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SUBJECT: CAPITAL FINANCIAL MONITORING

2019/20

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AFFECTED: REFERENCE: FM08

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the latest capital financial position for 2019/20 as detailed in the report is considered and approved.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To provide an update on performance against the budget for 2019/20.
- 2.2 The report details performance of both the HRA and General Fund up to 31st January 2020 unless otherwise stated and is the third quarter's update of capital project progress for 2019/20.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Council's capital programme consists of many different projects covering both the General Fund and HRA.
- 3.2 General Fund projects are developed in line with strategies reported to policy committees and are funded through Section 106 developer contributions, General Fund contributions, grant income and capital receipts generated from asset sales.
- 3.3 HRA projects are mainly for refurbishment of council houses, disabled adaptations to council housing and new build and are funded by HRA reserves plus grant income.
- 3.4 The capital budget for 2019/20 was approved in February 2019 and has been updated following the outturn for 2018/19 to reflect the carry forward of income and expenditure for incomplete projects. Additional budgets have also been included on the HRA for property acquisitions reported separately.

3.5 Progress during the third quarter of 2019/20 on capital projects and the total financing of all of the projects is summarised in the following tables.

Capital Spending 2019/20 (as at Jan 2020)	Approved Budget £	B/fwd 2018/19 £	Updated Budget 2019/20 £	Spend to-date £
Council House Capital Works	2,788,000	0	2,788,000	1,154,182
Council House Disabled Adaptations	300,000	0	300,000	208,940
New Build and Acquisition Schemes	1,410,000	237,367	1,647,367	1,125,709
Total HRA	4,498,000	237,367	4,735,367	2,488,831
Private Sector Housing Works	792,375	1,151,017	1,943,392	258,960
Environmental and Heritage Schemes	0	42,007	42,007	59,472
Swadlincote Woodlands Nature Reserve	0	37,000	37,000	0
Community Partnership Scheme	0	239,005	239,005	103,310
Eureka Park	0	0	0	12,797
Melbourne Sports Park	400,000	33,799	433,799	9,411
CCTV Rosliston	0	0	0	13,580
Flail Mower, Rosliston	0	0	0	10,750
Vehicle Replacements	517,000	0	517,000	354,029
Sale of Land	0	0	0	7,567
Community Centres / Pavilion	0	0	0	30,582
IT Strategy	210,000	461,842	671,842	232,578
Property Maintenance and Refurbishment	130,000	130,000	260,000	65,684
Total General Fund	2,049,375	2,094,670	4,144,045	1,158,720
Total Council Expenditure	6,547,375	2,332,037	8,879,412	3,647,551

Capital Financing 2019/20	Approved Budget £	B/fwd 2018/19 £	Updated Budget 2019/20 £
HRA Revenue Contribution	3,088,000	0	3,088,000
General Fund Revenue Contribution	740,000	272,804	1,012,804
Earmarked/Specific Reserves	1,274,000	606,279	1,880,279
Capital Receipts Reserve	653,000	192,367	845,367
Grant Funding	792,375	1,260,587	2,052,962
Total Funding	6,547,375	2,332,037	8,879,412

HRA Capital

- 3.6 Disabled adaptations of Council housing are set to be on budget during 2019/20.
- 3.7 Major refurbishment works to Council housing is well underway but due to the delay in appointing a new contractor, it is anticipated that the expenditure will be under budget by the year-end. Any underspend will be carried forward.
- 3.8 The budget for new build and acquisition schemes consists of the construction of properties at Lullington Road, Overseal and acquisition of properties in Repton, Newhall and Aston.
- 3.9 Seven properties were acquired in Aston and are all occupied.

- 3.10 The properties in Repton and Newhall are due to be transferred to the Council during 2020/21 therefore the budget for 2019/20 only includes a deposit at this stage.
- 3.11 New build properties in Overseal are now complete and are fully let. The budget carried forward from 2018/19 is specific for these dwellings. Due to the delay with completion, additional costs have been incurred and the project has exceeded the carried forward budget by £89k. The additional cost can be covered by the capital receipts reserve and there are specific revenue budgets within the HRA for professional fees in relation to new build that can be utilised if necessary.

General Fund Capital

Private Sector Housing Works

- 3.12 There are a number of projects included within this area, one of which is Disabled Facility Grants (DFG). Expenditure on DFG is expected to be approximately £100k under the allocated budget of £440k by the year-end. Budget carry forwards are for approved projects, some of which have started during 2019/20.
- 3.13 A list of new projects was reported to this Committee in November and this report gave a three-year projection on expected spend. A number of these projects are not expected to be rolled out until 2020/21 due to project planning and recruitment and it is therefore expected that a large carry forward will be made at the end of this financial year.

Environmental and Heritage Schemes

- 3.14 This relates to the Swadlincote Town Centre Scheme following the award of funding in 2016/17.
- 3.15 A small budget was carried forward from 2018/19 and although this budget is currently overspent, most of the expenditure incurred has been claimed from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) with the remainder being funded from a specific earmarked reserve.

Leisure and Community Schemes

- 3.16 The Community Partnership Scheme has all of the funding committed to specific projects, but the funding is still to be drawn down from the Council.
- 3.17 Match funding has been secured for the Swadlincote Woodlands Nature Reserve project and work is set to commence in 2019/20.
- 3.18 The capital element of the Eureka Park project is now complete and final funding has been drawn down from S106.
- 3.19 Melbourne Sports Park drainage works are still in the early stages. A tender for works has been completed and an award to the appointed contractor is under review.
- 3.20 CCTV at Rosliston has been installed due to security concerns after a break in at the site. A flail mower has also been purchased for Rosliston. Both are to be financed through an earmarked reserve set up specifically for works at Rosliston.

Vehicle Replacements

3.21 The scheduled replacements in 2019/20 are for new road sweepers, additional vans for Grounds Maintenance, a refuse freighter and a bulky waste vehicle. The road sweepers and refuse freighter have now been purchased with the remaining vehicles scheduled for delivery later in the year.

Asset Disposals and Refurbishment

- 3.22 Costs associated with the sale of land at Oversetts Road will be funded by the capital receipt once received.
- 3.23 A General Fund contribution of £130k is set-aside each year to fund refurbishment and maintenance of Public Buildings. Due to a tender exercise no works were scheduled during 2018/19. A contractor has now been appointed and a works programme will run alongside scheduled capital works on HRA Council dwellings. To-date works on Rink Drive have been undertaken.

IT Strategy

- 3.24 Following approval of an IT Strategy, sums are being set-aside annually to fund new equipment and software.
- 3.25 A number of separate tender exercises have been undertaken during 2018/19 and the early part of 2019/20 and an equipment replacement programme is currently being rolled out across the Council.
- 3.26 The allocated budget is not expected to be spent in year and will be phased across a longer period. Any underspend will be carried forward into future years.

Capital Reserves

3.27 The capital reserve balances for the General Fund and HRA as at the 31st January 2020 are listed below.

	£
New Build and Acquisition Reserve	2,902,103
Major Repairs Reserve	3,454,260
Debt Repayment Reserve	5,046,000
HRA Capital Reserves	11,402,363
Capital Receipts Reserve	1,086,295
General Fund Capital Reserves	1,086,295
Total Capital Reserves	12,488,658

HRA Capital Reserves

- 3.28 The New Build and Acquisition Reserve is topped up by all retained receipts of sales of Council houses under Right to Buy.
- 3.29 Right to Buy sales have totalled 13 as at 31st December 2019 and £511,768 is included in the New Build and Acquisition Reserve above and is summarised in the following table.

	Sales	Gross Receipts	Less Pooled	Retained	
	£	£	£	£	%
Quarter 1	4	206,640	-77,900	128,740	62%
Quarter 2	6	305,513	-77,900	227,613	75%
Quarter 3	3	233,315	-77,900	155,415	67%
Total	13	745,468	-233,700	511,768	69%

- 3.30 Two additional dwellings have been sold during January and February taking the total sales to 15 to-date in 2019/20. The dwelling sold in February is one of the Council's new build properties in Linton, built in 2016/17.
- 3.31 Any underspends on the HRA capital programme are transferred to the Major Repairs Reserve at year-end and the balance is to be utilised in future years as the new schedule for capital works is implemented. It is not expected that a drawdown will be required during 2019/20 but this will be kept under review.
- 3.32 Currently the HRA has debt of £57.4m to be repaid to the Public Works Loan Board at specific dates over a 20-year period as a result of self-financing.
- 3.33 The profile of debt repayment is listed in the following table.

Date due	£
28-Mar-22	10,000,000
28-Mar-24	10,000,000
28-Mar-27	10,000,000
28-Mar-32	10,000,000
28-Mar-37	10,000,000
28-Mar-42	7,423,000

57,423,000

3.34 Sums are being set-aside each year for the scheduled repayments and are included in the HRA MTFP.

General Fund Capital Reserves

- 3.35 The Capital Receipts Reserve is made up of asset sales in recent years and there are a few remaining projects to be funded from the balance as listed in the table. Included within the total reserve is the overage payment received from Chestnut Avenue, Midway.
- 3.36 A sum of £820,162 has been received during 2019/20 to build a community facility at Oversetts Road. This is no longer included within the Capital Receipts reserve as reported in November as it is for specific works at this location with a proportion of the receipt being negotiated under S106.

	£
General Capital Receipts B/fwd	334,736
Receipts in Year:	
Land Sale Bridge Street, Castle Gresley	15,552
Specific Projects:	
Strategic Housing Market Assessment	-50,000
Private Sector Stock Condition Survey	-60,000
Empty Property Grants	-42,000
Repairs to Village Halls and Community Facilities	-9,075
Public Buildings Planned Maintenance Programme	-58,032
Costs of Land Sales	-6,575
Midway Community Centre	-4,587
Stenson Fields Community Centre	-2,121
Remaining Balance	117,898
Overage Payment	738,599
Remaining Capital Receipts Reserve	856,497

- 3.37 The Strategic Market Housing Assessment and Private Sector Stock Condition Survey are both scheduled to recur every five years.
- 3.38 Further receipts are expected for sales of land at Oversetts Road and the former Depot, but the values and due dates are still to be confirmed.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 Detailed in the report.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 None directly.

6.0 Community Impact

6.1 None directly.