

Report to Council
24 November 2020

Item

Report of Interim Director of Resources (S151)

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Subject Adjustment to the General Fund 2020/21 Capital Programme

Purpose

To seek approval for an adjustment to the 2020/21 General Fund capital programme to enable the rebuilding of Heigham Park Pavilion, the purchase of new laptop computers and the utilisation of the Tourism Support and Towns' Fund grants.

Recommendation

- 1) To approve the following amendments to increase the General Fund capital programme by £1.536m to provide:
 - a) £0.175m to enable Heigham Park Pavilion to be rebuilt following fire damage, to be funded from £0.125m insurance claim and £0.050m insurance reserve;
 - b) £0.500m to cover cost of new laptops to be funded from RCCO / capital receipts;
 - c) £0.253m of improvements to street furniture, alternative cycling routes and traffic road blocks funded from Tourism Support grant;
 - d) £0.608m of funding for various Towns' Fund projects as set out in the main report.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priorities A healthy organisation, Great neighbourhoods, housing and environment, Inclusive economy and People living well.

Financial implications

The financial consequence of the proposals included within the report is an increase to the General Fund capital programme of £1.536m, the detail of which is included in the main body of the report.

Ward/s: Multiple Wards

Cabinet members: Councillor Kendrick - Resources

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Background documents

None

Report

1. At its meeting of 11 November 2020, Cabinet resolved to recommend to council an increase of £1.536m to the General Fund capital programme, comprising the additions set out below.

2. **Heigham Park Pavilion - £0.175m**

Following substantial fire damage, the pavilion requires rebuilding. The cost will be met by £0.125m from an insurance claim and £0.050m from the council's insurance reserve.

3. **IT – New Laptop Computers - £0.500m**

The proposed addition of £0.500m to the capital programme for IT equipment is to provide investment in flexible working with the provision of laptops council wide for all users. These laptops will replace the current estate of desktop personal computers. This investment is in line with the IT digital strategy and will support agile working as well as resilience during the Covid-19 pandemic. An initial pilot of 20 laptops is currently being rolled out and the final specification will incorporate the feedback from the user testing. It is estimated that in total 750 laptops will be required to cover existing staff and additional spare devices for resilience. In total, it is estimated that the cost of the laptops will be in the region of £0.750m. Existing approved IT capital budgets will be used to cover £0.250m alongside the request to increase the budget by £0.500m. The additional budget will be funded from RCCO / capital receipts.

4. **Tourism Grant - £0.253m**

A Tourism Support Package of £0.494m has been received from Norfolk County Council. The most recent analysis of the projected spend requests £0.253m is built into the capital programme to cover the following capital aspects of the project:

- Street furniture improvements - £0.168m
- Alternative cycling routes - £0.020m
- Traffic road blocks - £0.065m

5. **Towns' Fund - £0.608m**

A total grant of £1m has been received, £0.392m of which will provide funding for budgets already included within the 2020/21 capital programme. In order to facilitate completion of all the projects included in the bid, the capital programme requires an increase of a further £0.608m. Detail of the projects to be funded by the grant is set out in the table below:

Table 1:

Towns' Fund works detail	Total requirement £000s	Included in current programme £000s	To be added to capital programme £000s
Digital Hub- Townsend House EPC improvements	75		75
Local centre shops EPC improvements- 1-2 Earlham West Centre	90	90	
Norwich Halls improvements	224	224	
Memorial Gardens undercroft improvements and Norwich Guildhall	189		189
Chapelfield gardens - improvements for events	50		50
Tennis courts improvements	67		67
Play improvement	80		80
Installation of expanded toilet / washing facilities in parks	157	78	79
Programme contingency	68		68
Total	1,000	392	608

Integrated impact assessment



NORWICH
City Council

Report author to complete

Committee:	Council
Committee date:	24 November 2020
Director / Head of service	Interim director of resources (S151)
Report subject:	Adjustment to the 2020/21 General Fund Capital Programme
Date assessed:	10 November 2020

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposals within the report represent value for money in utilising externally funded grants effectively.
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ICT services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposals represent a positive investment in ICT in line with the IT digital strategy and will support agile working as well as resilience during the covid-19 pandemic.
Economic development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposals would provide investment in the city, generating a positive economic impact.
Financial inclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<u>S17 crime and disorder act 1998</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights Act 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Health and well being	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	Impact			
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eliminating discrimination & harassment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Advancing equality of opportunity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Natural and built environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Waste minimisation & resource use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pollution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainable procurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Energy and climate change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	Impact			
(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Risk management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Recommendations from impact assessment
Positive
Negative
Neutral
Issues