

RECOMMENDATION III

CABINET MINUTES

14 FEBRUARY 2013

Chairman: * Councillor Thaya Idaikkadar

Councillors:

* Bob Currie	* Phillip O'Dell
* Margaret Davine	* David Perry
* Keith Ferry	* Sachin Shah
* Mitzi Green	† Bill Stephenson
* Graham Henson	

In attendance:	James Bond	Minute 583
(Councillors)	Susan Hall	Minute 583
	Barry Macleod-Cullinane	Minute 583

* Denotes Member present

† Denotes apologies received

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

588. Key Decision - Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2016/17

The Portfolio Holder for Finance introduced the report, which proposed the Capital Programme for 2013/14 and the indicative levels of resources for 2014/15 to 2016/17 that formed part of the annual budget review process. He explained that due to the uncertainty about the future levels of government grants, the Council had set out a detailed one year plan with indicative funding levels of £17m and £15m for the following two years.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance outlined the level of investment contained within the Capital Programme to address some of the maintenance backlog. He outlined three project areas which had been included:

- School Expansion Programme, which would be funded by the use of Section 106 planning resources if sufficient capital grant was not available;
- Transformation New Projects, which might initially be funded from reserves;
- Land Acquisition, with financing costs being capitalised as part of the development costs.

Whilst briefing Cabinet of the uncertainties, the Portfolio Holder identified some of the notable projects contained in the 2013/14 Capital Programme, such as disabled facilities grant, empty properties and private sector initiatives grants, highways programme of £4.8m, which would benefit the community, and the continued investment in Harrow Town Centre.

The Portfolio Holder for Performance, Customer Services and Corporate Services highlighted the importance of the disabled facilities grant which would support the 'prevention' agenda supported the desire to remove the backlog maintenance through the use of the Transformation money.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That the Capital Programme, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

Reason for Decision: To enable the Council to have an approved Capital Programme for 2013/14.

Alternative Options considered and rejected: None.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member/Dispensation granted: None.