
CAPITAL PROGRAMME – RELEASE OF FUNDING

**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Chris McEwan,
Efficiency and Resources Portfolio**

Responsible Director - Paul Wildsmith, Director of Corporate Services

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To request the release of funding approved in the 2009/10 Capital MTFP to enable the Capitalised Repairs to be progressed.

Summary

2. The works earmarked within the Capitalised Repairs scheme and now needs to be progressed and in order to do so the funding allocated in the Council's 2009/10 Capital MTFP needs to be released.

Recommendation

3. The request for the release of funding allocated within the Council's 2009/10 Capital MTFP for Capitalised Repairs of 220,000 to be approved.

Reasons

4. To enable essential works to the Council's buildings and assets to be progressed.

**Paul Wildsmith
Director of Corporate Services**

Background Papers

No Background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no issues relating to Crime and Disorder which this report needs to address.
Health and Well Being	The works identified in the report for which funding is required will make a positive contribution to Health and Well Being.
Sustainability	There are no issues relating to Sustainability which this report needs to address.
Diversity	The works identified in the report for which funding is required will make a positive contribution to Diversity.
Wards Affected	The properties to which works are proposed to be undertaken fall in a number of Wards.
Groups Affected	The impact of the report on any Group is considered to be minimal.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	This report does not adversely impact on the Strategy.
Efficiency	Undertaking the works will reduce the numbers and frequency of inspections and call outs to site to effect temporary repairs, leading to efficiencies in staff time and resources.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

Description of Scheme

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- (a) Capitalised Repairs:- A number of smaller schemes have been included within the umbrella of Capitalised Repairs including:-

		Estimated Costs £
Harewood House Wall	Structural repairs required to maintain the integrity of the boundary wall to avoid it collapsing.	20k
North Cemetery Wall	Rebuilding of eastern boundary wall to the cemetery which abuts a back lane. The wall is leaning severely and in danger of collapse.	60k
North Road Station – Goods Shed	Urgent roof repairs required to stop ingress of water and to prevent further deterioration.	60k
North Cemetery House and Chapel	Essential repairs to address severe damage from vandalism and to ensure both buildings remain secure.	40k
Boundary Walls	To address essential works to various Council owned boundary walls and fences which have deteriorated to the point where they pose a potential Health and Safety risk to the public if they remain in their present condition and continue to deteriorate.	25k
Lightning Protection Works	To install and/or upgrade the lightning protection systems to the Civic Theatre, Central Library and North Cemetery Chapel.	15k
		£220k

- (b) The above estimated costs may need to be varied within the overall expenditure.

Other Options Considered

6. Having regard to the Council's economic position the works identified above are considered to be the most pressing in order to meet our obligations and to minimise exposure to risk.

Objectives and Outcomes of the Scheme Including Performance Measures

7. Addressing the above mentioned works will achieve essential repairs and protection measures for vulnerable Council assets.

Delivery of the Project

8. Delivery of the project
 - (a) Subject to the release of funding the majority of the works should be capable of being completed within 2009/10.
 - (b) It is expected that each of the elements of the overall scheme can be project managed through the Department of Community Services.

Future Revenue Costs

9. It is anticipated that future revenue costs will be reduced or minimised following completion of the works. However, some of the works are intended to stabilise current disrepair and further works may be required in future years.

Total Cost of the Scheme and How it will be Funded

10. Funding for these schemes will be through Corporate Resources and the Revenue MTFP has taken account of this additional borrowing requirement.

Specific Risks of this Scheme and Control Measures in Place to Reduce these Risks

11. There are no specific risks anticipated in undertaking the works.

Outcome of Consultation

12. There has been no specific consultation undertaken in respect of the schemes mentioned above.