

Capital Monitoring Report 2021/22 – Quarter 3 (to 31 December 2021)

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE



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PURPOSE

1. To provide Members with an update on capital expenditure and the resources position along with highlighting any variances.

RECOMMENDATION

2. The Executive is asked to:
 - a. Recommend to Full Council, approval of net budget changes totalling a decrease of £5,725,705 giving a revised capital budget for 2021/22 totalling £36,670,513 as detailed in Appendix 1.
 - b. Recommend to Full Council, approval of the proposed financing of the revised capital budget totalling £36,670,513 as shown in Appendix 2.
 - c. Note the latest estimated year end position on capital receipts and contributions showing an assumed balance of £1,840,205 at 31 March 2022 as shown in Appendix 3.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To effectively manage the 2021/22 capital programme.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. Monitoring Information

On 24 February 2021 Full Council approved the 2021/22 original capital budget, totalling £18,792,347.

This is the third in-year monitoring reports, and as such the appendices accompanying this report provide Members with the position as at 31 December 2021 on expenditure,

along with providing Members with an update on the progress of the individual schemes delivery.

5. Executive Summary

- a. **Expenditure monitoring – Appendix 1** provides a detailed breakdown of the revised capital budget, scheme by scheme, presented under each of the relevant service unit areas responsible for delivering the capital projects. It shows the recommended revised budget position and expenditure as at the end of December 2021. The expenditure to date is £29,263,072 which is 80% of the proposed revised budget.
- b. **Revised budget and financing elements – Appendix 2** shows the revised budget of £36,670,513, along with identifying the recommended financing elements on a scheme by scheme basis. This is a decrease of £5,725,705.
- c. **Council resources position – Appendix 3** shows the latest position on capital receipts, section 106 monies and third party contributions. As at the end of this round of budget monitoring the assumed level of surplus available local resources, after taking into account the 2021/22 capital commitments, totals £2,744,542.

The resources are reducing each financial year, to an estimated balance on general capital receipts of £1.840m by March 2022. This is due to reduced opportunities to realise capital receipts, as the estate reduces, which will require prioritisation of future capital schemes in line with available resources.

Please note, the general receipts position requires a number of properties to be sold before 31st March 2022, some of which attract a degree of uncertainty (the estimated balance may reduce).

We will monitor these sales throughout the year, and update through the cyclical monitoring reports. Should these receipts not be received, we will need to review the schemes including the sources of financing.

d. Building Infrastructure Works

Towneley Hall

The majority of expenditure in the current financial year will be around survey costs, consultancy fees and preparatory works. Works are to be tendered and are expected to start from June 2022.

Town Hall

Work on the Stone works is progressing and is on target to complete within budget by the end of the current financial year.

Nicholas Street

An area of dry rot was first identified in a rear first floor office and below in a ceiling/corridor wall. A specialist timber company was instructed to produce a strip out and treatment schedule. The roof was also inspected and temporary repairs carried out to an isolated area where a damaged lead lined gutter and cracked hopper outlet was letting water in. The general condition of the roof coverings and high level gutters/rain water goods is poor and there are signs of historic 'temporary' repairs over the roof area and gutters.

Following the initial strip out works, additional areas of dry rot damage were identified over suspended ceilings and wall areas on the front elevation and in an area on the ground floor and basement adjacent the party wall with the neighbouring property. There is evidence of previous timber replacement in the initial outbreak area where dry rot had been removed and treated over 10 years ago.

A further strip out and treatment schedule has been carried out, which included the replacement of dry rot affected timber lintols and further plaster and timber floor strip out. This work was necessary to halt the spread of the rot and mitigate the risk of it spreading to the neighbouring property.

Following this strip out and structural survey additional structural works have been identified. These are currently ongoing. A defective hidden internal rainwater pipe has also been found following a further dry-rot outbreak. The pipe has been temporarily diverted and works to assess the extent of the likely remedial works are underway

e. Acquisition of Charter Walk

The Council approved the purchase of the Charter Walk at its meeting on 22 July 2021. Subsequently a successful bid was submitted, with the exchange of contracts taking place on 07 October 2021. The sale was complete 20 October 2021.

f. Levelling Up Fund

The Council received confirmation of its successful bid at the Autumn Budget on 27th October 2021. The bid was for three schemes: UCLan Burnley Campus Expansion, Town 2 Turf Public Realm Transformation and Railway Station Accessibility Improvement at a total cost of £22.5m spanning three financial years (2021/22 to 2023/24).

6. Revenue Implications

a. Revenue Contributions / Reserves 2021/22

The Capital Programme includes Revenue Contributions / Reserves of £596,144 being:

Scheme	Funded	£
Vehicle & Machinery Replacement	Transport Reserve	93,975
Vehicle & Machinery Replacement	Revenue	66,025
Refill Fountains	Revenue	20,500
Lower St James Street Historic Action Zone	Growth Reserve	82,644
Finsley Wharf & Canal Towpath Improvements	Business Support Reserve	33,000
Burnley/Pendle Growth Corridor	Growth Reserve	300,000
Total Revenue Contributions		596,144

b. Prudential Borrowing 2021/22

The MRP cost is the charge to revenue for the repayment of the principal amount borrowed based on the estimated life of the asset and is not incurred until the year after the schemes are completed.

The interest cost will be dependent on the timing of the borrowing and is subject to the interest rate at the time the borrowing is undertaken. The full year costs will be included within the revenue budget for 2021/22.

The original capital budget for 2021/22 of £18,792,347 included a planned borrowing requirement of £8,792,580.

The Outturn report dated 14 July 2021 seeks approval for slippage on borrowing of £686,125, revising the planned borrowing requirement to £9,478,705.

The Cycle 1 report dated 22 September 2021 approved a reduction of £2m on borrowing, revising the planned borrowing requirement to £7,478,705. Full Council at their meeting on 22 July 2021 approved an additional £23,238,000 revising borrowing to £30,716,705.

The Cycle 2 report dated 01 December 2021 there was no change to the borrowing requirement to £30,716,705.

Within the Cycle 3 report, we have reprofiled the Pioneer Place scheme, reducing the borrowing requirement for the year by £5m.

We have also reprofiled from 2021/22 to 2022/23, borrowing for Lower St James (£70.5k), Acquisition of Charter Walk (£1m), Sandygate Halls (£195k) and Town Centre & Weavers Triangle Project Work (£459k).

This revises the Borrowing to £23,951,312.

The revenue implications of borrowing £23,951,312 are a Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) of £590k and an interest charge, assuming 3% on the borrowing, would equate to £719k for a full year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

7. A decrease in the 2021/22 capital programme of £5,725,705 to give a revised budget of £36,670,513.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

8. None arising directly from this report.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

9. None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

10. None.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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