

9. Capital Programme 2009/10 to 2013/14

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Purpose of Report

To outline the process for agreeing new schemes to the Capital Programme for 2009/10.

Action Required

That Scrutiny: -

Comments on the process to date;
Comments on progress to date.

Capital Strategy

The Capital Strategy has been revised and agreed by District Executive on the 2nd November 2006. The strategy outlines the release of set aside resources over the life of the Corporate Plan and allows for the revenue consequences of this.

Process for Approving Capital Bids

Each year managers submit projects for new starts for the next financial year in August preceding that year. A Project Management Group made up of the Head of Finance, The Head of E:Government and Technology, the Procurement Manager, the Head of Engineering and Property, and the Performance Manager then review each project. A presentation is made to the group and improvements and recommendations are made to each bid. Management Board is then given a summary from the Project Management Group to consider each bid.

A scoring mechanism is used to score each bid. This takes into account how closely aligned the bid is to the Corporate Plan, and also whether the project will receive partnership funding etc. A cut off point is then made on scoring depending on affordability – any schemes below the cut off point are held in reserve and can either be funded if another scheme fails or be resubmitted the following year.

Current Status of Capital Bids

The capital bids have now been completed and the report outlining the recommendations to District Executive is attached at Appendix 1. All bids are outlined in Appendix D, recommendations for approval at Appendix E and F, and scoring at Appendix C.

Next Steps

Once the District Executive has agreed the schemes for funding in 2009/10 schemes will be referred to the Scrutiny Committee.

Any comments from Scrutiny Committee will be fed back to District Executive in February 2009. The final recommendations of the District Executive will then be submitted to full Council for formal approval on 19th February 2009.

Background Papers: Capital Strategy
