

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**COUNCIL – 13 SEPTEMBER 2012****2012/13 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT****REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: FINANCE, AUDIT &
INFORMATION GOVERNANCE (CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER)****PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT****1.0 SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

1.1 The Financial Monitoring report to Cabinet in July showed overall revenue spending projected to be within approved budgets and provided an update on progress on capital programme spending. The report also highlighted some new capital allocations and slippage which require formal approval by Full Council which are shown below. Since the report in July, the Council has also received confirmation of an offer of £6.1m grant to fund developments of the Box Road in Telford Town Centre and capital approval is therefore required for this additional scheme.

Capital Approvals – New allocations				
Description	12/13 £	13/14 £	14/15 £	
Local Sustainable Transport Fund	143,835			
Invest to Save Initiatives:				
Town Centre Regeneration		300,000		– addition of 8 th floor to multi storey car park
Oakengates Leisure Centre Refurbishment	240,000			
Fitness Facility at Newport Pool		750,000		
Crazy golf course in Town Park	100,000			
Street Lighting Energy Programme	325,000	325,000	325,000	Proposal is £325k p.a. for 4 years to 2015/16
Box Road – see below	694,000	6,105,000	5,016,000	14/15 includes £564k LTP funding already included in the capital programme

The Council made an application under the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) programme for £8.787m towards funding the development of the Box Road in Telford Town Centre in December 2012. Since the last financial monitoring report was considered at Cabinet, we have received notification that an allocation of £6.1m (£5.980m capital and £0.120m revenue) has been awarded and this has been accepted. Work is currently underway to ascertain whether reductions could be made to the overall cost of the scheme and to identify potential alternative sources of funding for any residual shortfall. However, it should be assumed, until any alternative option is confirmed that additional prudential borrowing will be required. Conditions attached to the £6.1m grant include that the funding must be used by 31 March 2015 and therefore capital approval is required as soon as possible in order to facilitate an early start to the project. The project totals £11.815m and is funded as follows:

	£m
LSTF Grant	6.100
Section 106 Contribution	2.464
Local Transport Plan (already included in the approved capital programme)	0.564
Prudential	2.687
Total	11.815

Slippage		
	£	Comment
BTI - Dawley	100,000	Rephasing of spend - accelerated to 12/13
Extra Care Housing	(200,000)	Final payment slipped to 13/14
Disabled Facilities Grants	(150,000)	Rephasing of funding - to 13/14
Home Repairs Grants	(50,000)	Rephasing of funding - to 13/14
Housing Needs Property Maintenance	(100,000)	Rephasing of funding - to 13/14

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are asked to approve the changes to the capital programme shown in section 1 above.

3.0 SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	Yes	Delivery of all priority objectives depend on the effective use of available resources.
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	No	
TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE	The capital programme will be immediately updated to reflect the new approvals.	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	Yes	Financial impacts arising from this report will be reflected in future financial monitoring reports and built in to the final service and financial planning strategy for 2012/13 and beyond
LEGAL ISSUES	No	None directly arising from this report. The S151 Officer has a statutory duty to monitor income and expenditure and take action if overspends /shortfalls emerge.
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	No	
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	Borough Wide

4.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 01/03/12 – Full Council, Service & Financial Planning Strategy
- 26/7/12 – Cabinet, 2011/12 Financial Monitoring

PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is no additional information.

5.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

2012/13 Budget Strategy / Financial Ledger reports

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