

Cabinet

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	Capital Monitoring Report 2020/21 – 31 December 2020
Purpose of the report	To note the report
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Cabinet Member	Councillor Sati Buttar
Confidential	No
Corporate Priority	Financial Sustainability
Recommendations	Cabinet is asked to note the current level of actual spend, committed spend and projected underspend capital expenditure in 2020/21 as at 31 December 2020.
Reason for Recommendation	Not applicable

1. Capital Expenditure to 31 December 2020 and Estimated Outturn for 2020/21

- 1.1 Attached as Appendix A & B is the actual spend to date on capital covering the period April to December 2020. Appendix A provides a summary for capital schemes by portfolio. Appendix B provides a detailed summary of the progress against each capital scheme.
- 1.2 For the period ending 31 December 2020, the approved 2020/21 Capital Budget including slippage is £142.5m. Actual capital expenditure including commitments to the end of December is £32.1m, with a projected outturn of £32.5m at the end of the year leading to an expected underspend of (£110.1m).
- 1.3 There have been some delays in the overall progress of capital schemes in 2020/21 which inevitably occurs as part of a development programme with contractors, which the Council have been actively monitoring and chasing on. Officers have also had to undertake a review of a number of sites at the request of Cabinet.
- 1.4 The decision to pause three Staines development schemes made at the Extraordinary Cabinet meeting on 25 January will result in likely delays in obtaining approval for planning decisions will occur and this will make it difficult for some schemes to progress in line with the budget.

The significant variances over £5k against budget for each portfolio are highlighted below.

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1.5 Councillor Attewell – Community Wellbeing and Housing

An overspend of £18.0k is projected at year end. This relates to a late invoice for £30.0k received in 2020/21 in respect of Home Improvements for 2019/20. Offset by an underspend of (£7.5k) savings in the purchase of a new minibus.

1.6 Councillor Barratt – Compliance, Risk and Waste

An underspend of (£108.7k) is projected at year end. (£100.0k) relates to the acquisition of replacement waste vehicles, (£24.0k) for the air quality project which has now been deferred until next year, offset by an overspend of £13.9k for additional CCTV which it is planned to be financed from S106 funding.

1.7. Councillor Chandler – Leisure Services, Leisure Centre Development

An underspend of (£2.0m) is projected for the year end, on the development of a new Spelthorne Leisure Centre, as the project has been delayed until 2021/22.

1.8 Cllr McIlroy - Deputy Leader, Housing Regeneration

An underspend of (£98.0m) is forecast at year end. Most of the underspend relates to delays in several major redevelopments including Thameside House, Oast House, Ashford Hospital car park residential keyworker scheme (Victory Place) Elmsleigh Centre and Spelthorne Leisure Centre and reflecting Councillors desire to re-evaluate some of these schemes at the January Extraordinary Council Meeting and with respect to the Staines-upon-Thames moratorium proposal.

1.9 Councillor Boughtflower – Leader

An underspend of (£9.7m) is forecast at year end. Due to the delay in finalising the purchase of a property (Project Y).

1.10 Councillor Noble – Communications, Corporate Management & Environment

An underspend of (£385.7k) is projected at year end, due to the need to address IT issues relating to Covid-19 including getting staff able to undertake remote working and developing systems to support Covid applications, the timetable for projects has slipped. Hence the requirement for carry forwards.

2. Financial implications

- 2.1 Any underspend on the approved Capital Programme enables the authority to invest the monies to gain additional investment income or can be used to fund additional schemes.

3. Timetable for implementation

- 3.1 Monthly monitoring reports are prepared for Management team which incorporate regular updates on the progress of capital schemes.

Background papers:

Appendix A – Summary Capital Monitoring Report at 31 December 2020

Appendix B - Detailed Capital Monitoring Report at 31 December 2020