

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL



Thursday, 11th July, 2024

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You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Thanet District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent on Thursday, 11 July 2024 at 7.00 pm for the purpose of transacting the business mentioned below.

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Head of Legal and Democracy & Monitoring Officer

To: The Members of Thanet District Council

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AGENDA

Item
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- 11. **BUDGET AMENDMENTS** (Pages 3 - 8)
- 17. **CHANGES TO COMMITTEES** (Pages 9 - 12)

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Council:	11 July 2024
By:	Chris Blundell, Director of Corporate Services - Section 151
Cabinet Portfolio Member:	Cllr Rob Yates, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services
Key Decision:	No
Decision classification	Unrestricted
Call in status:	For decision
Ward:	All Wards

Purpose of the Report

This report presents budget additions and amendments for Council approval, which have been recommended by Cabinet following the receipt of the 2023-24 budget monitoring report for Quarter four by Cabinet on 25 June 2024.

Recommendation(s):

1. That Council approves the supplementary capital budgets, numbered i to ii inclusive, as set out in section 3 to this report.

1. Summary of Reasons

- 1.1 The Council's constitution requires that supplementary budgets must be approved by Council. In other words, only Council can agree to the overall size of the budget for the year to be increased.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Quarter 4 Budget Monitoring report was received by Cabinet on 25 June 2023, within which Cabinet agreed for a number of additions to the budgets to be recommended to Council for approval. The link to the Capital Programme for this report is included for reference under annex to this report.

The following sections set out the details of these budget amendments for Council approval.

3. Relevant Issues

- 3.1 **General Fund Capital Programme Additions**

It is proposed that the following changes to the capital programme (already reflected within the opening balances of the Annex previously provided to Cabinet) be approved.

(i) **Sea Wall Remedial Work** : Increase the budget by £61,788 to cover additional spend on this project, which is externally funded. Additional 2023/24 spend as per annex 1 is £36,788 and it is expected that a further amount of approximately £25,000 will be incurred.

(ii) **High Street Heritage Action Zone Grant - Ramsgate**: Increase the budget by £5,834 to cover additional spend on this project, which is externally funded.

4. Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Panel

4.1 This report is non-key and has not been considered by the OSP

5. Alternative Options

5.1 Not updating the capital programme would be rejected for regulatory compliance reasons.

6. Consultation

6.1 Not applicable

7. Corporate Implications

7.1 Finance and Resources

7.1.1 The financial implications are highlighted in this report.

7.2 Legal and Constitutional

7.2.1 Section 151 of the 1972 Local Government Act requires a suitably qualified named officer to keep control of the Council's finances. For this Council, this is the Director of Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer, and this report is helping to carry out that function.

7.3 Council Policies and Priorities

7.3.1 This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- To keep our district safe and clean
- To deliver the housing we need

- To protect our environment
- To create a thriving place
- To work efficiently for you

7.4 Risk

7.4.1 Risk management is as per the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.

7.5 Climate Change and Biodiversity

7.5.1 No implications identified.

8. Equality, Equity and Diversity Implications

8.1 There are no equity and equalities implications arising directly from this report, but the Council needs to retain a strong focus and understanding on issues of diversity amongst the local community and ensure service delivery matches these.

It is important to be aware of the Council's responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and show evidence that due consideration has been given to the equalities impact that may be brought upon communities by the decisions made by Council.

9. Crime and Disorder Implications and Community impact

9.1 None identified.

10. Subject History

10.1 Not applicable

Annexes

[Annex 1 General Fund Capital Programme](#)

Background Papers

Budget monitoring papers held in Financial Services

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Reporting to: Colin Carmichael, Interim Chief Executive

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Finance: Chris Blundell (Director of Corporate Services - Section 151)

Legal: Ingrid Brown (Head of Legal and Democracy & Monitoring Officer)

ANNEX 1 - General Fund Capital Programme Report No

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Capital Programme 2023/24	Revised Capital Budget 2023/24 to Cabinet 29 February 2024 £	Additions / Removals £	Capital Salary Allocation £	Revised Capital Budget 2023/24 at Year-End £	Actual Outturn 2023/24 £	Variance Overspend / (Underspend) against Year-End Budget 2023/24 £	Comments
Deputy Chief Executive (incl East Kent Services)							
Housing Assistance Policy (Disabled Facilities Grants & Better Care Fund)	4,949,604			4,949,604	2,757,352	-2,192,252	
Margate Housing Intervention - Loan Scheme	40,000			40,000	0	-40,000	
Housing Assistance Policy (additional support for home owners and private sector landlords)	478,912			478,912	0	-478,912	
Homelessness Accommodation	31,005			31,005	1,408	-29,597	
Homelessness Accommodation (phase 2)	1,000,000			1,000,000	0	-1,000,000	
End User Computing - Refresh of Devices	438,734			438,734	43,580	-395,154	
Financial Management System	174,489			174,489	0	-174,489	
IT Infrastructure	302,325			302,325	106,887	-195,438	
Total	7,415,069	0	0	7,415,069	2,909,227	-4,505,843	
Corporate Governance							
Public Toilet Refurbishment & Renewal	749,308		19,307	768,615	102,033	-666,582	
Office Accommodation	3,000,000			3,000,000	0	-3,000,000	
High Street Heritage Action Zone Grant - Ramsgate	117,900	5,834		123,734	123,734	0	£6k budget increase to be grant funded
51-57 High Street, Margate - Refurbishment	45,161			45,161	0	-45,161	
Margate Town Deal	3,188,000		595	3,188,595	219,962	-2,968,633	
Ramsgate Future High Street Fund	802,899		11,205	814,104	678,406	-135,698	
Margate Levelling Up Fund	1,272,577			1,272,577	0	-1,272,577	
Ramsgate Levelling Up Fund	1,424,551			1,424,551	957,598	-466,953	
Property Enhancement Programme	275,575		4,613	280,188	65,064	-215,124	
Total	10,875,970	5,834	35,720	10,917,524	2,146,797	-8,770,727	
Operational Services							
Replacement of Lead Lights at Port	37,567			37,567	0	-37,567	
Westbrook Promenade Infrastructure Improvements	52,763			52,763	5,144	-47,619	Project finished
School Gate Safety Enforcement Partnership	222,500	-83,000		139,500	0	-139,500	£80k budget transfer to Royal Harbour Multi-Storey Lift Replacement
CCTV (previously CCTV & Street Lighting)	45,680			45,680	4,775	-40,905	
Ramsgate Harbour Sluice Gate	105,000			105,000	0	-105,000	
Thanet District LED Lighting	386,888		3,559	390,447	61,185	-329,262	
Ellington Park	18,057		3,955	22,012	11,768	-10,243	
Pontoon Decking Improvements	4,303			4,303	0	-4,303	Project finished
Ramsgate Port & Harbour - Additional Self Storage Containers	55,000			55,000	54,690	-310	Project finished
Upgrade of Amenity Blocks	73,730			73,730	969	-72,761	
Broadstairs Flood & Coast Protection	880,000			880,000	28,159	-851,841	
Ramsgate Dock Office on Eastern Crosswall	30,000			30,000	0	-30,000	
Ramsgate Port - Berth 4/5 Replacement	251,249			251,249	133,159	-118,090	
Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Programme	2,155,362			2,155,362	497,941	-1,657,421	
Boat Wash Separator	46,953			46,953	0	-46,953	
Crematorium Cloisters	100,000		1,318	101,318	1,318	-100,000	
Ramsgate Flood & Coast Protection	1,425			1,425	0	-1,425	Project finished
Ramsgate Port & Harbour Utilities Supply Upgrade	540			540	0	-540	Project finished

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Westbrook to St Mildred's Sea Wall Work	450,000			450,000	0	-450,000	
Viking Bay to Dumpton Gap Sea Wall Work	398,668			398,668	2,414	-396,253	
Replace Crematorium Chapel Roof	2,548		659	3,207	659	-2,548	Project finished
Royal Harbour Multi-Storey Lift Replacement	330,427	83,000	5,273	418,700	6,846	-411,854	£80k budget transfer from School Gate Safety Enforcement Partnership
Replacement Mobile Elevating Work Platform (MEWP) for Ramsgate Port & Harbour	28,000			28,000	28,000	0	Project finished
Ramsgate Harbour - Toilet Cabin at Outer West Marina	41,640			41,640	41,090	-550	Project finished
Ramsgate Port - Transformer	60,000			60,000	0	-60,000	
Crematorium Memorial Gardens	60,000			60,000	0	-60,000	
Ramsgate Harbour - Marina Access Gates CCTV	21,000			21,000	19,550	-1,450	
Port Control Signal Light Repeaters for Ramsgate West Pier Infrastructure	16,500			16,500	0	-16,500	
	1,320,000			1,320,000	120,026	-1,199,974	
Viking Bay Boardwalk	41,000		1,190	42,190	42,190	0	Project finished
Sea Wall Remedial Work	142,000	61,788	2,380	206,168	181,168	-25,000	£62k budget increase to be grant funded
Ramsgate East Pier Building Structural Improvements	312,500		5,273	317,773	11,007	-306,766	
Ramsgate East and West Pier Hand Railings and Access Gates	170,000			170,000	0	-170,000	
Customs Cutter Berth Refurbishment	70,000			70,000	2,130	-67,870	
Ramsgate Harbour - Replacement of Oil Disposal Point	40,000			40,000	0	-40,000	
Vehicle CCTV Cameras, Trackers and Software Upgrade	261,032			261,032	0	-261,032	
Smart Metering Upgrade	110,000			110,000	110,000	0	Project finished
Replacement Dock Master's Office	21,000			21,000	0	-21,000	
Jackey Bakers Pavilion	370,000		3,827	373,827	3,826	-370,001	
Total	8,733,330	61,788	27,434	8,822,552	1,368,015	-7,454,537	
Total Programme	27,024,369	67,622	63,154	27,155,145	6,424,039	-20,731,107	
Capital Salaries	100,000		-63,154	36,846	0	-36,846	
Grand Total	27,124,369	67,622	0	27,191,991	6,424,039	-20,767,953	

Funded By	Revised Capital Budget 2023/24 to Cabinet 29 February 2024 £	Additions / Removals £	Capital Salary Allocation £	Revised Capital Budget 2023/24 at Year-End £	Actual Outturn 2023/24 £
Revenue and Reserves	1,156,809	83,419		1,240,228	84,299
Capital Receipts	4,562,465	- 83,419		4,479,046	212,024
Prudential Borrowing	6,954,963			6,954,963	1,102,008
External Funding	14,450,132	67,622		14,517,754	5,025,708
Total	27,124,369	67,622	-	27,191,991	6,424,039

Changes to Committees

Council	11 July 2024
By	Ingrid Brown, Head of Legal and Democracy & S151 Officer
Cabinet Portfolio	Councillor Yates, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
Key Decision	No
Decision classification	Unrestricted
Ward:	All Wards

Purpose of the Report

The Conservative Group wishes to make a change to their nominations to committees for the remainder of the 2024/25 municipal year. The report also allows other political groups an opportunity to amend their nominations to committees for the remainder of the 2024/25 municipal year.

Recommendation(s):

To note the nominations to Committees for the remainder of the 2024/25 municipal year.

1. Summary of Reasons

- 1.1 A request has been made by the Group Leader of the Conservative Group to make changes to their proportion of the membership to council committees.

2. Background

- 2.1 Any of the political groups that make up the Council can make changes to their membership on council committees as long as they stay within their allocated proportion on these committees. Any such changes would need to be made at a Full Council meeting.

3. Relevant Issues

- 3.1 The Conservative group wishes to make a change to their nominations to committees for the remainder of the 2024/25 municipal year. The changes that Councillor Reece Pugh advised Democratic Services about are as detailed below:

- Cllr Barry Manners will be replaced on the Licensing Board by Cllr Jill Bayford;
- Cllr Barry Manners will be replaced on the Governance & Audit Committee by Cllr Matthew Scott;

- Cllr Matthew Scott will be replaced on the Constitutional Review Committee by Cllr John Davis.

3.2 This report also allows other political groups an opportunity to amend their nominations to committees for the remainder of the 2024/25 municipal year as well if they choose to do so.

4. Alternative Options

4.1 It is within the gift of each political group to make changes to their proportion of membership on council committees. This report is therefore for noting only.

5. Consultation

5.1 There is no statutory or public law duty to consult in relation to this matter.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Finance and Resources

6.1.1 There are no direct financial implications from this report.

6.2 Legal and Constitutional

6.2.1 The composition and allocation of membership of committees has been based on the relevant legislative requirements. Section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 states that where the Council has determined the allocation to different groups of the seats to which the Act applies, it shall be the duty of the authority to give effect to a Group's wishes about who is to be appointed to the seats that they have been allocated.

6.3 Council Policies and Priorities

6.3.1 This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

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6.4 Risk

6.4.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

6.5 Climate Change and Biodiversity

6.5.1 There are no climate change and biodiversity implications arising from this report.

7. Equality, Equity and Diversity Implications

7.1 There are no equity, equality and diversity implications arising directly from this report.

8. Crime and Disorder Implications and Community impact

8.1 There are no crime and disorder and community impact implications arising directly from this report.

9.0 Subject History

9.1 There is no subject history on this matter. This is therefore the first occasion that this matter is being considered.

Annexes

None

Background Papers

None

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Report Sign Off

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