

CAPITAL PROGRAMME - NEW SCHEMES/ADDITIONS
2013/14 to 2016/17

GENERAL FUND

ADULTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

C1 Hard Surface Path Improvements - £360,000

13/14 - £160,000

14/15 - £100,000

15/16 - £100,000

16/17 - £0

The repair of hard surfaces does not have a dedicated budget with all repairs coming out of the Parks Technical maintenance budget which has to cover the repair, maintenance and replacement of all children's play facilities and hard landscaping in the towns parks and open spaces. Pressure on this budget has increased due to the recent investment in Children's play equipment and the popularity has increased wear and tear.

Due to the ground movement, weather conditions and the make up a number of the paths, roads and tracks within the town's parks they are now in a very poor condition.

Paths and tracks in parks and open spaces are not covered by the highways act. However, they do come under occupier's liability. Over the last year the Parks Technical Section has been advised by the Councils Insurance Team of the need to undertake regular repairs to reduce the chance of a successful claim against the council.

Examples of some pathway areas needing re-construction are in Chalkwell Park, Southchurch Park, Bournes Green Park and Belfairs Farm Track.

This scheme is to be funded from corporate borrowing.

C2 Sustaining the Central Library - £150,000

13/14 - £100,000

14/15 - £50,000

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

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A provision is required to maintain the infrastructure of the current Central Library.

This scheme is to be funded from corporate borrowing.

C3 War Memorials within the Borough - £120,000

13/14 - £120,000

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

The Borough's principal war memorials in particular Cliff Gardens and Shoeburyness, are currently suffering from stone deterioration. This is primarily due to acid rain and the salt environment. The Memorial within Cliff Gardens in particular is made from limestone which is prone to weathering, a survey of this memorial has shown that small crevices and pores have been exposed in the limestone which will cause faster and faster deterioration through weathering. The aim of this project is to repair the stone, preserve the inscriptions whilst they are still legible and coat the memorial with a protective coating with the objective of preserving the Memorial for future years. In addition, the renovations will also be part of our participation in the national agenda in readiness to mark 100 years in 2014 since the start of World War One.

This scheme is to be funded from corporate borrowing.

C4 Energy improvements in Culture Property Assets- £180,000

13/14 - £180,000

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

Cultural services are currently undertaken energy efficiency audits at the Central Museum, Leigh Library and the Central Parks nursery, which if the recommendations are implemented will save revenue expenditure in the long term after an initial payback period has been completed.

The alterations include improvements to the buildings fabric, installation of energy and low carbon boilers, air source heat pumps, low energy

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lighting, Zoning of heating requirements, water conservation, insulation of photovoltaic energy cells etc.

Whilst many sources of funding for these changes can be sourced they all require match funding with the payback period being reduced with external funding.

This scheme is to be funded 50:50 from corporate borrowing and government funding.

C5 Chalkwell Park Drainage - £95,000

13/14 - £95,000

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

Chalkwell Park is a popular venue for many people in the town. However in the last year surface water drainage at the top of the park (adjacent Chalkwell Park Rooms) has become ineffective. There is no formal drainage here and the ground conditions have changed to prevent water from draining away. As a result a large area regularly floods restricting access to the park and Chalkwell Park Rooms. As this water can no longer be drained into the surface water system, the most appropriate and cost effective solution is to install a drainage system across the park to the pond in the park.

This scheme is to be funded from corporate borrowing.

C6 Provision of Street (security) lighting from the entrance of Priory Park to Prittlewell Priory - £20,000

13/14 - £20,000

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

The main entrance and road passing through Priory Park to the Prittlewell Priory historic house has never had the need to be lit as historically the park was closed at dusk. However, with the successful refurbishment of Prittlewell Priory, it is used as an evening venue. The road and path is

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seeing increased use in the evenings and as such consideration has been given to health and safety in the dark.

The path and road does not receive any overspill light from Victoria Avenue street lighting and due to large overhanging trees even the moonlight is limited. In addition the kerb and low level wooden railings, to prevent cars from driving over the grass, can be considered a trip hazard in the dark.

In addition to the above the trees and bushes could provide ideal places for undesirables to hide and prey on lone individuals. In particular this could apply to staff closing the Priory after an evening event.

This scheme given its minor investment will be funded from the existing Urgent and Priority works budget in 2013/14.

Sub-Total Adults & Community Services Department **£925,000**

CHILDREN & LEARNING DEPARTMENT

C7 Expansion of 2yr old Childcare Places - £200,000

13/14 - £200,000

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

- I. Remodelling of areas in existing centres to provide adequate toilet facilities for child care provision.
- II. Refurbishment of lift in Shoebury children's centre and nursery to ensure safe and maximum use of existing 1st floor space (current lift is not operational)
- III. Refurbishment of lift in Cockleshell nursery to ensure safe and maximum use of existing 1st floor space (current lift breaks down frequently)

This scheme is to be funded from new Government funding.

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C8 Children & Learning Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grants - £800,000

13/14 - £200,000

14/15 - £200,000

15/16 - £200,000

16/17 - £200,000

Currently an annual budget of £160,000 exists for this scheme but additional funding is sought to enable up to 4 major adaptations to the homes of Disabled Children per annum to enable them to remain living with their families and improving their outcomes.

This scheme is to be funded from corporate borrowing.

C9 Capital investment to support Short Breaks - £108,000

13/14 - £108,000

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

This relates to the allocation of the Capital Grant for Short breaks for 2012/13 and is to be spent on;

- £60,000 – to ensure full physical access to the Prittlewell Priory museum/activity resource for all children with mobility/visual impairments;
- £8,000 – to install interactive sensory play equipment in up to 4 playgrounds across the Borough;
- £40,000 – to enhance access to other existing play and leisure provision in the town after further consultation with disabled children and their parents

This scheme is to be funded from Government funding.

Sub-Total Children & Learning Department

£1,108,000

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ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & ENVIRONMENT

C10 Sea Defences - £4,515,000

13/14 - £4,515,000

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

Proposed works are not yet confirmed, as the outcome of the application to the Environment Agency for the Shoebury Common scheme is not known yet., There is a probable need to provide partnership funding for the project. In addition to this, however, should sufficient funds remain, possible projects are:-

- Reconstruct beach accesses at Grosvenor Road (associated with the new paddling pool) and opposite Clifton Drive.
- Reconstruct dilapidated step units, Western Esplanade, just west of the Pier.
- Reconstruct Gypsy Bridge paddling pool.
- Capital refurbishment of foreshore "hardways".

This scheme is to be funded largely by external funding; £4,015,000 with a balance of funding of £500,000 from corporate borrowing.

C11 A127 Junction Improvements - £2,130,000

13/14 - £1,065,000

14/15 - £1,065,000

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

This investment would be the estimated Council's investment in the top three short term transport proposals of improvements to the junctions at Kent Elms, Bell Corner and Tesco roundabout. Government funding is being sought for the majority of the investment but full details of any successful bid will not be known until mid-2013 at the earliest. At that point the capital programme will be adjusted accordingly for any successful external funding.

This scheme is to be funded from corporate borrowing.

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C12 Enhanced Household Waste Recycling Site (including commercial waste) - £1,000,000

13/14 - £1,000,000

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

This investment relates to the potential to purchase an additional waste site to accommodate non-household type waste such as commercial waste & construction/demolition and hazardous wastes; it has the potential to enhance existing recycling facilities within the borough.

This scheme is to be funded from corporate borrowing.

Sub-Total Enterprise, Tourism & Environment Department **£7,645,000**

SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

C13 New Server Room – £750,000

13/14 - £750,000

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

The current server room is inappropriate and beyond its useful life for its current intended usage and the proposal is to construct a new server and network room and install power back up system (UPS).

This scheme is to be funded from corporate borrowing.

C14 Software Licensing - £710,000

13/14 - £10,000

14/15 - £100,000

15/16 - £300,000

16/17 - £300,000

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Capital provision is required to fund the on-going licensing requirements of software used across the authority.

This scheme is to be funded through corporate borrowing.

C15 Citizen Account Phase 2 - £50,000

13/14 - £50,000

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

Citizen Account Phase 1 delivered in 2012/13 enables customers to log onto a secure area eg. the web site where they are able to view data specific to themselves. As a starting point for customers Council Tax and Housing Benefit data is being made accessible. This concept can be extended with the objective being to further enable self serve, reduce unnecessary contact with the Council and reduce the cost of contact within the Customer Service Centre/back office (ie deliver savings). The concept can also be extended to avoid progress chasing calls.

Phase 2 could be scoped to include third parties view of status of accounts payable or for people to view/amend their own electoral registration details. E-mail alerts to those who register interest in particular service areas could also be in scope as could linking to the "where I live" functionality.

This scheme would be funded through corporate borrowing.

C16 Mandatory Works to Cremators - £120,000

13/14 - £7,000

14/15 - £75,000

15/16 - £38,000

16/17 - £0

Investment is required to replace essential Cremator hearths and linings, which are coming to the end of their useful life.

This scheme is to be funded from corporate borrowing.

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C17 ICT Core Infrastructure (Networks, Security and Disaster Recovery and development of Agresso) - £710,000

13/14 - £300,000

14/15 - £80,000

15/16 - £330,000

16/17 - £0

This proposal relates to the planned replacement of core components of ICT infrastructure including servers, VM Ware, networks, security and disaster recovery requirements. It also provides for a sum of £300,000 for the next module developments of the Agresso system.

This scheme is to be funded through corporate borrowing of £410,000 and earmarked reserves of £300k.

C18 Wireless Borough - £500,000

13/14 - £100,000

14/15 - £200,000

15/16 - £200,000

16/17 - £0

To enable the delivery of a Wi Mesh Hi speed Broadband solution across the Borough and a data warehouse to support industrial and commercial enterprises, mobile staff working, students and general public use.

This scheme is to be funded through corporate borrowing.

C19 Essential Crematorium/Cemetery Equipment - £185,000

13/14 - £0

14/15 - £10,000

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £175,000

The equipment used in the Crematorium grounds will require replacement in 2014/15 and 2016/17 and the equipment used in the Council's cemeteries will require replacement in 2016/17.

This scheme is to be funded through corporate borrowing.

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C20 Replacement of and Enhancement to the Council's Cash Receipting System - £50,000

13/14 - £50,000

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

To replace the current Cash Receipting System to support compliance requirements including Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI/DSS) and improve the limited support provision for maintenance & upgrades with the current provider. Furthermore this system has not been tendered for over 10 years and therefore the process must be completed to ensure competitiveness and to reappraise service provision.

Review the market for all available Cash Receipting Systems considering compliance and providing benefits analysis of maintaining a partially hosted solution (current position) or delivering a completely hosted solution. Initially the use of the current Agresso ERP System and the relevant module will be explored for compatibility and suitability to requirements.

This scheme is to be funded through earmarked reserves.

C21 Rolling Replacement Programme ICT (Hardware in desktops, laptops, tablets, docking stations) - £400,000

13/14 - £0

14/15 - £200,000

15/16 - £200,000

16/17 - £0

To replace aging ICT hardware across the Council.

This scheme is to be funded through corporate borrowing.

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C22 Vehicle Tracking & Performance System Transport Management System including GPS - £60,000

13/14 - £60,000

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

Creation of a single co-ordinating integrated transport unit (ITU) for the Council.

This scheme is to be funded through corporate borrowing.

C23 Airport Business Park - £400,000

13/14 - £250,000

14/15 - £150,000

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

- Reduce site risk for development and secure possession.
- To procure development partner.
- Prepare master plan.
- Procure legal and other technical advice as required.

Preparatory work to bring forward the Airport Business Park.

This scheme is to be funded through corporate borrowing.

C24 Porters Civic House and Cottage - £200,000

13/14 - £200,000

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £0

This investment is required for various health and safety works and to maintain the infrastructure of a Grade 1 listed building.

This scheme is to be funded from corporate borrowing.

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C25 Urgent & Priority Works - £2,000,000

13/14 - £0

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £1,000,000

16/17 - £1,000,000

This scheme is to ensure a £1million budget in this area is available for the start of each financial year to deal with any urgent or priority works that may arise during the year.

This scheme is to be funded from corporate borrowing after utilising any unspent budget from this scheme from the previous financial year.

Sub-Total Support Services Department **£6,135,000**

TOTAL CAPITAL SCHEMES - GENERAL FUND **£15,813,000**

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

C26 HRA Capital Programme - £8,000,000

13/14 - £0

14/15 - £0

15/16 - £0

16/17 - £8,000,000

The investment relates to

- the continuance of completing the Decent Homes programme to bring the housing stock to decency levels;
- energy efficiency and health & safety works;
- sheltered housing and general housing remodelling works where appropriate

This scheme is to be funded through the self-funding revenue and reserve streams of the HRA, which is fully chargeable to the HRA.

TOTAL CAPITAL SCHEMES – HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT **£8,000,000**

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SUMMARY POSTION OF OVERALL CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The annual profile of this total investment would be as follows;

Year	General Fund £'m	Housing Revenue Account £'m	Total £'m
2013/14	9,540	0	9,540
2014/15	2,230	0	2,230
2015/16	2,368	0	2,368
2016/17	1,675	8,000	9,675
TOTAL	15,813	8,000	23,813

The annual funding for this total investment would be as follows;

Year	General Fund Borrowing £'m	General Fund External Funding £'m	General Fund Existing Funding £'m	General Fund Sub- Total £'m	Housing Revenue Account Self- Funded £'m	Total £'m
2013/14	4,757	4,413	370	9,540	0	9,540
2014/15	2,230	0	0	2,230	0	2,230
2015/16	2,368	0	0	2,368	0	2,368
2016/17	1,675	0	0	1,675	8,000	9,675
TOTAL	11,030	4,413	370	15,813	8,000	23,813