

Report to: Cabinet
Council

Date of Meeting: 18 July 2013
5 September 2013

Subject: Capital Allocations 2013/14

Report of: Head of Corporate Finance & ICT **Wards Affected:** All

Is this a Key Decision? No **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** No

Exempt/Confidential No

Purpose/Summary

To provide Members with details of the latest capital projects that have been recommended for inclusion within the Capital Investment Plan for 2013/14 by the Strategic Capital Investment Group (SCIG), including those schemes which are proposed to be funded from the Capital Priorities Fund.

Recommendation(s)

The Cabinet be requested to recommend that Council approve the proposed capital schemes, detailed at Appendix A, in the Capital Investment Plan, to be funded from Single Capital Pot resources and the Capital Priorities Fund.

The **Council** be recommended to approve the inclusion of the schemes detailed in the report, within the Capital Programme for 2013/14.

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community	√		
2	Jobs and Prosperity	√		
3	Environmental Sustainability	√		
4	Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Children and Young People	√		
6	Creating Safe Communities	√		
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	√		

Reasons for the Recommendation:

To inform Members of the recommendations of the Strategic Capital Investment Group and to allow Members to consider if these should be recommended to Council for inclusion within the Capital Investment Plan and to inform Members of schemes to be financed from the Capital Priorities Fund.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

Any revenue costs of these additional capital schemes will be met from existing revenue budgets.

(B) Capital Costs

Schemes that are to be funded from grant funding will be met from the single capital pot, whilst schemes to be approved from the Capital Priorities Fund will be funded from revenue resources already approved.

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal Devolved Formula Capital grant funding is ring-fenced and can only be used for its intended purpose
Human Resources
Equality 1. No Equality Implication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains <input type="checkbox"/>

Impact on Service Delivery:

The capital schemes will provide improved classroom facilities, allow modern lighting columns to be introduced and aid the development of local communities.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT (FD2406/13) and Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD1721/13) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

Are there any other options available for consideration?

The options available to Members for the use of non ring-fenced capital grant allocations are included in the body of the report.

Implementation Date for the Decision

After Council.

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Background Papers:.

None

1. Introduction

1.1 Cabinet and Council were notified on 25 April 2013 and 14 May 2013 of the Government Capital Allocations for 2013/14. The report presented the allocation of that grant funding as follows: -

- Grant funding treated as pre allocated;
- Single capital pot bids recommended by the Strategic Capital Investment Group (SCIG), with the schemes to be funded from the 2013/14 capital allocation; and
- Schemes to be funded from revenue with no call upon the single capital pot.

1.2 Council approved schemes for inclusion in the Capital Investment Plan, including schemes classed as pre allocated, those funded from Direct Revenue Funding and those to be funded from the Single Capital Pot. Council also referred a number of schools' schemes and a Street Lighting scheme back for further consideration by SCIG.

2 Schemes for Further Consideration

2.1 The Strategic Capital Investment Group met on 24 June 2013 to consider further schemes for approval and recommended that the schemes detailed in Appendix A be put forward to Cabinet and Council for inclusion within the Capital Investment Plan.

2.2 The schemes identified for inclusion total £0.460m. Of this amount, £0.260m relates to schemes at schools. Discussions have taken place with the schools with regard to the financial position of the Council and consequently the school's ability to contribute to the costs of the schemes. As a result, the schools have agreed to contribute as follows: -

Stanley High £0.040m to the total cost of £0.180m

Litherland Moss Primary £0.020m " " " " " £0.080m

2.3 As a consequence of the above, the net call on the Single Capital Pot has reduced to £0.400m, leaving £0.858m still unallocated. A number of other schemes are still to be assessed and a further report will be presented to a future Cabinet meeting.

2.4 Should there be an underspend on any scheme, these resources will be returned to the Single Capital Pot. Conversely, any overspend on schemes will not automatically illicit any additional funding and the schemes on the list with the least priority within the bid will not be carried out.

3 Capital Priorities Fund

3.1 As noted in the report to Cabinet and Council on 28 February 2013, an additional £1m of capital funding was released from Council reserves aimed at assisting the development of town centres across the Borough, youth employment and the local economy. This £1m was included in the Capital Investment Plan and Cabinet on

25 April 2013 approved £0.050m to be paid to the North West Training Council from this amount.

- 3.2 The Strategic Capital Investment Group, on 24 June 2013, have now recommended further amounts to be allocated from this fund. These are detailed at Appendix A and total £0.326m which brings the total amount approved from the fund to £0.376m.

4 Property Intervention Fund

- 4.1 The Strategic Capital Investment Group on 24 June 2013 considered an item regarding the delivery of a feasibility study on potential sites on Dunningsbridge Road Corridor. It was agreed that the cost of £0.040m be approved from the Property Intervention Fund and there would therefore be no call on the Single Capital Pot resources.

5 Adult's Personal Social Services Grant 2012/13 £807,910

- 5.1 The grant for the transformation of Adult Social Care is not ring-fenced and was included in the February report to Cabinet and Council as being retained to support the transformation of Adult Social services, including service remodelling and systems development. Details are currently being developed to identify the prioritisation of this resource, taking into account requirements arising from the 2013-15 budget proposals approved by Council. The allocation of this resource will be presented to Cabinet when schemes have been developed.

APPENDIX A

BID NUMBER	Total Cost of Scheme £'000	School Contribution £'000	Single Capital Pot Funding £'000	Scheme Name	Scheme Description	Applicant Department
<i>SINGLE CAPITAL POT BIDS – RECOMMENDED</i>						
1	180	40	140	Stanley High School - Refurbished Science Laboratories	To provide 2 refurbished science labs by altering existings labs that are in poor condition. . The total cost of the scheme is £0.180m; a £0.040m contribution has come from the school	Learning & Support Services
2	80	20	60	Litherland Moss Primary School - Remodelling & Refurbishment	Design Fees up to Tender Stage only for the Remodelling & refurbishment of school providing new entrance, a new admin block, kitchen & boiler house and also address early years provision. The total cost of the scheme is £0.080m; a £0.020m contribution has come from the school	Learning & Support Services
3	200	0	200	New Street Lighting Columns (boroughwide)	Replacement of Street lighting columns	Investment Programmes and Infrastructure
Total	460	60	400			

BID NUMBER	Funding required 2013/14 £'000	Scheme name	Scheme description
<i>CAPITAL PRIORITIES FUND – RECOMMENDED</i>			
1	40	Crosby Town Centre – Master Plan Approach	To create an agreed vision and ambition for Crosby Town Centre to re-establish public confidence and increase prospects for business retention, business growth and jobs.
2	40	Bootle Office and Learning Campus – Vision and Prospectus	To create an agreed vision and Office/Learning Campus and communicate the vision & opportunities to investors & respond to the new Planning Policy Framework. To support the Council's accommodation strategy and asset management function
3	50	Southport – Investment Strategy and Master Plan Approach	To Create a Visitor Economy Strategy in conjunction with private sector delivery partners including Council key assets. To create a Prospectus for Inward Investment, support business retention & growth and raise and retain additional business rates
4	40	Dunningsbridge Employment Corridor – A Master Plan, Feasibility and Viability	To overcome site constraints to help unlock Employment Land & Property Opportunities. To unlock external public & private sector investment, help companies realise growth plans and raise and retain additional business rates
5	54	Merseyside Superfast Broadband	To establish superfast broadband connection to 850 additional SMEs and give 210 SMEs business assistance. To access £12m of external funding and create additional jobs
6	30	Modelling future impact of projected traffic growth on Air Quality Management Areas	To improve understanding of the potential impact of traffic growth on AQMAs and health impact assessments.
7	35	People's Site (Feasibility, Design and Costs)	To unlock strategy for 1 st phase of development of site and support construction jobs and support residential land supply
8	37	A Strategy for International Sefton	To provide marketing events & activities with partners leading up to the International Festival of Business 2014. To support jobs & growth, promote Sefton as a business destination and support Sefton business to export
Total	326		