capital Programme totaling £56.402m is on target with movements reported above. Capital Receipts of £3.026m are required in 2005/06. Asset disposals have been identified to cover this, therefore a balanced position should be achieved this financial year.

## **Legal Implications**

12. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members.

## **Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998**

13. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

## **Consultation**

14. No formal consultation has been undertaken regarding this report.

## **Council Policy Framework**

15. The issues contained within this report do not represent change to Council policy or the Council's policy framework

## **Decision Deadline**

16. For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter

## **Recommendation**

17. It is recommended that:-
  - (a) The 2005/06 updated Capital Programme is approved.
  - (b) Firthmoor Doorstep Green additional capital grant of £0.016m be released.
  - (c) Note the position relating to additional costs on the Contact Centre and Crown Street Library refurbishment.

## **Reasons**

18. To allow the agreed Capital Programme to proceed.

**Paul Wildsmith**  
**Director of Corporate Services**

**Background Papers**

Capital Medium Term Financial Plan 2004/05 – 2007/08

Accounting Records

Brian Boggon: Extension 2305