



Full Council	Thursday, 22 February 2018	Matter for Information and Decision
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Title: **Capital Programme 2018/19**

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1. Introduction

This report sets out Oadby and Wigston Borough Council's Capital Programme for the financial year 2018/19 together with any relevant explanations.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. That Council considers and approves the Capital Programme for 2018/19 funding.
- 2.2. That Council notes that, whilst indicative funding is outlined, capital schemes that have not yet been approved by the relevant Committee are identified and will be subject to Committee approval before spend can commence.
- 2.3. That Council notes that the projects which form the Capital Programme for 2018/19 are monitored via the Project Management Board, and will be reported to Committee on a quarterly basis, following industry best practice.

3. Information

- 3.1. The Council's capital bidding process sets out how the Council agrees its annual programme of capital projects. At the Policy, Finance and Development Committee on 6 February 2018 an indicative programme was tabled before Members.
- 3.2. In total, 13 individual schemes were included in the bidding process. Each scheme support one or more of the Council's corporate priorities, which are the delivery of:
 - An Inclusive and Engaged Borough (IEB)
 - Effective Service Provision (ESP)
 - Balanced Economic Development (BED)
 - Green and Safe Places (GSP)
 - Wellbeing for All (WA)

All of the 2018/19 project bids are listed below, together with the capital cost and a brief narrative explanation of the scheme, highlighting which Council priorities they support and any ongoing revenue implications.

Schemes that have already been approved by the relevant Committee are highlighted in Green, and those that are due to go to Committee are highlighted in Amber.

4. General Fund Schemes 2018/19

4.1. Refurbishment of Crow Mills Picnic Area - £6,000 (GSP)

The picnic shelter was re-furbished in 2016 to include a new roof and installation of two picnic benches. It suffered an arson attack in July 2017. Refurbishment will

include stripping back the fire damaged roof and rafters to its basic metal structure, installing replacement rafters and a replacement roof covering. One picnic bench also requires replacement.

4.2. **Dog Walk Shelter, Blaby Road Park - £3,300 (GSP) (WA)** 

Purchase and installation of dog walk shelter at Blaby Road Park dog walk area to include hardstanding. To be placed at the Southern end of the park. Funded by S106 grants. (Ongoing revenue costs - £100 per annum).

4.3. **Ervins Lock Pedestrian Footbridge - £135,000 (GSP) (WA)** 

Installation of footbridge across the Grand Union Canal at Ervins Lock. This project has been ongoing for some years after a developer contribution was made for the project. A total of £55,000 from S106 funds was identified of which £4,300 has been spent on a design. A further £83,300 is requested to bring this project to fruition. The scheme will encourage walking as there will be easier access to the towpath/footpath network while residents of Pochins Bridge estate will gain safe access to the canal towpath and not cross via the lock gate. (Ongoing revenue costs - - £950 per annum).

4.4. **Incorporating ex Scout Hut Land into Oadby Cemetery - £25,000 (ESP)** 

The Council owns a parcel of unused land on the opposite side of St Peter's Path to Oadby Cemetery. Due to its proximity to the cemetery it is proposed to prepare this land for burials and incorporate it into the cemetery thus increasing the lifespan of Oadby Cemetery by around 7 to 10 years at the current burial rate. (Creation of around 60 to 80 burial plots plus service paths).

This bid takes into account clearing and levelling the land (it is believed the scout hut foundations are still in place), removal of trees, planning application fees, groundwater and environmental tests, repairs to surrounding wall, installation of gate, laying of paths and access road, preparing and laying out of grave spaces, provision of water to site. (Net Ongoing Revenue Income - £3,230).

4.5. **Extension of the Garden of Remembrance at Oadby Cemetery - £5,600 (ESP)** 

The Garden of Remembrance at Oadby Cemetery has 31 casket plots remaining which, as at October 2017, gives provision to around Oct 2019. There is space to prepare a further 50 plots for use and install two service paths which would extend the lifespan of the Garden of Remembrance to around 2022. (Net Ongoing Revenue Income - £4,000).

4.6. **Extension to Garden of Remembrance, Wigston Cemetery - £14,000 (ESP)** 

The Garden of Remembrance at Wigston Cemetery has 59 casket plots remaining which, at October 2017, gives provision to around Oct 2018. There is space to prepare a further 150 plots for use and install four service paths which would extend the lifespan of the Garden of Remembrance to around October 2021. Lifespans are approximate and based on current trends which could change. (Net Ongoing Revenue Income - £16,500 per annum).

4.7. **RCV 7.5 Tonne Vehicle - £65,000 (ESP) (GSP)** 

A direct replacement for the Isuzu NPR7 RCV Compactor which is now 7 years old and coming to the end of its useful life. Costs for repairs will now see a sharp increase

over the next few years and the Council will risk considerable downtime should this vehicle not be replaced. This vehicle is an important part of the Public Cleansing/refuse and recycling fleet and service continuity would be put at risk if it is not replaced. (Revenue implications are approximately £5,000 running costs which are already provided for in the current transport budget plus £14,000 capital costs)

4.8. **Rolling Programme of Grounds Maintenance Equipment - £10,000 (ESP) (GSP)** 

The Grounds Maintenance service has a large number of items of small/medium sized plant which are gradually coming to the end of their useful life. A rolling programme of replacement is required to make sure that a robust sustainable service is maintained. (Ongoing revenue costs - – Negligible)

4.9. **Refurbishment of Bus Shelters (Rolling Programme) - £12,000 (ESP)** 

This is part of the refurbishment project across the whole Borough which is now coming to completion. There are twenty bus shelters which still require refurbishment at a cost of between £500-£600 each. (Ongoing revenue costs - are contained within the current budget provision).

4.10 **New ICT Server for the Orchard Housing Management System - £7,500 (ESP)** 

The existing server used to deliver the Orchard system to support the Housing function is reaching the end of its life and needs to be replaced. Failure to replace puts the housing service at risk in the medium-term. (Ongoing revenue costs - - £1,500 per annum).

4.11 **Citrix and its supported infrastructure - £27,000 (ESP)** 

Citrix is used to access the majority of business systems run by the Council for day to day operations. The infrastructure supporting Citrix will reach the end of its useful life during 2018 and becomes unsupported. Without the upgrade, desktop services will be put at risk as they will be on an unsupported version and this could affect compatibility with business systems. (Ongoing revenue costs - - £1,000 per annum).

4.12 **Server/Network hardware Replacement – £14,500 (ESP)** 

The existing server used to provide local services at OWBC data centre will reach its end of life and be ineligible for support and maintenance in 2018/19. As such, a replacement will need to be procured together with upgraded MS server licences in order to allow ongoing support and maintenance and legislative upgrades to be supported.

In addition, several switches within the estate will reach end of life in the period 2018/19 and will no longer receive security or software updates from the hardware vendor. It is advisory that end of life switches should be replaced at the earliest opportunity and any management interfaces set up on the switches should be isolated to maintain the integrity of the LICTP network and hosted data; as such a rolling replacement programme will need to be initiated of £5,000 in each of the next three years. (Ongoing revenue costs - £750 per annum).

4.13 **ICT Replacement Programme - £20,000 (ESP)** 

This is a continuation of the annual replacement programme for desktop and local devices. Each year a proportion of desktop devices come to the end of their useful life.

By having a rolling programme of replacement the Council's PC network remains up to date and functioning at any given time. (On-going Revenue Costs are negligible).

5. HRA Capital Programme 2018/19

Capital Repairs Schemes - £1,273,000 (ESP) (IEP) (GSP) (WA)

The Housing Repairs Capital programme is a continuation of the work the Council has been carrying out to meet the 'Decent Homes Target' as well as continuing the ongoing rolling programme of replacement. It will include major works at the Council's sheltered housing schemes, replacement of a further 60 kitchens and the continuation of the provision of disabled facilities within the Council's stock. A full breakdown of the total sum is included in the Appendix to the Medium Term Financial Strategy contained elsewhere on the agenda.

6. Funding of the 2018/19 Programme

The indicative funding of these projects are as follows:

Type of Funding	£
Borrowing	286,600
S106 Grants	58,300
Major Repairs Reserve	1,273,000
Total	1,617,900

7. Carry Forward to from 2017/18 to 2018/19

At present it is too early to assess which schemes will need to be carried forward. A further report will be brought before Members at the end of the financial year in order to deal with this.

Background Documents:

Reports to Service Delivery Committee on 23 January 2018

Report to Policy, Finance and Development Committee on 06 February 2018

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Implications Capital Programme 2018/19	
Finance	The financial implications are as set out in the report.
Chris Raymakers (Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits)	
Legal	There are no significant legal implications. The report is satisfactory.
David Gill (Head of Law & Governance / Monitoring Officer)	
Corporate Risk(s) (CR)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decreasing Financial Resources (CR1) Capital programmes have to be built to be affordable within the current financial pressures the Council is under. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reputation Damage (CR4) Failing to complete the programme can lead to reputational damage. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effective Utilisation of Assets/Buildings (CR5) Continuous appropriate expenditure is required on Council assets to make the effective use of them. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organisational/Transformational Change (CR8) Capital expenditure is required as part of the current programme of service redesign.
Chris Raymakers (Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits)	
Corporate Priorities (CP)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effective Service Provision (CP2) Continuous capital investment is required to keep services efficient and effective. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green & Safe Places (CP4) Will provide a greener safer Borough. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wellbeing for All (CP5) This programme will increase the sporting and recreational offer to the public.
Chris Raymakers (Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits)	
Vision & Values (V)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
Chris Raymakers (Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits)	
Equalities & Equality Assessment(s) (EA)	There are no equalities implications arising from the report.
Chris Raymakers (Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable (EA)