



REPORT TO: MORAY COUNCIL ON 8 MARCH 2023

SUBJECT: CAPITAL PLAN 2022/23

BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT and FINANCE)

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 To advise the Council of expenditure to 31 December 2022 under the capital plan for financial year 2022/23 and of estimates of projected expenditure profiled into quarters.

1.2 This report is submitted to Council in terms of Section III (B) 9 of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to monitoring progress of projects in the approved capital plan including any revisions to the price or phasing on a quarterly basis.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that Council considers and notes:

- (i) expenditure to 31 December 2022 of £16,682,000;**
- (ii) the current projected expenditure of £36,236,000 for 2022/23 profiled into quarters, as set out in APPENDIX 1; and**
- (iii) the projected overall expenditure for projects spanning more than one financial year, as set out in APPENDIX 2.**

2.2 It is recommended that Council approves amendments to the 2022/23 and 2023/24 capital plan as detailed in paragraph 6.1 of this report.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The capital plan for 2022/23 totalling £51,426,000 was approved by Moray Council on 22 February 2022 (paragraph 4 of the Minute refers). Amendments (largely carry forwards from 2021/22) approved by the Council at its meeting on 23 February 2022 (paragraph 7 of the Minute refers) and 29 June 2022 (paragraph 17 of the minute refers), by the meeting of Corporate Committee on 30 August 2022 (paragraph 9 of the minute refers) and by the Council at its meeting in 7 December (paragraph 11 of the minute refers).

refers) have been incorporated to give a current approved capital plan for 2022/23 totalling £42,867,000. The current projected expenditure is £36,468,000, but this estimate should be treated with caution due to volatile conditions within the construction industry and in supply chains of materials. These issues are resulting in contractors declining to tender for works or increasing prices significantly above estimates and also in delays in construction works and delivery of goods. Consequently, this figure should be treated as the maximum spend expected in year.

- 3.2 As some sizeable projects span more than one financial year, this report includes a separate **APPENDIX 2**, giving details of expenditure on such projects in order to give a complete financial overview of these projects.
- 3.3 Due to the impact of construction inflation and increased interest rates, along with staff resource shortages across the Council, the capital plan has recently been reviewed by officers and the revised 10 year indicative plan formed part of the budget package presented to Council on 1 March 2023. A more streamlined plan is considered to be more achievable as well as more affordable.

4. **CAPITAL PLAN 2022/23**

- 4.1 A copy of the summary capital plan is included as **APPENDIX 1** showing actual expenditure to 31 December of £16,682,000. This is just over 38% of the currently approved capital plan. General Capital Grant of £8,930,000 has been received from the Scottish Government. Other grants and contributions of £1,399,000 have also been received, the details of which are as follows:

Grant	Amount (£)	Source
Moray Growth Deal – Digital Health Project	£315,000	Scottish Government
Provision of CO ² monitors in schools and Early Learning and Childcare Settings	£81,000	Scottish Government
Speyside Way Upgrades	£24,000	Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund
Lossiemouth Bridge Replacement	£131,000	Scottish Government
Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund	£53,000	Scottish Government
Timber Traffic Route Improvement	£52,000	Scottish Forestry Commission
Place Based Investment	£668,000	Scottish Government
Buckie High School 3G Synthetic Turf Pitch	£75,000	Sport Scotland
TOTAL	£1,399,000	

In addition to this, Developer Obligations of £258,000 have been received up to quarter 3 of this financial year and capital receipts of £1,017,000 for the sale of land and buildings and vehicles.

- 4.2 Expenditure on land and buildings to 31 December 2022 totals £7,044,000. The main items of expenditure are £2,557,000 on works to improve the school estate, £1,531,000 on Waste Management Projects, including £799,000 for the Council's contribution to the construction of the NESS Energy for Waste Plant, and £759,000 on various Moray Growth Deal Projects.
- 4.3 Expenditure on infrastructure assets to 31 December 2022 totals £7,045,000. The main items of expenditure were £2,822,000 on roads resurfacing works carried out throughout the council area, and £1,993,000 on various bridge improvement projects.
- 4.4 Expenditure on vehicles, plant and equipment to 31 December 2022 totals £2,593,000. The main item of expenditure was £1,685,000 on the Vehicle and Plant Replacement Programme, a significant proportion of which is slippage from 2021/22 due to the current lead time for the delivery of vehicles.

5. **PROJECTED OUTTURN AND PROJECT DEFERRALS**

- 5.1 Budget managers have been requested to update projected estimates of expenditure on capital projects in 2022/23. Projects are graded for confidence of achieving projected expenditure with high confidence rated as green, medium confidence as amber and low confidence as red. A summary of the ratings is given in the table below.

Risk Status	RAG	No of Projects	Projected Expenditure 2022/23 £000
High confidence of spend to estimate	G	94	19,122
Medium confidence of spend to estimate	A	20	15,340
Low confidence of spend to estimate	R	9	2,006
		123	36,468

- 5.2 The spend projections provided by budget managers are based on the best information available at this time. However, given the uncertainties referred to in paragraph 3.1 a green RAG rating really only indicates that no specific issues have been identified to date.

5.3 **Red rating**

A red status highlights areas where there is low level of confidence in estimated expenditure. The following have been identified by budget managers as having a red status:

Project	Paragraph	Projected Expenditure 2022/23 £000s
Land and Buildings		
Industrial Portfolio (3 projects)	5.4	-
Infrastructure		
Bridges (2 projects)	5.5	191
A95 Landslip River Isla	5.5	403

Project	Paragraph	Projected Expenditure 2022/23 £000s
Kerb Edge Replacement	5.5	-
Street Lighting – Replacement Columns and Lights	5.5	500
Vehicles, Plant and Equipment		
Replacement Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)	5.6	5
ICT Capital Spend	5.6	907
TOTAL		2,006

5.4 Details of the three projects under the Industrial Portfolio heading are as follows:

Project	Capital Plan 2022/23 £000s	Projected Spend 2022/23 £000s	Projected Variance 2022/23 £000s	Reason for Red Status
Industrial Estate Roads	10	-	10	Staffing pressures delayed design
Land Acquisition Speyside	5	-	5	Design work ceased after concluding proposed site is unviable
Condition Surveys	40	-	40	External procurement of service delayed due to staffing pressures
TOTAL	55	-	55	

5.5 Two bridge projects are currently predicting a status of red (Bridge of Slateford and Principal Bridge Inspections). Current construction industry inflation, along with a lack of internal resources to progress tenders has resulted in delays to these projects. Issues around consent has meant that the project at the Meikle Cantlay Landslip has been delayed and will now be completed over two financial years. Lack of resources within the Roads Service means that a programme of works kerb edge replacements and replacement street light columns and lights has seen delays.

5.6 Spend on a replacement Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) cannot be committed until Zero Waste Scotland have given a final decision on the Council's application for grant funding. The requirements for the next phase of the telephony project are dependent on the Smarter Working project, and staff resourcing for the legacy server replacement programme mean there is a degree of uncertainty around the amount of spend against the ICT capital programme.

5.7 Amber rating

An amber rating of confidence to spend budget highlights areas where there are issues impacting on the ability to project spend – generally indicating factors out with the budget manager's control. The following have been identified by budget managers as having an amber status:

Project	Paragraph	Projected Expenditure 2022/23 £000s
Land and Buildings		
Findrassie Primary School	5.8	200
Town Centre Initiative Fund	5.8	100
Cemetery Infrastructure	5.8	68
Parks and Open Spaces Infrastructure	5.8	86
NESS Energy for Waste – Construction Phase	5.8	7,777
Refurbishment of Industrial Units	5.8	59
Infrastructure		
Bridges (5 projects)	5.9	2,202
Coastal Change Adaptation	5.9	90
Harbours (2 projects)	5.9	483
Footways	5.9	250
Road Safety – Disability Adaptations	5.9	76
Vehicles, Plant and Equipment		
Moray Leisure Centre	5.10	400
Vehicle and Plant Replacement Programme	5.10	3,296
Children’s Play Area Equipment	5.10	253
TOTAL		15,340

5.8 Construction of the new Findrassie Primary School has been deferred and spend in 2022/23 is expected to be minimal. Successful applicants to the Town Centre Initiative Fund are not proceeding due to reduced viability of projects and the rise in construction costs and work is currently ongoing to assess how any underspend can be reallocated. Delays in securing statutory consents, contractor availability and capacity issues within the Land and Parks team have seen delays in progressing Land and Parks Infrastructure projects. Spend on the construction phase is dependent on the claiming of milestones by contractors and may be subject to change. Difficulties in securing contractors has meant there are delays in the programme of industrial unit refurbishments.

5.9 Various bridges are classed as Amber based on tender returns and construction industry inflation. Until the works are complete and outcomes are understood expenditure is not able to be fully committed on Coastal Change Adaptation. Potential issues with winter weather and obtaining licences to enable work to be carried out mean that spend on two Harbours projects could be less than budgeted. Staff vacancies within the Roads Department are impacting on plans for footways projects, street light column replacements and disability adaptations works.

5.10 At a special meeting of Education, Children’s and Leisure Services Committee on 14 December (paragraph 14 of the minute refers) it was agreed that £275,000 from the £400,000 capital plan allocation for Moray Leisure Centre (MLC) in 2022/23 would be allocated to detailed cost and design phase works in relation to their proposed MLC expansion project. The expansion project is proposed to include an extended fitness room/gym, additional exercise studios, extension to the ice rink and also a general upgrade of the assets

within the facility. These cost and design works are being undertaken by Alliance Leisure and a further committee report on the outcome of these works, a Business Case and the further support requirements requested of the Council to MLC will be considered at ECLS Committee in due course.

5.11 The lead time for vehicle replacements is very long due to issues with the supply of small components to complete vehicles and there is therefore a high degree of uncertainty as to when vehicles will be delivered. There is a similar situation with regards to Play Area Equipment.

5.12 Details of the projected variances as at September 2022 from the current approved capital programme, summarised in **APPENDIX 1**, is set out below:

Description	Ref	Underspend/ (Overspend) £000s
Land and Buildings		
Resurface and Rejuvenate 3G Pitches	5.13	55
Schools Health and Safety – Fire Safety Minor Works	5.14	50
Findrassie Primary School	5.15	82
Leisure Facilities Condition Surveys	5.16	20
ELC Settings	5.17	(371)
Moray Growth Deal	5.18	187
Town Centre Initiative Fund	5.19	737
New Mortuary	5.20	160
Cemetery Infrastructure	5.21	2
Cemetery Provision – New Cemetery in Elgin	5.22	29
Parks and Open Spaces Infrastructure	5.23	54
Industrial Portfolio Projects	5.24	142
Car Parks	5.25	425
Infrastructure		
Bridges	5.26	2,224
Findhorn Flood Alleviation	5.27	(7)
Coastal Change Adaptation	5.28	70
Harbours	5.29	86
A95 Landslip River Isla	5.30	796
Kerb Edge Replacement	5.31	25
Footways	5.32	25
Street Lighting	5.33	400
Ward Road Junction Improvements	5.34	(124)
Vehicles, Plant and Equipment		
Vehicle and Plant Replacement Programme	5.35	235
Gull Proof Bins	5.36	3
Replacement Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)	5.37	795
ICT Capital Spend	5.38	299
TOTAL		6,399

Land and Buildings

- 5.13 **Resurface and Rejuvenate 3G Pitches** – Works under this heading are resurfacing of the 3G pitch in Buckie, along with the replacement of the lights at the facility at Speyside. The costs of these works are anticipated to be less than the budget. Grant funding of £150,000 has been received to fund the works at Buckie.
- 5.14 **Schools Health and Safety - Fire Safety Works** – Works originally planned under this heading to install CCTV in two schools have been unable to progress due to internal resource issues and have been moved to the Summer Holiday Period to enable safe working to take place. It is requested that the current projected underspend of £50,000 is carried forward to 2023/24 to allow this work to progress, without impacting on the planned programme of works for the next financial year.
- 5.15 **Findrassie Primary School** – This project has been deferred but there will be consultants' fees in this financial year. Spend is forecasted to be lower than the budget.
- 5.16 **Leisure Facilities Condition Surveys** – Works instructed as a result of conditions surveys are anticipated to cost £20,000 less than the allowance in the capital plan for 2022/23. It is therefore recommended to reduce the budget by the underspend of £20,000.
- 5.17 **ELC Settings** – The projected overspend relates to retention and final account payments to contractors for work carried out last year but paid during the current financial year. Design works for other planned projects has been progressed to a suitable stage and these works are programmed to be carried out on site in 2023/24 in order to minimise disruption to these operational nurseries.
- 5.18 **Moray Growth Deal**
Digital Health – Work is currently ongoing to accelerate procurement activity that will increase spend in the second half of the year. Following this work approval will be sought from the Scottish Government to revise the financial profile. At this stage an underspend of £187,000 is anticipated.
- 5.19 **Town Centre Initiative Fund** – The projected underspend on this heading is still due to the issues caused by Covid, and now due to the time of the year, with weather playing a big part on the amount of building and public realm works that will be able to be carried out. It is therefore requested that the projected underspend of £737,000 be carried forward to 2023/24 to allow the planned works to be completed.
- 5.20 **New Mortuary** – The Council has entered into an agreement with Aberdeen City Council to contribute to the cost of construction of a new mortuary in Aberdeen, which will be paid in the form of a capital grant. Construction on the project has commenced but the Council's contribution will not be required until 2023/24 so it is recommended that the full budget of £160,000 be carried forward to 2023/24 to allow payment when due.

- 5.21 **Cemetery Infrastructure** – Some projects under this heading are subject to statutory consents and contractor availability which may result in some delays. It is currently projected that this line will see a small underspend of £2,000.
- 5.22 **Cemetery Provision – New Cemetery in Elgin** – This project has been delayed due to negotiations with landowners. Spend in 2022/23 is anticipated to be for project management and development and it is therefore recommended that the current anticipated underspend of £29,000 is carried forward to 2023/24 to allow the project to progress.
- 5.23 **Parks and Open Spaces Infrastructure** – One of the planned projects under this heading is to upgrade paths in Cooper Park. However, other commitments in the Roads Services has seen this delayed and it is now not going to be undertaken in the current financial year. It is therefore requested to carry forward the projected underspend of £54,000 to 2023/24 to allow this work to progress, without impacting on the planned programme of works for the next financial year.
- 5.24 **Industrial Portfolio Projects** – Staffing pressures within the Service, along with difficulties in securing contractors to undertake work has resulted in delays to various Industrial Portfolio projects, and it is therefore recommended to carry forward the projected underspend of £142,000 to 2023/24 to allow works to progress. Following the review of the capital plan referred to in paragraph 3.3 of this report, the service have been asked to re-profile their projected spend for 2023/24 and if approved this carry forward will be part of their consideration.
- 5.25 **Car Parks** - Budget was carried forward from 2021/22 related to concrete repairs and resurfacing works required at Batchen Lane Car Park. However, investigation works took longer than anticipated and the contract will now not be awarded in this financial year. It is recommended that the underspend of £425,000 be carried forward to 2023/24 to allow these works to progress.

Infrastructure

5.26 **Bridges**

A941 New Craigellachie Bridge – Tenders have been returned for this project and were lower than budget. At this stage it is projected that the project will cost £1,846,000, £1,940,000 less than budget. The projected costs are based on the anticipated cost following resolution of the Civil Engineering works, and a risk allowance to cover any risk encountered following the last part of the blasting works.

A941/100 Blackwater Bridge – There is now one project being undertaken at this bridge and the anticipated cost is £300,000. Scottish Government has awarded Lifeline Bridge funding of £230,000 towards the cost of the work. It is requested to carry forward £15,000 of the projected £200,000 underspend to carry out coping stone works, which currently have a long lead in time and will therefore not be complete in the current financial year.

Boat O Brig Bridge Orton – There is a budget of £4,000 for design and preparatory work in 2022/23, with construction planned for 2023/24. An alternative solution has been identified that will cost a total of £15,000, which is significantly less expensive than the original two stage solution.

U118E/10 Shougle Bridge – Due to good weather works on this project are now complete. Final costs were £550,000 against a budget of £589,000.

Knockando Bridges – This project is now complete and with a slight overspend of £14,000 due to remedial works that were required to address a safety issue with the new parapet alignment.

Principal Bridge Inspections – Internal resourcing issues resulted in delays in issuing a tender for the contract to undertake the works. Due to these delays it is not anticipated that the budget will be fully spent and it is therefore recommended that the projected underspend of £70,000 is carried forward to 2023/24.

- 5.27 **Findhorn Flood Alleviation** – The unbudgeted spend of £7,000 are compensation claims relating to the construction of the scheme. More claims are anticipated but it is unlikely that they will be paid in the current financial year. The balance of the budget for compensation claims is held in future years and it is recommended that that budget is brought forward to cover the expenditure in 2022/23.
- 5.28 **Coastal Change Adaptation** – This budget, which is fully funded by Scottish Government is currently expected to be underspent by £70,000. Until the first adaptation plan is complete and the outcomes understood the rest of the expenditure cannot be committed.
- 5.29 **Harbours** – Possible issues with the weather and with obtaining the relevant licences have meant that there is the potential for Harbours projects to be delayed and not fully spent at the end of the financial year. It is currently expected that these projects will be underspend by £86,000.
- 5.30 **A95 Landslip River Isla** – Issues with obtaining the relevant consent to be able to undertake the work has meant that the start of this project has been delayed and will now span two financial years. It is therefore requested that the current projected underspend of £796,000 be carried forward to 2023/24 to allow completion of the project.
- 5.31 **Kerb Edge Replacement** – Lack of staff resources within the Roads Service has meant that work to identify locations for kerb replacement works has been unable to be carried out and an underspend of £25,000 is currently projected.
- 5.32 **Footways** – A footway slurry seal programme was planned for the summer months but this was cancelled due to a lack of operational resources within the Roads Service and an underspend of £25,000 is currently projected.
- 5.33 **Street Lighting**
Replacement Columns and Lights – Current vacancies and difficulties in recruiting staff has meant that there has been a late start to works in this

programme. It is currently anticipated that there will be an underspend of £300,000 in the current financial year and it is requested that the budget is reduced by this amount.

LED Lighting – The Service is confident that his project will be completed in the current financial year and is currently anticipating an underspend of £100,000 due to the fact that there has been less hard-to-reach lanterns to replace than initially planned for and also the unit cost for purchasing and installing the one off replacements has been lower than anticipated. It is therefore requested that the budget is reduced by this amount.

- 5.34 **Wards Road Junction Improvements** – Work to improve the junction at the Wards/Edgar Road were predominantly funded by £372,176 of developer obligations. This work was completed in August 2022 at a total cost of £382,982 due to a number of compensation events agreed throughout the contract. As such, none of the developer obligation funding will be returned to the developer.

Vehicles, Plant and Equipment

- 5.35 **Vehicle and Plant Replacement Programme** – Vehicle and plant manufacture and delivery has been severely impacted by global factors such as the pandemic and the war in Ukraine, and as such delivery dates are an unknown. Spend is committed with orders placed for new vehicles and it is requested that the projected underspend of £235,000 is carried forward to 2023/24 to allow payment upon delivery, without impacting on the planned replacement programme for that year.
- 5.36 **Gull Proof Bins** – This heading is showing an underspend of £3,000 due to variations in the unit price of the bins purchased.. It is therefore requested that the budget in the current year is reduced by the amount of the underspend.
- 5.37 **Replacement HWRC Elgin** – The Service is currently unable to commit any of this budget for the acquisition of land for a replacement HWRC until Zero Waste Scotland have given a final decision on the Council's application for grant funding. It is currently projected that there will be minimal spend of £5,000 in relation to commercially sensitive land assessments and an underspend of £795,000 is currently projected.
- 5.38 **ICT Capital Spend** – It is currently anticipated that expenditure on ICT capital projects is likely to be circa 75% of the approved budget. Establishing the requirements for the next phase of the telephony project, which are dependent on the Smarter Working project and staff resourcing for the legacy server replacement programme mean there is a degree of uncertainty around the amount of spend against the ICT capital programme.

6. AMENDMENTS TO CAPITAL PLAN

6.1 The following amendments to the capital plan are proposed:

Amendments	Para	2022/23 £000s	2023/24 £000s
Land and Buildings			
Schools Health and Safety – Fire Safety Works	5.13	(50)	50
Leisure Facilities Condition Surveys	5.15	(20)	-
Moray Growth Deal	5.18	(187)	187
Town Centre Initiative Fund	5.19	(737)	-
New Mortuary	5.20	(160)	160
New Cemetery Elgin	5.22	(29)	29
Parks and Open Spaces Infrastructure	5.22	(54)	54
Industrial Portfolio	5.24	(142)	142
Car Parks	5.25	(425)	425
Universal Free School Meals	6.2	598	-
Infrastructure			
A941/100 Blackwater Bridge	5.26	(15)	15
Principal Bridge Inspections	5.26	(70)	70
Findhorn Flood Alleviation	5.27	7	(7)
A95 Landslip River Isla	5.30	(796)	796
Street Lighting	5.33	(400)	-
Vehicles, Plant and Equipment			
Vehicle and Plant Replacement Programme	5.35	(235)	235
Gull Proof Bins	5.36	(3)	-
Grant Funding			
Universal Free School Meals	6.2	(598)	-
TOTAL		(3,316)	2,156

6.2 **Universal Free School Meals** – The Council has received £598,000 to fund the works necessary to meet the Scottish Government policy of Universal Free School Meals. A programme of works is currently being worked on and will be reported to future Committees once finalised.

7. RISK AND EMERGING ISSUES

7.1 Budget managers have been requested to identify any specific areas of risk for the projects in the capital plan for which they are responsible.

7.2 As reported to Economic Growth, Housing and Environmental Sustainability Committee on 24 August 2021 (paragraph 7 of the minute refers) a risk to the capital plan is an increase in the cost of materials and scarcity of many materials which are key for the construction industry. Scotland Excel have informed the Council of unavoidable increases to costs on some of their frameworks and some key materials such as concrete, wood and steel are currently difficult to source and costlier if they are available. This is partly a world-wide reaction to the pandemic, and partly due to Brexit, and the war in Ukraine is also having an impact. The construction industry is also over-

heated and some recent procurement exercises have stalled. The Strategic Territory Partnering Board are also monitoring market volatility.

- 7.3 There is a risk that contract inflation might increase the eventual cost of projects in future years of the capital plan and a risk that any deferment of projects relating to asset condition might result in element failure, potentially incurring unbudgeted costs. The figures in the 10 year plan are based on current costs and are likely to increase by the time the project is undertaken.
- 7.4 The main risk for the vehicle replacement programme is manufacturers failing to deliver to agreed timescales and this risk is heightened at this time due to the world-wide shortage of semi-conductors.
- 7.5 Lack of staff resources and staff turnover can impact on project timescales and other emerging work priorities can impact in scheduled works and this is reflected in delays where work planned to be out-sourced is being brought in-house as a result of poor response to tender requests. Poor responses to tender requests are an increasing phenomenon and work is on-going with organisations such as Hubco to attempt to improve market engagement, as well as support from the Procurement team to engage local suppliers and contractors. Lack of staff resources is a more intractable problem and current recruitment difficulties, coupled with additional funding streams with short time envelopes for spend, which adds pressure to staff workloads, is creating difficulties and therefore slippage in many areas of the capital programme.
- 7.6 There is a risk that time-limited funding is not spent within time-frame and that the Council therefore loses the opportunity to improve or create assets at no or reduced cost to the Council.
- 7.7 Projects can be subject to risks which are out with the direct control of the Council, such as poor weather conditions and some assets such as harbours are particularly vulnerable to bad weather events.
- 7.8 The cost to the Council of borrowing is calculated based on interest rates at that time. The current pattern of interest rate rises is considered likely to continue in the short term and this will have an impact on the cost to the Council and will be taken into account when looking at future capital proposals.
- 7.9 No other project risks have been specifically identified by budget managers.

8. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

Effective budget management is an essential component of delivery of Council priorities on a sustainable basis.

The capital plan is one of the vehicles through which the Council's priorities can be delivered. The approved capital plan for 2022/23 and the outline ten year plan incorporate measures designed to address the LOIP priorities of building a better future for our children and young

people, empowering and connecting communities and developing a diverse, inclusive and sustainable economy.

(b) Policy and Legal

There are no policy or legal implications arising directly from this report.

(c) Financial implications

The financial implications are highlighted within the report and **Appendices 1 and 2** to the report.

(d) Risk Implications

Budget managers are aware of their responsibilities for managing budget allocations and approval for variance will be sought from Council in line with the financial regulations. Risks specific to items within the capital plan are highlighted in paragraph 7 of this report.

(e) Staffing Implications

There are no staffing implications arising directly from this report.

(f) Property

There are no property implications arising directly from this report.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

There are no equalities issues arising directly from this report.

(h) Climate Change and Biodiversity Impacts

There are no climate change or biodiversity issues arising directly from this report.

(i) Consultations

All capital budget managers have been consulted in the development of estimated actuals as part of the preparation of this report. The Corporate Management Team have been consulted and any comments incorporated in the report.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 Capital expenditure to the end of December 2022 amounts to £16,682,000.

9.2 Capital expenditure is currently projected to be £6,399,000 lower than the approved capital plan for 2022/23 but with a high degree of uncertainty due to current construction industry conditions and other external factors.

9.3 Amendments to the Capital Plan amounting to a decrease (net of additional grant funding) of £3,129,000 in 2022/23 and an increase of £1,969,000 in 2023/24 are requested.

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