

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

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PART I **FOR DECISION**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CABINET FROM ITS MEETING HELD ON 13th JULY 2015 – B. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16

1. Purpose of Report

To advise the Council of the recommendations of the Cabinet from its meeting held on 13th July 2015 on adjustments to the Capital Programme 2015/16:

- Leisure Strategy – Arbour Park Community Sport Facility
- Proposal for Secondary, FE and HE Provision
- Cross Keys Public House, Chalvey

2 Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action

The Council is requested to Resolve that the necessary adjustments to the Capital Programme be made to support to the delivery of:

- (a) The development of the Arbour Park Community Sport Facility, as detailed in Appendix B1.
- (b) The principle of investment of Basic Need capital grant in East Berkshire College to create a new Higher Education facility in Slough, subject to a cap of £2m, as detailed in Appendix B2.
- (c) The potential purchase of the Cross Keys Public House, Chalvey, subject to the cost not exceeding £1m, as detailed in Appendix B3.

3. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan

The Capital Programme supports all of the Council's strategic objectives and Five Year Plan outcomes. Further detail on how each of the proposed schemes would contribute to the delivery of the SJWS and Five Year Plan is set out in the individual Cabinet reports.

4 Other Implications

(a) Financial: As detailed within the report. There are both revenue and capital implications for the 2015-16 financial year. The maximum revenue impact will be £80k in 2015-16. The Capital programme is expected to increase by up to £8.9m.

(b) Risk Management

Risk	Mitigating action	Opportunities
Legal	None	none
Property	None	None
Human Rights	None	None
Health and Safety	None	None
Employment Issues	None	None
Equalities Issues	None	None
Community Support	None	None
Communications	None	None
Community Safety	None	None
Financial	Detailed within the report	None
Timetable for delivery	Monthly review at Capital Strategy Board and quarterly by O&S / Cabinet	Ability to increase the deliver of capital schemes
Project Capacity	None	None
Other	None	None

(c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

No further legal implications arising from this report in addition to those detailed in Appendices B1, B2 and B3.

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

Equalities Impact Assessments will be conducted, if required, for projects contained within the Capital Strategy.

5. Supporting Information

- 5.1 The Capital Strategy 2015-2020 and the Capital Programme 2015/16 was approved by Council on 19th February 2015.
- 5.2 The Cabinet at it's meeting on the 13th July made recommendations to approve additional schemes and amendments to the capital programme, with these impacting upon the 2015-16 capital programme spend.
- 5.3 The Arbour Park Community Sports Facility is estimated to cost £8.4m. The Council would be likely to fund this from internal capital balances rather than new borrowings or new capital receipts above the assumed level in the capital programme. If this cannot be funded by capital receipts, the revenue opportunity cost of funding would be between £80-£160k per annum. This will need to be adjusted for in the 2016-17 budget dependent upon the final cost of the scheme and the further release of any capital receipts. This report also detailed further monies being utilised from Basic Need capital funding. This will not have an impact on the Council's revenue budget but is a re-allocation of funding compared to the original capital programme. There will also be a potential ongoing revenue cost through operating this facility, though this will need to be adjusted for in the financial year of its full operation so there will be no impact of the 2015-16 revenue budget approved by Council.

- 5.4 The proposal for Secondary, FE and HE Provision will be funded through Basic Needs capital funding so there should be no impact on the 2015-16 revenue budget approved by Council. However, this is a potential significant re-allocation of funding to this scheme within the overall education capital programme.
- 5.5 The proposal for the acquisition of a strategic site in Chalvey will have an impact on the capital programme. There is currently a figure of £496k in the capital programme; the recommendation in this paper is to raise this to a maximum of £1m. As per the Community Sports Facility, there will be an opportunity cost to the Council of funding this (if not by capital receipts). However, this proposal will mean that the Council has an additional asset which it can dispose in the future, there should be no significant revenue costs associated with this, and if the Council developed this through the Slough regeneration Partnership, the Council would expect an equivalent capital receipt as well as a return on investment through this proposal.
- 5.6 A summary of the revised Capital Programme 2015/16 is shown in Appendix B4, which includes re-profiling from previous years.

6. Comments of Other Committees

- 6.1 The Cabinet considered the reports as set out in Appendices B1, B2 and B3 at its meeting on 13th July 2015 and resolved to Recommend the adjustments to the Capital Programme 2015/16 as detailed in this report to Council.

7. Conclusion

The recommended adjustments to the Capital Programme will support the delivery of the leisure strategy, education provision and the Chalvey regeneration strategy.

8. Appendices Attached

- B1. Cabinet report, 13th July 2015: Leisure Strategy, Arbour Park Community Sport Facility
- B2. Cabinet report, 13th July 2015: Proposal for Secondary, FE and HE Provision – Capital Investment in East Berkshire College to Create a New Higher Education Institute in Slough
- B3. Cabinet report, 13th July 2015: Cross Keys Public House, Chalvey
- B4. Revised Summary of Capital Programme

9. Background Papers

- '1' Report and minutes of the Council, 19th February 2015 - Capital Strategy 2015-2020.