

FC89. Three Year General Fund Capital Programme 2018/19 – 2020/21

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services setting out a balanced draft capital investment plan for the next three financial years. The plan, provided as an appendix to the report, contained investment of c.£84m over the three years and included funding related to the Tax Incremental Finance Scheme.

The report also included details of the proposals from the Administration for the Capital Programme. Over the three years of the plan £5.65m was proposed to be allocated to the Denny Eastern Access Road. £0.2m additional funding for Autistic Units was proposed to create additional specialised capacity within mainstream schools. £0.1m was proposed to be set aside to assist with Community Asset Transfers.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Garner, moved:-

that Council agree the General Services Capital Programme in terms of the programme set out in appendix to the report with the addition of:-

- (1) expenditure on the DEAR funded as set out in the report which includes additional prudential borrowing with the anticipation that the future developer contributions will continue to be due in accordance with the Supplementary Planning Guidance;
- (2) additional investment of £200k in Autistic Units funded by a revenue contribution, and
- (3) £100k to be set aside to support the transfer of community centres to communities funded by additional borrowing.

As an amendment, Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved:-

that Council agree the General Services Capital Programme in terms of Appendix 1 to the report and retaining the Administration's proposed investment in Autistic Units and in support of Community Centres but with the addition of additional investment of £1.5m in roads for 2018/19 to be funded from borrowing.

Provost Buchanan gave notice of a further amendment. Council adjourned at 10.20a.m. to allow the political groups to consider the terms of the motion and amendments and reconvened at 10.50a.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Councillor Meiklejohn, with the consent of the Provost and Councillor Garner, as her seconder, adjusted the terms of her motion to include an additional clause (4), in light of the further amendment intimated by Provost Buchanan, to read:-

- (4) that a review is carried out of the entire school estate, taking cognisance of the expansion of early years' provision and the Council's Corporate Plan and objectives, regarding parking issues at each school, with a report to be submitted to a future meeting of Council. This report should include an assessment of which schools require works as a matter of highest priority with proposals to address these issues.

Following discussion Councillor Nicol gave notice of a further amendment.

Following further discussion and in terms of Standing Order 22.4(i), the vote was taken by roll call, there being 30 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (20) – Depute Provost Ritchie; and Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Coleman, Collie, Flynn, Garner, Grant, Harris, Hughes, Kerr, McCue, Meiklejohn, Munro, Murtagh, Nicol, Patrick, and Spears.

For the amendment (9) - Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Coombes, Goldie, McLuckie, Nimmo, and Reid.

Abstain (1) – Provost Buchanan.

The motion was carried and became the substantive motion against which the further amendments were considered.

Council then adjourned at 11.50a.m. to allow the political groups to consider the terms of the further amendment intimated by Councillor Nicol and reconvened at 12.15p.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Following discussion on the terms of the further amendment, Council then adjourned at 12.20p.m. to allow members of the Conservative Group to consider a suggested amendment to the further amendment. Council reconvened at 12.25p.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Following further discussion, Councillor Meiklejohn, with the consent of the Provost and Councillor Garner, as her seconder, adjusted the terms of her motion to incorporate an additional clause (5), in light of the further amendment intimated by Councillor Nicol, to read:-

- (5) the Director of Development Services is instructed to undertake a review of the roads network with a view to identifying necessary works with costing to the June meeting of Council.

As a further amendment, Provost Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Nicol, moved the following as an additional clause (6) to the motion:-

- (6) Option 1 or Option 2 should be carried out as a matter of urgency. No costings have been given but £50,000 is only an estimated figure. But in terms of children's safety whatever the cost this must be carried out as soon as possible if education is unable to include in their proposals for expenditure then it should come from reserves.

Following further discussion, and in terms of Standing Order 22.4(i), the vote was taken by roll call, there being 30 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (17) – Depute Provost Ritchie; and Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Coleman, Collie, Flynn, Garner, Harris, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn, Munro, Murtagh, Patrick, and Spears.

For the amendment (3) – Provost Buchanan; and Councillors Kerr and Nicol.

Abstain (10) – Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Coombes, Goldie, Grant, McLuckie, Nimmo and Reid.

Decision

Council agreed the General Service Capital Programme in terms of the programme set out in appendix 1 to the report with the addition of:-

- (1) expenditure on the DEAR funded as set out in the report which includes additional prudential borrowing with the anticipation that the future developer contributions will continue to be due in accordance with the Supplementary Planning Guidance;**
- (2) additional investment of £200k in Autistic Units funded by a revenue contribution;**
- (3) £100k to be set aside to support the transfer of community centres to communities funded by additional borrowing;**
- (4) a review is carried out of the entire school estate, taking cognisance of the expansion of early years' provision and the Corporate Plan, regarding parking issues at each school, with a report to be submitted to a future meeting of Council. This report**

should include an assessment of which schools require works as a matter of highest priority with proposals to address these issues, and

- (5) the Director of Development Services is instructed to undertake a review of the roads network with a view to identifying necessary works with costing to the June meeting of Council.**