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**CAPITAL PROGRAMME**  
**MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT – MAY 2004**

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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 report presents an update of the Capital Programme and looks at spending and resource levels.

**Summary**

2. This is the first monthly monitoring report for 2004/05. This confirms that the Authority requires capital receipts of £0.884m to be achieved during 2004/05. The 2004/05 asset disposal programme totals £3.359m therefore surplus capital receipts of c£2.500m are anticipated to be carried forward to future years. This carry forward will be required to fund future years capital programmes.

**Information and Analysis**

3. **Appendix 1** summarises the capital resource position within the Authority. Line 2 details schemes that have slipped from 2003/04 and line 3 details schemes that have commenced in previous years with new resources allocated to the schemes in 2004/05. Line 4 details schemes that have commenced in 2004/05. Resources available to the Authority are detailed at lines 5-14. Line 12 details usable capital receipts carried forward from 2003/04. The balancing resource for the capital programme is general fund capital receipts. The 2004/05 total requirement is detailed at line 14 (£2.884m). However known expenditure of £2.000m will be committed in future years resulting in only £0.884m of capital receipts required this year.
4. **Appendix 2** details the capital schemes that have been approved in previous years. Included in this appendix are schemes, where the profile of the spending was anticipated to be phased over a number of financial years and also schemes that have slipped from 2003/04. Column A details the approved budget, Columns B and C identifies the spend as at 31st March 2004 and out-turn respectively. Column D details the amount of expenditure for each scheme still to be committed during 2004/05 and Column E details the current years spend to date.
5. **Appendix 3** details the 2004/05 capital programme. The low level of spend to date is consistent with previous years as there is a lead time with many capital schemes. Budget

holders have provided prudent predictions at this early stage with the only variance to overall budget relating to Housing. In relation to the Housing Capital programme the current outturn projection has reduced by £0.095m, this has the effect of reducing the Housing Revenue Account, Capital Receipt target by the same amount.

6. Additional approvals received since the approved Capital Medium Term Financial Plan are as follows:
7. An additional £0.020m has been allocated to allow the demolition of the Hundens Park Changing facility. The Hundens Park changing facilities have been closed for a number of years as the changing rooms for users of the soccer pitches are now located within the Eastbourne Sports Complex. During this period of closure the building has been subjected to high levels of vandalism, graffiti and broken into on several occasions despite all openings being welded shut. Under the Director of Community Services delegated powers in conjunction with Director of Corporate Services £0.020m has been approved to enable this facility to be demolished.
8. An additional £0.070m has been secured from the New Opportunities Fund, Lottery Fund for the TRUCK scheme. This funding will be used for the provision of a skateboarding, biking and blading facility. This funding covers the initial cost to purchase the chassis, demountable body unit and mobile equipment for the facility. This scheme was reported to Cabinet on 8th June 2004.
9. An additional £0.077m has been secured from the Department of Health in relation to Improving Information Management. This funding will be used to further enhance the ICT equipment within the Social Services Department. Officers are currently preparing a Cabinet report to formally release this funding.
10. At this early stage in the year outputs achieved as a direct result of the 2004/05 capital programme are limited due to the lead time for many schemes. However the final phased payment for the purchase of the Arts Centre has been made.
11. In relation to the Education Capital Programme work is continuing on the erection of new music classrooms at Longfield Comprehensive and the erection of the new drama and music suite at Hurworth Comprehensive. Work is also continuing regarding the federation funding for both Eastbourne and Hurworth Comprehensives. Regarding boiler replacement/heating works and rewiring preparatory costs are currently underway in advance of a major programme of works to be undertaken during the school holidays. Work is also continuing on the construction of the new Alderman Leach Primary School. Since the last update construction work has also commenced on the construction of the Education Village. Regarding the replacement of Skerne Park Primary, currently the design stage of the project is nearing completion. Additionally minor access works are also continuing at Hummersknott Comprehensive.
12. In relation to the Housing Capital Programme 24 properties have benefited from Internal Planned Maintenance at Tennyson Gardens, 23 at Globe Close, 13 at Model Place and 40 at Hargreaves Terrace. Extra care work is continuing at Oban Court and to date 26% of the work have been completed and 30% of the flat remodelling work has been completed at Dinsdale Crescent.

13. Regarding the Transport Capital Programme the Pateley Moor Home Zone scheme and the Station interchange are both nearing completion. The station interchange has created a transport hub that will enable a bus service to operate between the Town Centre, Bank Top Station and Teesside International Airport. In relation to monitoring the counters of cycle and cars have been installed at 40 locations throughout the town, which automatically forward information direct to the Town Hall. The programme of the replacement of Bus Stop flags is also nearing completion.

### **Conclusion**

14. The Capital Programme totaling £40.927 is on target with no significant variances to report. Capital Receipts of £2.884m are required with an estimated requirement of £0.884m in 2004/05. Asset disposals have been identified to cover this and to support future years Capital Programmes.

### **Legal Implications**

15. 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**

16. 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**

17. No formal consultation has been undertaken regarding this report,

### **Council Policy Framework**

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

### **Decision Deadline**

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

### **Recommendation**

20. It is recommended that:-
  - (a) The 2003/04 Capital Outturn be noted.
  - (b) Capital Resources of £0.020m be approved in relation to the Hundens Park Changing Facility.

## **Reasons**

21. The recommendations are support to allow Members to note the progress of the agreed Capital Programme and to formally release capital funding in relation to the Hundens Park Changing facility.

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## **Background Papers**

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

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