BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE

General Fund Capital Programme Update Report 31 January 2006

ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS

This amendment went to Cabinet on 17 January 2006

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4. That Cabinet notes the latest position regarding the General Fund Capital Programme and funding assumptions from 2005/06 onwards, and delegates to the Cabinet Member for Finance, in consultation with Star Chamber, the task of producing a fully balanced Programme for Cabinet's consideration, having regard to the phasing of capital schemes and supported borrowing needs.

Following Star Chamber on 12 January 2006, further progress has been made in balancing the 5 year Capital Programme. This has been achieved by

- removing some scheme bids completely
- reducing or re-phasing bids
- reassessing the funding assumptions for some schemes
- reassessing the capital receipts forecasts for the period.

An amended net Capital Programme is attached, which shows that cumulatively the programme is balanced by 2010/11 but more work is required to balance individual years.

The basic options available to balance the programme in each year are to re-phase schemes, re-phase unsupported borrowing or a combination of both. It should be noted, however, that any changes to the currently assumed phasing of unsupported borrowing will have an impact on the revenue budget projections.

Officer Comments:

S151 / Monitoring Officer Comments:

There are no additional comments arising from these amendments.

Other Officer Comments:

The programme as drafted covers existing commitments, match funding for major regeneration schemes, some essential works to buildings, renewal of business systems, and identified priorities.