

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Cabinet	
MEETING DATE:	9 th November 2011	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
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TITLE:	Capital Project Approvals & Updates to the Capital Programme	
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List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1: Summary of Capital Projects for Approval. Appendix 2: Detailed Information on Capital Projects for Approval. Appendix 2 (i): Oldfield Park Junior Playing Field - CPO Appendix 2 (ii): Hetling Spring Borehole Council Costs		

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 This report and appendices present for approval Capital Projects to be included in the Councils Capital Programme.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet agrees that:

2.1 Capital Project – Oldfield Park Junior Playing Field CPO; summarised in Appendix 1 and detailed in **Appendix 2(i)** is approved for inclusion in the Councils 5 year Capital Programme.

2.2 Capital Project – Hetling Spring Borehole; summarised in Appendix 1 and detailed in **Appendix 2(ii)** is approved for inclusion in the Councils 5 year Capital Programme.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The financial implications are contained within Appendices 2(i) to 2(ii) and can be summarised as follows;

3.2 Oldfield Park Junior Playing Filed CPO – As this project is funded from external sources there are no revenue financial implications for the Council.

Hetling Spring Borehole – The Council's Capital costs will be funded by Services Supported borrowing which is already provided for in Service Delivery's Medium Term service & Resource Plan. The debt charges will be financed after year two

of operation by the income generated from supplying thermal waters to the Gainsborough Hotel.

4 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

4.1 The projects contained within Appendix 1 & 2 will contribute to the achievement of various Council priorities depending on the scheme. The projects have been scrutinised by officers which includes an assessment of their impact on Council Priorities. Appendices 2(i) to 2(ii) detail which objectives will be achieved.

5 THE REPORT

5.1 The Capital Approval Process requires all capital projects to be scrutinised at officer level through Project Initiation & Deliverability Group (PIDG) & Capital Strategy Group (CSG) before they are included for Cabinet approval. Before projects are submitted to PIDG they require Senior Manager (Divisional or Strategic Director) and Finance Manager sign off.

5.2 After scrutiny at Officer level the Project will be included in the Budget Report for approval at February Council or in a monthly Cabinet Report depending on the timing of expenditure.

5.3 Some projects will have been included in the Capital Programme presented in the previous Budget Report as *italic* items for information. This report seeks to gain formal approval for such projects and for new projects not identified in the Budget Report.

5.4 Appendix 1 summarises the cost and funding information of those projects that have been recommended for approval by PIDG & CSG where budget approval is required in year. Any projects requiring budget approval from the next financial year will be included in the Budget Report.

5.5 Appendix 2(i) details the project for **Oldfield Park Junior Playing Field CPO**; which creates a playing field for the school through the compulsory purchase of 7 small holdings in private ownership.

5.6 Appendix 2(ii) details the project for **Hetling Spring Borehole**; A new borehole is required to secure and maintain the thermal spring waters of the Hetling Spring in order to ensure the continued and uninterrupted supply of water within the city. The thermal spring waters are fundamental to the tourism economy, and are a significant revenue generating asset for the Council.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 The report author and lead Cabinet member have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance. The risks of each project have been reviewed by PIDG & CSG and are detailed, along with the mitigating actions in Appendix 2.

6.2 Capital Strategy Group and Project Programme Board maintain a high level capital risk register.

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 This report provides information about the financial performance of the Council and therefore no specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out in the report itself. Each project manager considers equalities impacts when developing project proposals which have been detailed in Appendices 2(i) to 2(ii).

8 RATIONALE

8.1 The rationale for each project is discussed in the appendices 2(i) & 2(ii). These projects will contribute to the effective operation of Council Services and in doing so help to meet the Councils Corporate Priorities.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 As part of the PIDG review each project highlights which options they have considered. Appendices 2(i) to 2(ii) provide details of the options along with the justification for choosing the preferred option.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 Consultation on the specific projects has been carried out with the lead Cabinet Members, Strategic Directors, Section 151 Finance Officer, other B&NES services and external parties where appropriate.

11 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

11.1 This report is of a Corporate nature however some Capital Project presented for approval in Appendix 2 may require consideration of other issues including but not limited to; Social Inclusion, Customer Focus, Sustainability, Human Resources, Property, Young People, Impact on Staff.

12 ADVICE SOUGHT

12.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	<i>Budget Report – Capital Programme</i> <i>Budget Management Scheme</i>
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