

REPORT FOR: Council

Date of Meeting: 29 November 2018

Subject: Additions to the Capital Programme for the financial year 2018/19

Responsible Officer: Dawn Calvert, Director of Finance

Exempt: No

Enclosures: None

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out 2 additions to the Capital Programme for 2018/19 which require approval by Council.

Recommendations:

- 1) That Council approves the addition to the 2018/19 Capital programme for the items set out in paragraphs 5 and 6.

Section 2 – Report

Introductory paragraph

1. This report covers the addition of items to the 2018/19 Capital Programme that need to be agreed by Council in order to comply with the Financial Regulations.
2. The Financial regulations allow for a total of £2.5m of additional Capital expenditure to be added to the Capital Programme (which is funded from external sources) during any one financial year.
3. To date, taking into account the additions to be included as part of the Quarter 2 Revenue and Capital Monitoring report which will be agreed by Cabinet on 6th December 2018, Cabinet will have approved a total of £1.733m additions to the 2018/19 Capital Programme.
4. There are 2 further additions of capital required totalling £1.054m which need to be added to the 2018/19 Capital Programme and these require Council approval rather than Cabinet so that the £2.5m limit is not breached.
5. A review on the conditions of all playground infrastructures across the borough has been undertaken and this identifies the requirement to replace end of life equipment ensuring regulatory compliance and providing an appropriate base for future management and maintenance. The cost of priority 1 works scheduled for 2018/19 is estimated at **£545k** and it is proposed that this will be fully met from Borough Community Infrastructure Levy funding. It is therefore requested that a new programme budget called Playground infrastructure replacement of **£545k** be added to the 2018/19 capital programme.
6. Following the recent Budget announcement by the Government in relation to the allocation of £420m for local highways maintenance, the Department for Transport has confirmed that the allocation to Harrow is **£509k** which is to be used for the repair of potholes, roads and bridges by the end of March 2019. This additional funding will be used in addition to the currently agreed highways

programme to improve the condition of principal roads in the borough and bridges. This is an area of work previously funded by Transport for London but the funding was withdrawn in 2018/19. It is therefore proposed that the capital budget for Highways Programme is increased by **£509k** in 2018/19.

Legal Implications

7. Under the Council's Financial Regulation B48 Additions in year to the Capital Programme up to £500,000 additional capital spending can be approved by Cabinet on specific projects where the expenditure is wholly covered by additional external sources; and the expenditure is in accordance with at least one of the priorities listed in the capital programme; and there are no significant full year revenue budget effects. The additional capital spending agreed by Cabinet in one financial year cannot exceed £2.5million.

Financial Implications

5. Financial matters are integral to this report.

Performance Issues

6. There are no direct performance issues arising from the changes in this report.

Environmental Impact

7. There are no environmental impacts from the changes contained in this report.

Risk Management Implications

8. There are no risk management implications arising from the capital additions included in this report.

Equalities Implications

9. There are no equalities implications arising from the additions in this report.

Corporate Priorities

10. The Capital budget for 2018/19 supports delivery of the Council's vision, the Administration's priorities and is consistent with the Corporate Plan.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Dawn Calvert

Chief Finance Officer

Date: 26 November 2018

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on behalf of the
Monitoring Officer

Date: 26 November 2018

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None