

SEPTEMBER 2006/07 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

- 1. This is the second round of in-year capital monitoring for 2006/07. The purpose of this monitoring exercise is to update the capital budget position for any new funding allocations, potential slippages or overspends identified at the six-month point. The capital monitoring process ensures that no conditional capital resources are lost and forecast changes are managed in the most efficient and effective way.
- 2. The revised forecast for 2006/07 as at 30th September totals £59,803,000, which is a decrease of £868,000 from the July forecast. The main reason for this decrease is a reduction in the forecast on affordable housing schemes where the target number of units is partly being met directly by developers' obligations. Explanations of forecast changes are detailed in the body of this report. This programme is funded as detailed in Appendix D1.
- 3. The expected use of Prudential Borrowing in 2006/07 has increased by £316,000 since the July report to £23,807,000. This is primarily due to the allocation of £300,000 prudential borrowing to the Aylestone park canal section and associated works. The borrowing costs of this are to be financed through a revenue contribution from Adult and Community Services. A summary is set out on Appendix D4.
- 4. This capital forecast continues to reflect the planned capital spending requirements of acquiring the Plough Lane offices. The forecast also continues to reflect the potential for the £8,503,000 investment in Herefordshire Connects to be spent in 2006/07.
- 5. Each individual capital project has an expected spend profile and expected spend in the first six months totalled 39% of the revised forecast. The actual spend of £18,126,000 represents 30% of the revised forecast. Including committed spend raises this to 38% of the revised forecast. The under spend to date mainly relates to the expected corporate accommodation costs not falling due. A summary of the expenditure for each service area is set out on Appendix D2.
- 6. Set out in Appendix D3 is a list of all capital schemes with a budget in excess of £500,000. The detailed capital programme listing all capital schemes can be found on the Intranet. (Info Library > Treasurers > Financial Policy > Capital > Capital Programme).

Children and Young People's Services Directorate

- 7. The capital forecast for this area has been reviewed and increased slightly in respect of feasibility costs towards the rebuilding of The Minster College under the Building Schools for the Future project. This DfES funded capital scheme is to be completed in the 2009-10 academic year.
- 8. The Sutton Primary School replacement will be going to tender shortly and the capital forecast for this will be revised for the next round of capital monitoring. The Riverside Junior and Infant school amalgamation capital scheme has been delayed by one month, work should now start on site in February.

Resources Directorate

9. The forecast for this area has been increased to reflect the successful allocation of a Carbon Management Grant (Salik Fund) of £200,000, which is matched by a Council revenue contribution. This will be used to fund schemes of an 'invest to save' nature.

Corporate and Customer Services Directorate

10. There has been no forecast review in this round of capital monitoring.

Environment Services Directorate

- 11. The LTP capital forecast has been reviewed and not changed.
- 12. The Crematorium forecast has not changed although tenders for this project have now been received and are currently under review. Profiling of this spend over a number of years is critical to avoid breaching the Council VAT Partial Exemption limit. Scheme delays may therefore prove inevitable.
- 13. Potential slippage on the Leominster closed landfill site monitoring infrastructure works have been identified. Further capital resources will be required in future years to complete the project.

Adult and Community Services Directorate

- 14. The forecast for this area has decreased significantly mainly due to slippage on the affordable housing capital budget funded through the LSVT capital receipt. Some 61 affordable housing units, within the total of 161 housing units for the year, will be generated through planning consent stipulations for the end of March.
- 15. The extra care housing scheme has experienced delays due to planning alterations in relation to the location of the main sewer. The scheme is still expected to complete in September 2008.

Prudential Indicators

- 16. A key objective of the Prudential Code is to ensure that capital investment plans and treasury management decisions are made in a manner that supports prudence, affordability and sustainability.
- 17. Cabinet have endorsed a range of Prudential Indicators that are to be monitored on a regular basis as part of the existing Capital Programme monitoring process. Cabinet considers these on an annual basis through the Treasury Management report.
- 18. The framework of PIs covers Capital Expenditure and Treasury Management and the Prudential Code incorporates the PIs as set out below. The PIs included in this report are based on the 2006/07 Capital Programme as updated by subsequent additions to the Capital Programme for schemes to be funded with Prudential Borrowing. The indicators are set out on Appendix D4 and significant changes in the indicators are highlighted at each point.
 - Actual and estimated capital expenditure for the current and future years
 - Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream
 - Capital Financing Requirement
 - Authorised limit for External Debt

- Operational boundary for External Debt
- Treasury Management Indicators

APPENDIX D1

FUNDING OF REVISED 2006/07 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Capital Programme Area	2006/07 Revised Forecast 30/09/06	SCE(R)	Prudential Borrowing	Grant	Revenue Contribution	Capital Receipts Reserves	Unfunded
	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Children & Young People's Services	11,690	2,459	2,000	4,269	161	2,801	-
Resources	5,727	-	3,269	257	200	2,001	-
Corporate and Customer Services	12,245	-	11,975	270	-	-	-
Environment Services	13,810	10,475	2,457	801	-	77	-
Adult and Community Services	16,331	217	4,106	7,612	17	4,378	-
Total Revised Forecast	59,803	13,152	23,807	13,209	378	9,257	-
July Forecast	60,671	13,152	23,491	13,483	96	10,410	39
Change from July Forecast	(868)	-	316	(274)	282	(1,153)	(39)

Reported to date							
Original Budget	37,015	13,197	9,499	9,431	33	4,855	-
July 2006 Forecast	60,671	13,152	23,491	13,483	96	10,410	39
September 2006 Forecast	59,803	13,152	23,807	13,209	378	9,257	-

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAMME AREA

	Outturn	Original Budget	Revised 2006/07 Forecast as at 30/09/06	Actual spend at 30/09/06	Actual spend as a % of the revised forecast	Committed Spend as a % of the revised forecast	Expected spend as a % of the revised forecast
Programme area	2005/06	2006/07	2006/07	2006/07	2006/07	2006/07	2006/07
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	%	%
Children & Young People's Services	7,907	8,048	11,690	5,378	46%	46%	37%
Resources	662	520	5,727	310	5%	5%	40%
Corporate & Customer Services	4,623	1,760	12,245	1,018	8%	8%	19%
Environment Services	10,288	12,554	13,810	4,274	31%	49%	40%
Adult & Community Services	8,365	14,133	16,331	7,146	44%	55%	55%
Total	31,845	37,015	59,803	18,126	30%	38%	39%

APPENDIX D3

MAIN CAPITAL SCHEMES OF REVISED 2006/07 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Capital Programme Scheme	Schemes with a Revised Forecast >£500,000
	£'000
Children & Young People's Services schemes:	
Weobley High - Sports Hall (no change)	1,225
Sutton Primary – Replacement School (no change)	1,463
Whitecross High – Restrictive Covenant (no change)	1,600
Hunderton Junior & Infant – Amalgamation (budget decrease, carried forward)	2,415
New Deal for Schools Condition Improvement Works (no change)	800
Resources:	
Corporate Accommodation (no change)	3,800
Plough Lane (no change)	650
Corporate and Customer Services - ICT schemes:	
ICT The Golden Thread Network Enhancement (no change)	2,347
Info by Phone (no change)	868
Herefordshire Connects (no change)	8,503
Environment Services:	
Rotherwas Access Road (no change)	500
Capitalised maintenance of principal roads (no change)	1,728
Capitalised maintenance of non-principal roads (no change)	3,547
Footways (no change)	1,064
Capitalised assessment & strength of bridges (no change)	900
Crematorium Hereford (no change)	1,323
Adult and Community Services schemes:	
Aylestone Park (budget increase, funding allocation)	631
Friar St Museum Resource & Learning Centre (no change)	1,913
Hereford High Town & High St (no change)	1,733
Private Sector Housing (no change)	1,000
Disabled Facilities Grants (budget increase, from 05-06)	683
Extra Care Housing (no change)	5,280
Affordable Housing Grants (budget decrease, carried forward)	2,556
Other schemes with a revised forecast of less than £500,000	13,274
Revised Forecast	59,803

ACTUAL AND ESTIMATED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The first table sets out the current forecast for the use of Prudential Borrowing. The Prudential Indicators approved by Council 10 March 2006 assumed a future level of £5,000,000 prudential borrowing per year. The table below replaces that estimate with agreed and potential prudential borrowing allocations.

PRUDENTIAL BORROWING AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Original Allocations and slippage:	£'000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Original Allocations	5,968	5,108	700	
Slippage from prior year	4,226	541	167	
Slippage into future year	(541)	(167)		
Funded by available SCE	(125)	(125)		
Additional Prudential Borrowing:				
Herefordshire Connects	8,503	10,853		
Accommodation Strategy (net of receipts)	2,953	(731)	5,575	(1,300)
Rotherwas Relief Road (Potential)			2,988	
Residential Homes Improvements	300			
Additional Prudential Borrowing - costs to				
be funded by revenue contribution:				
ICT Network Enhancement	2,000		1,500	
Purchase of Gritters instead of leasing	123			
Queenswood Car Park	100			
Aylestone Park	300			
	23,807	15,479	10,930	(1,300)

This table takes into account new borrowing for which the government is providing support, government grants, capital receipts, other funding (including s106 receipts) and prudential borrowing as above. The table also shows how the programme would be funded.

FORECAST CAPITAL PROGRAMME AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

	Outturn 2005/06	Budget 2006/07	Estimated 2007/08	Estimated 2008/09
Capital Programme Area: -	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Children and Young People's Services	7,907	11,690	6,281	2,110
Environment General	10,288	13,810	12,814	13,952
Corporate and Customer Services	4,623	12,245	11,903	1,500
Resources	662	5,727	3,750	8,450
Adult and Community Services	8,365	16,331	7,055	4,025
	31,845	59,803	41,803	31,037
By funding:				
Capital Receipts Reserve	1,827	9,257	9,351	7,268
Grants	10,169	13,209	3,869	475
SCE(R)	13,916	13,152	12,647	10,597
Revenue Contribution	802	378		
Prudential Borrowing	5,131	23,807	15,479	10,930
Unfunded			457	1,766
	31,845	59,803	41,803	31,037

RATIO OF FINANCING COSTS TO NET REVENUE STREAM

The net revenue stream is the budget amount to be met from Formula Grant and Council Tax income (the budget requirement). The ratio is the proportion of the budget requirement that relates to the ongoing capital financing costs.

The capital financing costs will change as actual borrowing replaces forecast borrowing and as the outturn of capital spending changes from the expected profile. The increase in this ratio from the original directly relates to the costs of funding the increased level of prudential borrowing.

	2005/06 £'000	2006/07 £'000	2007/08 £'000	2008/09 £'000
Original Indicator (prior to PB allocations)				
Net Revenue Stream	110,926	118,285	122,998	129,610
Capital Financing Costs	8,364	8,875	10,599	11,322
Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream	7.54%	7.50%	8.62%	8.74%
As at 31/7/06				
Net Revenue Stream per MTFMS (Cabinet report 13/7/06)	110,926	118,285	123,486	127,613
Capital Financing Costs	8,364	8,875	11,215	13,850
Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream	7.54%	7.50%	9.08%	10.85%
As at 30/9/06				
Net Revenue Stream per MTFMS (Cabinet report 13/7/06)	110,926	118,285	123,486	127,613
Capital Financing Costs	8,364	8,875	11,230	13,892
Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream	7.54%	7.50%	9.09%	10.88%

CAPITAL FINANCING REQUIREMENT

This indicator represents the underlying need to borrow for a capital purpose. The effect of actual and additional Prudential Borrowing allocations affect the future years Capital Financing Requirement and increase the need to repay debt.

	2005/06 £'000	2006/07 £'000	2007/08 £'000	2008/09 £'000
Original Indicator	110,811	125,807	136,252	146,364
Revised 31/7/06	110,995	141,264	161,128	170,470
Revised 30/9/06	110,995	141,580	161,415	173,732

AUTHORISED LIMIT FOR EXTERNAL DEBT

The Authorised Limit for external debt represents the absolute maximum level of debt that may be incurred. This limit would only be reached in exceptional circumstances. This limit needs to be increased to accommodate the additional Prudential Borrowing required.

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Original				
Borrowing	133,000	147,000	170,000	185,000
Other Long Term Liabilities	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total	136,000	150,000	173,000	188,000
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Revised from 31/7/06				
Borrowing	133,000	162,000	195,000	210,000
Other Long Term Liabilities	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total	136,000	165,000	198,000	213,000

OPERATIONAL BOUNDARY FOR EXTERNAL DEBT

The Operational Boundary for external debt is the prudent expectation of the maximum level of external debt.

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Original				
Borrowing	94,500	108,500	125,500	136,500
Other Long Term Liabilities	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total	96,000	110,000	127,000	138,000
Revised from 31/7/06				
Borrowing	94,500	123,500	150,500	161,500
Other Long Term Liabilities	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total	96,000	125,000	152,000	163,000

TREASURY MANAGEMENT INDICATORS

These are specific indicators, which relate to the management of the Treasury Management process.

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Upper Limit for Fixed Interest Rate Exposure				
Net principal re fixed rate borrowing / investments	100%	100%	100%	100%
Upper Limit for Variable Interest Rate Exposure				
Net principal re variable rate borrowing / investments	50%	50%	50%	50%
Maturity Structure of new fixed rate borrowing during 2004/05	Upper Limit	Lower Limit		
Under 12 Months	30%	0%		
12 months and within 24 months	60%	0%		
24 months and within 5 years	90%	0%		
5 years and within 10 years	100%	0%		
10 years and above	100%	20%		
Upper Limit for total principal sums invested for	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
over 364 days	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
(Per maturity date)	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000