



## CABINET REPORT

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2009-10 &amp; 2010-11 – PROJECT APPRAISALS &amp; VARIATION</b>
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**AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC**

<b>Cabinet Meeting Date:</b>	28 April 2010
<b>Key Decision:</b>	YES
<b>Listed on Forward Plan:</b>	YES
<b>Within Policy:</b>	YES
<b>Policy Document:</b>	NO
<b>Directorate:</b>	Finance and Support
<b>Accountable Cabinet Member:</b>	David Perkins
<b>Ward(s)</b>	Not Applicable

### 1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:

- Request approval for capital schemes to be included in the Council's capital programme for 2009-10
- Request approval for variations to capital schemes in the Council's capital programme for 2009-10
- Request approval for capital schemes to be included in the Council's capital programme for 2010-11

## 2. Recommendations

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2.1 That Cabinet approve the following schemes to be included in the capital programme for 2009-10.

<b>Scheme Reference, Description &amp; Directorate</b>	<b>Narrative</b>	<b>2009-10 £</b>	<b>Future Years £</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
2009-10/GF075 Bus Station Improvement Works  Environment & Culture	The re-alignment of the entrance routes into the bus station to reduce bus speeds and the creation of a taxi bay for customers to be dropped off and picked up. This includes installing 3 kerb islands on the taxi rank bay and Greyfriars Bus Station entrance.	7,947	-	Revenue contribution from the Bus Station cost centre.
2009-10/GF076 Replacement Plate Maker for Print & Design Unit  Finance & Support	Replacement plate maker required, due to no maintenance being available since the existing maintenance company went into liquidation. It is essential that this piece of equipment be fully supported by a maintenance contract, which it now is.	16,420	-	Revenue contribution from the Print Unit Support cost centre.
2009-10/GF077 CCTV Equipment (DVR16)  Environment & Culture	Purchase of additional digital video recorder (DVR) to support and ensure business continuity for the CCTV service. Ring fenced section 106 funding for CCTV will fund this.	9,871	-	Ring fenced Section 106

Further details of these appraisals can be seen at Annex A of this report.

2.2 That Cabinet approve the following variation to schemes already in the capital programme for 2009-10

<b>Scheme Reference, Description &amp; Directorate</b>	<b>Narrative</b>	<b>2009-10 £</b>	<b>Future Years £</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
2008-09/GF073 V04 Money 4 Youth  Assistant Chief Executive	NBC has been awarded an additional £14,440 for Money 4 Youth projects. This is due to NBC's consistency in delivering these projects. £12k of this is for play equipment at Billing Brook Road shops. £2,440 is for works at Camp Hill MUGA, including anti vehicle bollards.	14,440	-	DCSF
2009-10/GF069 V02 Market Square Lighting  Planning & Regeneration	Additional funding has been awarded to this project, which will be used for: 1) Projection onto Peacock Place 2) Enhancement of the proposed LED screen on Waterloo House to give cleared imagery 3) Provision of coloured lighting for the three alleyways to the Market Square 4) Increased cost of original scheme, including enhanced solution of buttons 5) WNDC project management recharge	85,800	60,000	WNDC & Arts Council

Further details of these variations can be seen at Annex B of this report.

2.3 That Cabinet approve the following schemes to be included in the capital programme for 2010-11.

<b>Scheme Reference, Description &amp; Directorate</b>	<b>Narrative</b>	<b>2010-11 £</b>	<b>Future Years £</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
2010-11/GF34 Playbuilder – Lings Playing Field  Environment & Culture	The Council has successfully bid for £49,300 of Play builder funding for Lings playing field. The development supports the NBC Play Strategy and will result in an imaginative facility principally targeted to the needs of 8 - 13 year olds but will also be of benefit to the wider community.	49,300	-	DCSF
2010-11/GF35 Playbuilder – Dallington Park	The Council has successfully bid for £49,300 of Playbuilder money from the DFCS, allocated through NCC, for Dallington. ie. The development supports the NBC Play Strategy and will result in an imaginative facility principally targeted to the needs of 8 - 13 year olds but will also be of benefit to the wider community.	49,300	-	DCSF

Further details of these appraisals can be seen at Annex A of this report.

### **3. Issues and Choices**

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#### **3.1 Report Background**

- 3.1.1 Cabinet approved the latest capital programme for 2009-10, on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
- 3.1.2 Council approved the original capital programme for 2010-11, on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

#### **3.2 Issues**

##### **Approval of Capital Project Appraisals and Capital Project Variations**

##### **Capital Appraisals 2009-10**

- 3.2.1 Approval is sought to add schemes to the Council's capital programme for 2009-10, as set out at paragraph 2.1 above.
- 3.2.2 The work at Greyfriars bus station and the purchase of the plate maker has been funded from revenue in 2009-10. The purchase of the CCTV equipment has been funded from ring fenced section 106 monies.

- 3.2.3 The work at Greyfriars bus station had to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010 as per the Health and Safety Executive Improvement Notice.
- 3.2.4 The purchase of the plate maker was essential given that there was no maintenance cover available for the existing machine. This machine is responsible for 65-75% of the print and design units' total workflow. The new plate maker will be covered by a maintenance contract funded from existing Revenue budgets.
- 3.2.5 The purchase of the CCTV equipment was to fulfil the requirements of the section 106 funding (ref H130). If the conditions of the section 106 funding are not met then Northampton Borough Council will have to repay the contribution to the developer.
- 3.2.6 Capital appraisal forms have been completed for all of the above items to formalise the movement of this expenditure, currently coded to the Council's revenue budget, into the 2009-10 capital programme.

### **Capital Variations 2009-10**

- 3.2.7 Approval is sought for variations to schemes that are already in the Council's capital programme for 2009-10, as set out at paragraph 2.2 above.
- 3.2.8 Additional funding has been awarded to Northampton Borough Council due to the consistent delivery of Money 4 Youth projects in previous years and because other Local Authorities have not spent their allocation. Conditions of the grant are that the funding must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.
- 3.2.9 The additional funding for the Market Square Lighting project will enable an enhanced lighting scheme to be delivered. West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC) has awarded an additional £85.5k in 2009-10 and the Arts Council has awarded £60k for 2010-11.
- 3.2.10 Capital variation forms have been completed for the above items to formalise these increases to the capital programme.

### **Capital Appraisals 2010-11**

- 3.2.11 Approval is sought to add schemes to the Council's capital programme for 2010-11, as set out at paragraph 2.3 above.
- 3.2.12 The Play Builders grant will provide much needed facilities in the Lings and Dallington areas. Conditions of these grants are that the funding must be spent by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011, however the aim is to have these installed in time for the school summer holidays.
- 3.2.13 The ongoing general maintenance for the Play Builder schemes can be met from existing Revenue budgets.
- 3.2.14 All proposals put forward for approval with this report have been submitted on capital appraisal or variation forms, which have been signed off by, amongst others, the relevant Director, the Section 151 Officer and the appropriate Cabinet Portfolio Holder. Copies of the capital project appraisals and variation forms, which are listed as background papers, are available on request.
- 3.2.15 All schemes in the capital programme, whether included in the original programme, arising from slippage, or added to the programme during the year, are fully funded, either from borrowing, internal resources or from external funding arrangements.

3.2.16 The total approved programme for 2009-10 will increase by £134k along with the associated financing as a result of the project appraisals and variations brought with this report. The latest approved programme with this addition is set out in the table below:

	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Financing</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Latest approved programme (17 <sup>th</sup> March Cabinet)	<b>20,239</b>	<b>33,316</b>
Appraisals and variation within this report	<b>134</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>Latest proposed programme</b>	<b>20,373</b>	<b>33,450</b>

3.2.17 The total approved programme for 2010-11 will increase by £159k along with the associated financing as a result of the project appraisals and variations brought with this report. The latest approved programme with this addition is set out in the table below:

	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Financing</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Latest approved programme (25 <sup>th</sup> February Council)	<b>25,490</b>	<b>25,490</b>
Appraisals and variations within this report	<b>159</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Latest proposed programme</b>	<b>25,649</b>	<b>25,649</b>

### **Future Reports to Cabinet**

3.2.18 The outturn report for the 2009-10 capital programme will be brought to Cabinet on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

3.1.21 In line with best practice and with CAA requirements, capital programme monitoring information for 2010-11 will be brought to Cabinet on a monthly basis, with the first report being brought to the 28<sup>th</sup> July Cabinet 2010.

### **3.3 Choices (Options)**

- 3.3.1 Cabinet are asked to approve the inclusion of the capital schemes at paragraph 2.1 and 2.3 into the Council's capital programme for the respective years, and to approve the variations to the agreed capital programme set out at paragraph 2.2.

## **4. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **4.1 Policy**

- 4.1.1 All schemes within the capital programme are within existing policy

### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

- 4.2.1 All schemes included in the capital programme, or put forward for approval, are fully funded, either through borrowing, internal resources or external funding arrangements.
- 4.2.2 All revenue budget implications related to the capital projects are set out in the capital project appraisals, and fed into revenue budget planning as appropriate (i.e. through revenue budget monitoring, budget build or medium term financial planning).
- 4.2.3 Financial and non-financial risks related to the capital projects are addressed in the capital project appraisals.

### **4.3 Legal**

- 4.3.1 Legal implications related to the capital projects are addressed in the capital project appraisals.
- 4.3.2 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

### **4.4 Equality**

- 4.4.1 Equalities implications related to the capital projects are addressed in the capital project appraisals. Many of the schemes in the programme are specifically targeted at addressing equalities issues. Project managers are responsible for ensuring that Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) are completed for their schemes, and that any equalities issues associated with the project are correctly addressed.

#### **4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)**

- 4.5.1 The Project Manager, in consultation with other officers and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder, has put each capital project appraisal and project variation for schemes in the programme together. In respect of consultation with stakeholders on individual schemes, details are contained within the capital project appraisals

#### **4.6 How the Proposals deliver Priority Outcomes**

- 4.6.1 The extent to which each project meets the Council's objectives and priorities is described within the individual capital project appraisals.
- 4.6.2 The use of capital project appraisals to determine and agree capital schemes in accordance with the objectives and priorities of the authority, and the effective monitoring and reporting of capital programme activity both contribute to improving the CAA Use of Resources score. This supports the Council's priority to be a well-managed organisation that puts our customers at the heart of what we do.

#### **4.7 Other Implications**

- 4.7.1 There are no other specific implications arising from this report.

### **5. Background Papers**

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- 5.1 Capital programme budget setting and monitoring reports to Cabinet throughout 2009-10

#### **5.2 Capital Project Appraisals**

- 2009-10/GF075 Bus Station Improvement Works
- 2009-10/GF076 Replacement Plate Maker for Print & Design Unit
- 2009-10/GF077 CCTV Equipment (DVR16)
- 2010-11/GF34 Play builder – Lings Playing Field
- 2010-11/GF35 Play builder – Dallington Park

#### **5.3 Capital Project Variations.**

- 2008-09/GF073 V04 Money 4 Youth
- 2009-10/GF069 V02 Market Square Lighting

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