

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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