

RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

To: **Council**

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Report
By

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN 2008/09 – 2010/11

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The attached Plan covers the three year period 2008/09-2010/11 for non housing services which covers education, social work, leisure, environmental services, planning, roads and a range of corporate services. The Capital Investment Plan this year represents a revised approach to the capital investment planning process and reflects the aim to focus on the strategic investment needs and priorities of the Council.
- 1.2 The total resources available over the three year period totals £182.8 million with £68.3 million being available in 2008/09. This includes supported borrowing, prudential borrowing, projected capital receipts, capital grants as well as contributions from revenue, private developers and the national lottery. The Council now has more direct control and flexibility over how it can invest capital resources, whereas in previous years elements of capital resources were ring fenced for specific themes.
- 1.3 The focus in this Capital Investment Plan has continued the movement of the previous Plan towards investing in more strategic projects. The Plan recognises that there are a range of investment needs which focus on maintaining the existing assets of the Council which have to be addressed. These are:
- Roads, Pathways, Lighting, Bridges and Flood Prevention infrastructure. £3.95 million has been allocated in the Plan to address these issues (see paragraph 4.2.4 - 4.2.6).
 - ICT and Modernisation Projects. Following a review of the Council's existing and emerging needs over the next three years £2.675 million has been allocated in the Plan to address these needs (paragraph 4.27)
 - Vehicle Replacement Strategy. In order to maintain a modern viable fleet to support front line service delivery, £1.8 million per annum from 2010/11 onwards has been allocated to sustain an ongoing replacement strategy.

- Life Cycle Maintenance: As part of the development of Strategic Asset Management within the Council, a clear need has been identified to develop a more robust approach to ongoing maintenance to protect the long term condition of assets. From 2008/09 onwards £1 million per annum has been earmarked from anticipated capital receipts and this will be directed towards a capital life cycle maintenance fund.

1.5 The remaining programme for the new Capital Investment Plan largely contains a roll forward of proposals already specified in the current Plan 2007-2010 which was approved by the Council on 2 February 2007. There are however some additions to existing programmes the most significant being:

- The school estate strategy has been updated to reflect changes approved by the Council and the updated pre-tender estimates associated with the completion of the Phase 2 schools.
- An additional £2.625 million has been added to the Penilee/Seedhill projects to reflect approved revisions to both schemes.
- A number of smaller rolling programmes previously included in the Capital Investment Plan have been transferred to revenue e.g. environmental improvement scheme, Heritage Fund etc, along with the removal of capitalised salaries.

1.6 Appendices 1-4 in the attached Capital Investment Plan provide an overview of the resources available over plan period and detail the projects for each service area for the next three years. A summary of the key projects to be achieved over the plan period is provided in paragraph 6.3 on page 13 of the Plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Council :

- (i) Approves the Capital Investment Plan 2008/09 – 2010/11 for non-housing services.

IMPLICATIONS OF THIS REPORT

1 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS** – Significant and as detailed within the report and the detailed Capital Investment Plan attached to the report.

2 **PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS** – *None*.

3 **COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

Social Inclusion – Proposals included in the Capital Investment Plan will make a contribution to the Council’s priority of preventing and tackling exclusion.

Modernising Government – The Capital Investment Plan contains a range of proposals to take the modernising government agenda forward. These proposals are aimed at delivering joined up services, improved customer responsiveness, providing one stop access and delivering higher quality and more efficient services.

Sustainable Development – Proposals for energy efficiency, public buildings planned maintenance and investment in infrastructure will help contribute to the Council’s priority of promoting sustainable development.

4 **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS** – *None.*

5 **PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS** – *None.*

6 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS** – *None.*

7 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS** - *None*