



Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date	11 JULY 2023
Topic	CAPITAL PROGRAMME & CAPITAL STRATEGY

BACKGROUND

At the Corporate Scrutiny Committee meeting in May 2022 a scoping document was approved by the committee for an item on Capital Programme & Capital Strategy to be added to the workplan.

FOCUS FOR SCRUTINY

- How are risk profiles analysed, recorded, and reported?
 - Are there robust mechanisms in place to mitigate against risk?
 - How are decisions on the capital programme agreed?
 - What criteria are used for allocating money to capital projects?
 - Do such criteria link to corporate priorities?
 - How is the capital programme managed?
 - What documentation is available to show a clear and detailed audit trail of all decisions related to the capital programme?
 - Is there a long-term view of the Council's potential capital programme?
 - What slippage is there on the capital programme and what are the reasons for these?
 - How are local Members informed of capital projects in their divisions?
 - What steps have been taken over the past 3 years to improve the management of the capital programme?
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- To develop practical proposals that achieve a reduction in the annual underspend of level of slippage in the capital programme.
 - To evaluate the council's existing capital investment criteria and propose improvements.
 - To identify improvements to the way in which the council manages the capital programme.
 - To identify changes required to the capital strategy.
 - To ensure that the Council's approach to the capital programme and supporting strategy accords with best practice, CIPFA guidance and National Audit Office.

APPROACH

A committee report to be provided.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

Appendix 1 - Capital Programme/Capital Strategy Scrutiny Report

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