



# NORWICH City Council

**Committee name:** Council

**Committee date:** 28/11/2023

**Report title:** Update to Capital Programme

**Portfolio:** Councillor Kendrick, cabinet member for resources

**Report of:** Interim Chief Finance Officer and S151 Officer

**Wards:** All Wards

## **OPEN PUBLIC ITEM**

### **Purpose**

This report seeks approval for changes to the council's Capital Programme (2023/24).

### **Recommendation:**

That Council approves the following changes to the 2023/24 Capital Programme:

- 1) the removal of £6.250m of budgets from the 2023/24 General Fund Capital Programme;
- 2) the removal of £4.306m of budgets from the 2023/24 HRA Capital Programme.

### **Policy framework**

The council has five corporate priorities, which are:

- People live independently and well in a diverse and safe city.
- Norwich is a sustainable and healthy city.
- Norwich has the infrastructure and housing it needs to be a successful city.
- The city has an inclusive economy in which residents have equal opportunity to flourish.
- Norwich City Council is in good shape to serve the city.

This report meets the Norwich City Council is in good shape to serve the city. corporate priority.

## Introduction and Background

1. The 2023-28 capital programme was approved as part of the council's budget setting process by full Council in February 2023.
2. During quarter 2 of the 2023/24 financial year, the capital programme was reviewed, with budget expenditure profiles adjusted to reflect their anticipated future utilisation as projects progress.
3. As part of the review, a number of budgets were identified as no longer being required within the 2023/24 capital programme, as set out below.
4. On 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023, Cabinet considered the 2023/24 Quarter 2 budget monitoring report and resolved to recommend to Council that it:
  - (a) approves the following changes to the Capital Programme 2023/24:
    - (i) the removal of £6.250m of budgets from the 2023/24 General Fund Capital Programme;
    - (ii) the removal of £4.306m of budgets from the 2023/24 HRA Capital Programme.

### Budgets proposed to be removed from the General Fund Capital Programme

Capital Project	Current Budget	Proposed Removal	Revised Budget	Comment
Norman Centre replacement boilers	165	(165)	0	Project to be reviewed. New budget to be requested when required.
Neighbourh'd CIL grant funding	335	(335)	0	Associated expenditure is revenue in nature; budget to be transferred to revenue.
City Hall Medium Term Future	5,750	(5,750)	0	Budget originally approved based on LUF funding bid. Bid unsuccessful therefore project to be reconsidered
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>(6,250)</b>	<b>0</b>	

## Budgets proposed to be removed from the HRA Capital Programme

Capital Project	Current Budget	Proposed Removal	Revised Budget	Comment
LANB Hethersett	150	(150)	0	Project no longer going ahead.
New Build Opportunities	800	(800)	0	No suitable opportunities identified for completion in this financial year.
HRA upgrades - Whole House Improvements	2,500	(1,610)	890	
HRA upgrades - Heating/Boilers Communal	1,000	(465)	535	
HRA upgrades - Heating/Boilers Domestic	1,922	(252)	1,670	
HRA upgrades - Windows	1,000	(104)	896	HRA works to be reprofiled based on revised stock condition survey.
HRA upgrades - Estate Aesthetics	750	(200)	550	
HRA upgrades - HRA Shops	150	(150)	0	
HRA upgrades - Structural	1,014	(126)	888	
HRA upgrades - Water Hygiene Upgrades	500	(450)	50	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,786</b>	<b>(4,306)</b>	<b>5,479</b>	

### Consultation

5. No additional consultation has been undertaken in respect of the report proposals.

### Implications

#### Financial and resources

6. Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the council's stated priorities, as set out in its Corporate Plan 2022-26 and budget.

### Legal

7. In relation to the proposed adjustments to the capital programme, only the council has the power to vary the level of capital programme budgets, unless it relates to a scheme where external funding which fully matches any increase is available in which case the cabinet can approve the change to the programme.

## Statutory considerations

Consideration	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and diversity	There are no specific equality and diversity implications arising from this report. Where individual schemes in the capital programme have implications related to this statutory condition they will be considered as part of the appropriate scheme assessment.
Health, social and economic impact	There are no specific health, social and economic implications arising from this report. Where individual schemes in the capital programme have implications related to this statutory condition they will be considered as part of the appropriate scheme assessment.
Crime and disorder	There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report. Where individual schemes in the capital programme have implications related to this statutory condition, including the role of the crime reduction partnership, they will be considered as part of the appropriate scheme assessment.
Children and adults safeguarding	There are no specific safeguarding implications arising from this report. Where individual schemes in the capital programme have implications related to this statutory condition they will be considered as part of the appropriate scheme assessment.
Environmental impact	There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report. Where individual schemes in the capital programme have implications related to this statutory condition they will be considered as part of the appropriate scheme assessment.

## Risk management

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
Financial	Capital resources are not effectively used.	<p>Financing options for proposed expenditure takes account of the availability and suitability of the funding sources.</p> <p>Budget management identifies variances and informs appropriate management actions.</p>

**Background papers: None**

**Appendices: None**

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