

## PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

**Subject:** Capital Programme approvals  
**Committee:** City Council  
**Date:** 5 December 2011  
**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Bowyer  
**CMT Member:** Director for Corporate Support  
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**Ref:**

**Key Decision:** No

**Part:** 1

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### Executive Summary:

This report sets out the proposals recommended by Cabinet on 15 November 2011, for capital programme approval.

The capital programme was approved by Council in October as £103.475m in 2011/12 and £28.664m for 2012/13. With reprofiling, and the extra schemes recommended in this report the projected capital spend for 2011/12 is now £87.005m and £44.228m in 2012/13 which demonstrates continued investment and growth in line with the Council's corporate priorities.

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### Corporate Plan 2011 – 2014:

This report is linked to delivering the priorities set out in the Council's corporate plan. Targeting the Council's resources in a planned manner in order to align expenditure with key priorities will maximise the benefits to residents and businesses in Plymouth.

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### Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

With the further schemes recommended and re-profiling, the projected capital spend is now £87.005m for 2011/12 and £44.228m for 2012/13.

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### Other Implications: e.g. Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management and Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion:

The public sector is facing reduced revenue and capital resources which has been identified as a key risk within the Council's Strategic Risk register.

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**Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:**

The City Council is recommended to approve the new capital schemes for investment as detailed below, amounting to £1.454m additional capital spend for 2011/12 and £3.069m for 2012/13 –

**New Schemes for recommendation to Full Council (Dec 2011)**

<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>Schemes to be Approved at December Council</b>
<b>11/12</b>	<b>12/13</b>	<b>13/14</b>	<b>14/15</b>	
-	1,571	-	-	Academies – additional funding from Central Gov't
74	-	-	-	Prospect Row Play Area
30		-	-	Environmental Survey Works
-	50	-	-	St Budeaux Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)
24	-	-	-	Bretonside & Notte St Improvement Works
-	174	-	-	Traffic Improvements
26	1,274	-	-	ICT Data Centre at Windsor House
1,300	-	-	-	Road repairs in the city
<b>1,454</b>	<b>3,069</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Total of new Schemes for approval Dec 2011</b>

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**Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:**

The schemes will not proceed without Council approval and where funding is either ring fenced grant or SI06, the funding will have to be repaid

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**Background papers:**

Cabinet reports:

Joint Performance and Finance Report – Cabinet 15 November 2011 – the report may be viewed using the following link -

<http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/mgInternet/documents/s32711/Finance%20and%20performance%20report%20Nov%2011%20final%2007%2011%2011.pdf>

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**Sign off:**

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Originating SMT Member: Malcolm Coe											

## 1.0 New Capital Schemes referred from Cabinet on 15 November 2011

- 1.1 Cabinet agreed (minute 80a refers) that the City Council is recommended to approve the new capital schemes for investment as detailed in Table 6 and paragraphs 12.16 to 12.18 (in the written report) amounting to £1.454m additional capital spend for 2011/12 and £3.069m for 2012/13 –

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(4)	-	50	-	-	St Budeaux Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)
(5)	24	-	-	-	Bretonside & Notte St Improvement Works
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(7)	26	1,274	-	-	ICT Data Centre at Windsor House
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Further details relating to the individual schemes are set out below.

### 1.2 (1) Academies – additional central government funding

Additional funding from central government towards two Academies projects awarded following consultation with government departments

### 1.3 (2) Prospect Row Play Area

S106 funded project to provide community play facilities

### 1.4 (3) Environmental Survey Works

Environmental Survey Works funded by an Environment Agency ring-fenced grant

### 1.5 (4) St Budeaux Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

S106 funded project in Mount Tamar Park, St Budeaux that offers young people access to a wide range of sport and recreational opportunities

### 1.6 (5) Bretonside & Notte St Improvement Works

This relates to two section 106 funded projects to be delivered in 2011/12. The first £0.01m is for improving and maintaining pedestrian links from sites to the city centre, and the second £0.014m for upgrading a toucan crossing in Notte Street

### 1.7 (6) S106 Traffic Improvements

This relates to seven section 106 funded projects to be delivered across the city in 2012/13

## 1.8 (7) ICT Data Centre at Windsor House

The Council continues, as do most organisations, to place more reliance on the continuing availability of its ICT systems. Access to information, and the increasing use of hosted systems means that additional measures need to be taken to meet these operational needs, and to comply with the Civil Contingency Act 2004. The Council has previously agreed to build a data centre facility at Windsor House. The £1.3m now being sought will provide the additional equipment necessary to furnish this facility and to operate in this new, more resilient manner.

## 1.9 (8) Road repairs in the city

Plymouth roads, as in other cities across the country, have suffered due to recent extreme winter temperatures and resultant heavy frosts. Thaws have left the roads damaged with “potholes”. Following a successful resurfacing and patching programme on the road network this financial year, additional funding of £1.3m has been allocated to deal with further phases of resurfacing. This money will help address the problem, and will be prioritised as required to best serve the city.

## 2.0 **Funding of the additional capital schemes**

2.1 The funding of the capital programme is constantly under review by officers as funding streams become more certain and the outcome of grant bids are determined.

2.2 It is important that the most efficient use of resources is made and therefore this requires review and flexibility of the use of both borrowing and capital receipts, linked with grant and S106 funding. The exact funding of the capital programme is not determined until the end of the financial year dependent on the level of receipts and grants received during the year and the final capital expenditure.

2.3 Projects (1) and (3) are fully funded from ringfenced grants. Projects (2), (4), (5) and (6) are also fully funded by external negotiated S106 receipts. The funding for projects (7) and (8) is from existing revenue reserves which were reviewed by CMT in September 2011 and reported to Cabinet on November 15<sup>th</sup>.