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Draft Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2021/22 and Draft Revenue Budget Update

Ward(s) All

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Executive Summary :

The draft capital programme 2018/19 to 2021/22 and draft revenue budget update was reported to Cabinet on 13 December 2017 and contains the following items for consultation with Overview and Scrutiny Committees:

- Changes to the revenue savings proposals for 2018/19 as reported to Cabinet on 25 October 2017. The following summarises changes to proposal 17 following Cabinet's consideration on 25 October 2017 of the proposal to 'Introduce charging for garden waste collections' for which consultation has now closed.

Withdrawal of the proposals to introduce a charge for garden waste collections, saving £300k, and replacing this with:

- Provision of a reduced free garden waste service – a three weekly garden waste collection over a period of 36 weeks between March and November, saving circa £138k per annum.
 - Alternate bowling green provision - £30k saving - following agreement with third parties.
 - Additional trade waste income in excess of budget - £5k saving
 - Markets cleansing efficiencies - £20k saving
 - Planning fee increase £107k (dependent on government fee charges to be implemented from April 2018).
- The draft capital programme for the four-year period from 2018/19 to 2021/22 for consultation – extract of schemes relating to the remit of this Committee are attached at **Annex 1**.

This will allow feedback to be considered by Cabinet in advance of the final budget

recommendation to Council in February 2018.

Reason for scrutiny

To enable consultation and scrutiny of the draft capital programme for the four years 2018/19 to 2021/22 and any updates to the revenue budget proposals previously reported to Cabinet on 25 October 2017 which are relevant to this Committee.

Recommendations:

1. That, the Committee consider the schemes included in the draft capital programme in Annex 1 relating to the remit of this Committee, as reported to Cabinet on 13 December 2017 and make recommendations to the Cabinet as appropriate;
2. That, the Committee note the adjustment to Saving 17 in regard to garden waste charging.

Background papers

Various financial working papers.

Citizen impact

The draft capital programme provides investment into services which will have a possible impact on Citizens, including maintenance of the highways infrastructure, parks and open spaces, library redesign, regeneration initiatives, aids and adaptations to support independence.

Environmental impact

The impact on the environment is considered in revenue and capital budget planning.

Performance management

Progress on delivery of capital programme projects are managed and reported to ensure they are on target to deliver the expected outcomes.

Equality Implications

Service managers have regard to equalities in delivering services.

Consultation

Feedback from consultation, including those from this Committee, will be reported to Cabinet, for Cabinet to review and revise their final budget recommendations to Council in February 2018

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Annex 1

Draft Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2021/22

(Extract relating to schemes within the remit of Corporate and Public Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

Capital project	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Source of funding
<i>Economy and Environment</i>					
Prior year approval - Broadway West playing fields - refurbish/improve existing changing room provision – match funding of £150k being sought from Sport England	100,000				Council
	150,000				External
Prior year approval - Walsall Town Centre Public Realm Improvements. It is proposed that the public realm across the town centre needs to be surveyed, with specific regard to the upcoming and future town centre developments	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,500,000		Council
Prior year approval - Migration of existing Urban Traffic Control analogue communication network - The communications network used to control parts of the traffic signal network has been in place for over 25 years and is based on obsolete analogue technology which is in need of replacement.	185,000				Council
Prior year approval - Traffic Signals - Replacement of obsolete traffic signal control equipment – Prior year approval - the Council has a statutory duty to maintain all its traffic signal infrastructure and this provides a programme of planned pedestrian crossing replacements to ensure the safe and efficient movement of pedestrians	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	Council
Prior year approval - Provision of community dropped crossings along footways to permit access for wheelchairs, pushchairs and mobility scooters	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	Council
Prior year approval – Library redesign including relocation of Local History Centre to Central Library (£4.56m total, £2,16m in 2017/18 capital programme)	2,400,000				Council
Rolling programme - Memorial Safety in Walsall cemeteries - ensuring that Walsall Council complies with statutory obligations to provide a safe environment in its eight borough cemeteries	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	Council

Capital project	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Source of funding
<i>Economy and Environment Continued</i>					
Rolling Programme - Highway Maintenance Programme – Council has a legal responsibility to maintain the highway network	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	Council
Replacement of obsolete analogue weather stations used to provide winter service to the highway network	40,000				Council
Open water safety schemes - signage	73,650	2,000	5,000	2,000	Council
Walsall Arboretum Extension and Country Park – infrastructure improvements		190,000			Council
Invest to save – Oak Park Active Living Centre – second artificial grass pitch – match funding being sought from Football Association	150,000				Council
	300,000				External
Invest to save – Bloxwich Active Living Centre – interactive aquatics play	30,000				Council
Mobile technology implementation for Building Control	11,500				Council
Streetly Crematorium - Installation of air conditioning units and refurbishment of public toilets		215,351			Council
Replacement of obsolete fixed site speed enforcement camera infrastructure	175,000				Council
Promotion of Community Health and Safety	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	Council
M6 Junction 10 road improvements in partnership with Highways England			650,000		Council
	14,260,000	14,270,000			External
Aldridge Manor House – development into a commercial opportunity for the Council to fund and own, and one that will create a rental income stream for the Council in addition to the generation of business rates and council tax	4,766,000	83,000			Council
LTP Highway Maintenance Programme – distributed by the Integrated Transport Authority to maintain our highways network	2,348,000	2,348,000	2,348,000	2,348,000	External
West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan (STP) - The programme is designed to address road safety issues, progress the Council's major scheme aspirations; and resource 'local contributions' to approved major schemes	1,283,000				External

Capital project	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Source of funding
<i>Economy and Environment Continued</i>					
Growth Deal - will create the skills, connections and locations for further high value manufacturing success and support growth in the Black Country's automotive, aerospace and construction sectors	19,527,429	19,044,119	32,948,081		External
National Productivity Investment Fund Programme for junction and cycling improvements	2,601,500	2,601,500			External
Willenhall Memorial Park artwork – external funding being sought from Heritage Lottery England	1,200				External
<i>Total Economy and Environment</i>	52,582,279	42,933,970	40,631,081	5,530,000	
<i>Change and Governance</i>					
Rolling Programme - Aids and Adaptations, Preventative Adaptations and Supporting Independence – Assists households to maintain greater independence and live in their homes for longer through providing low cost adaptations, and assistance with community projects to enable residents to access local services. Supports the statutory requirement to provide disabled facility grants (lifts, hoists)	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	Council
Disabled Facilities Grant – this project directly supports the council's statutory requirement to provide disabled facility grants (DFGs). The project has a direct positive impact on the number and subsequent varied costs to the council from the increasing level of demand for home adaptations.	2,145,000	2,145,000	2,145,000	2,145,000	External
Rolling Programme - Health through warmth – continuation of project up to March 2020 – to help provide a safety net for those who can't access other funding sources, available as a loan charged on the property that is repaid upon sale or relevant transfer of their home.	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	Council
Prior year approval - Essential Microsoft upgrades and foundation for Office 365	225,000				Council
Prior year approval - Procurement of system for Human Resources management and Oracle financials	2,100,000	1,400,000			Council
Prior year approval - Service improvement for single mobile device management solution (in-tune platform technology)	51,000	51,000			Council

Capital project	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	2020/21 £	2021/22 £	Source of funding
<i>Change and Governance Continued</i>					
Prior year approval - Civic Centre heating	600,000				Council
Prior year approval - Redesign of school kitchens to meet health and safety, food and fire regulations	250,000				Council
Prior year approval - CCTV upgrade to equipment	250,000				Council
Walsall Council House – modern secure reception	106,000				Council
Maintaining safe and secure environment - review of ICT infrastructure	3,901,000	1,949,000			Council
Darlaston Town Hall – asbestos and fire safety works	99,900				Council
Walsall Town Hall – roofing repair system	61,500				Council
High level parapet wall – Sneyd, Vernon Way	94,350				Council
Implementing the ICT strategy to support the Council's Transformation Programme	455,000				Council
Willenhall Lane travellers site - redesign to create 2 additional plots	85,000				Council
Integrated Community Equipment Store – purchase of specialised equipment as part of Better Care Fund	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	External
<i>Total Change and Governance</i>	11,998,750	7,120,000	3,720,000	3,720,000	
<i>Centrally held budgets</i>					
Funding to support essential works including health and safety, and other projects that cannot be programmed at start of year e.g. Asbestos removal, statutory testing, legionella, fire risk, statutory testing of buildings, demolition of redundant buildings, general repair and maintenance	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	Council
<i>Total Centrally Held budgets</i>	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	
Total Draft Capital Programme for remit of this Committee	65,331,029	50,803,970	45,101,081	10,000,000	

The following summarises the reserve list of schemes, which will be released in year subject to funding being confirmed and linked to council priorities:

- Further provision for Aids and Adaptations / Preventative Adaptations and Supportive Independence as required
- Further provision for Health Through Warmth – tackling fuel poverty as required
- Work required following investigation on drainage at North Walsall Cemetery
- Hatherton Road Multi-storey car park development of demolition plan