

Period 6 Capital Monitoring Update

1. The total capital programme budget covering 2024/25 - 2033/44 stands at £695.21 million. The programme is aligned to the priorities established in Mission Waltham Forest and is transformational for the borough, delivering investment into schools, highways and streetlighting, property, area regeneration, the delivery of new and affordable homes, our response to the Climate Emergency and investment into council-owned homes. Detail is provided below for each of the Strategic Directorates with Capital programmes.

2. Stronger Communities – £0.43 million underspend

2.1. All ICT (Communities) schemes under the Stronger Communities directorate are reporting underspends in year because of overall underspends on projects or re-profiling of spend to 25/26 in line with current delivery programmes. The budget profile for the Telephony Contact Centre as a Service (CCaaS) project is being reviewed and will be updated during the next monitoring period.

2.2. The William Morris Gallery refresh project (under Destinations and Culture) is on track and the spend profile has been adjusted in accordance with the latest delivery programme, reducing the forecast underspend in year. The overall forecast spend is being reviewed and will be updated during the next monitoring period.

2.3. The Food Distribution Hub project (under Early Help & Prevention) is reporting an in-year and overall underspend due to changes in the project scope and requirements.

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Stronger Communities													
	Communities	0.22	0.62	0.62	0.18	0.05	0.02	0.10	0.34	-0.28	0.39	0.62	-0.23
	Destinations and Culture	0.09	0.51	0.51	0.00	0.09	0.06	0.24	0.39	-0.11	0.46	0.72	-0.26
	Early Help & Intervention	0.00	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.05	-0.04	0.05	0.10	-0.05
	Libraries and Registrars	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL		0.31	1.22	1.22	0.18	0.14	0.11	0.36	0.79	-0.43	0.90	1.44	-0.54

3. Adult Social Care - £0.0 million variance

3.1. There is no variance in-year – all related works are forecasted to budget. The total variance of £1.61 million against the Adult Social Care budget is the Disabled Facilities Grant reserves, which are currently not forecast to be spent. The service is in the process of developing project proposals to use available funds.

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Adults													
	Care Homes T3	0	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.15	0.00	0.15	0.15	0.00
	Disabled Facilities Grant T3	0.61	2.43	2.43	0.31	0.30	0.82	1.00	2.43	0.00	2.43	4.03	-1.61
SUBTOTAL		0.61	2.58	2.58	0.31	0.30	0.90	1.08	2.58	0.00	2.58	4.18	-1.61

4. Resources - £0.03 million underspend

4.1. The Mortuary Logistics Service project was successful in securing carbon-offset funding (COF) recently for part of its delivery budget. It is therefore

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Resources													
	Governance and Law	0.02	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.03	-0.03	0.03	0.06	-0.03
SUBTOTAL		0.02	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.03	-0.03	0.03	0.06	-0.03

projecting an underspend of £0.03 million against its original budget approval. Due to the nature of the funding requirements and reporting, the COF element is already captured under the Regen, Planning and Delivery directorate and is forecasted to spend to budget.

5. Neighbourhoods and Environment - £2.80 million slippage

5.1. Climate Emergency: £0.2 million slippage:

The Climate emergency funding pot is a rolling programme, where funds are drawn down as new projects are developed £200,000 has therefore been reprofiled to outer years, which is subject to the development of deliverable projects £0.05 million is expected to be drawn down this financial year, subject to project approval.

5.2. Community Safety: £0.39 million underspend

Work is underway to review the spend profile for delivery of ICT upgrade works at the CCTV Operations Centre, which is currently reporting an underspend.

Neighbourhoods: £2.21 million slippage

5.3. £1.16 million reported slippage in-year is due to the addition of projects that are fully funded via developers' contributions and grants from government agencies. These projects are recent additions to the capital programme and works during period seven will accurately profile expenditure, and therefore are currently representing a slippage.

5.4. Slippage of £0.65 million in year relates to reprogramming of several small grant funded Highways projects, this includes the DFT Levi Pilot, which is awaiting approval from the Department for Transport, and is therefore reporting slippage of £0.17 million.

5.5. S106 Highways projects are reporting slippage of £0.4 million into next year. The spend is already committed, however, an internal review is needed with the contractor ahead of payments being made.

5.6. As part of this total, several closed projects are currently included in the capital monitor for Neighbourhoods resulting in a variance of £0.19 million in year – this is under review and will be corrected in future month's monitoring.

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Neighbourhoods and Environment													
	Climate Emergency	0.00	0.26	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.06	-0.20	3.21	3.21	0.00
	Community Safety	0.05	0.45	0.45	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	-0.39	0.05	0.45	-0.39
	Neighbourhoods and Environment Service	1.74	9.32	10.30	0.58	1.16	2.36	3.99	8.09	-2.21	30.57	32.62	-2.05
SUBTOTAL		1.80	10.02	11.01	0.63	1.16	2.36	4.05	8.21	-2.80	33.83	36.28	-2.45

6. Place - £4.11 million slippage.

Regeneration, Planning and Delivery: £3.45 million slippage.

6.1. Walthamstow Central Station Safeguarding Box has re-profiled spend of £3.45 million to re-align with TfL’s delivery programme. The works have commenced; however, this programme is driven by a third party and outside the council’s control. The forecast will be reviewed once additional information from TfL is received to provide a more accurate profile of spend.

6.2. The £2.9 million total variance is due to Vestry House revitalisation project’s 2025/26 budget (£3.8 million) not being forecast this period – this will be rectified during the next monitoring period. This variance is partially offset by Chestnuts House forecast of £0.68 million over budget, the additional budget has been approved by CSAMG and will be added to the project budget before the next monitoring period. The remainder is due to variances across several projects which will be reviewed during the next monitoring period.

Property: £1.58 million slippage

6.3. The Families and Homes Hub has experienced delays in the fit-out works to the hub due to the appointed contractor going into administration. The project is forecasting slippage of £1.5 million because of this delay, however the procurement of a new fit-out contractor is now underway.

6.4. £0.08 million is made up of smaller variances across several other projects in Property where forecasts have been re-aligned to the latest delivery programmes.

6.5. The £5.76m total forecast variance relates to a payment of £3.6 million made in June 2024 which has not been allocated to the relevant project code to date but will be rectified ahead of the next monitoring period. £2 million variance relates to the borrowing costs for Juniper House.

Schools’ Programme - £0.92 million acceleration

6.6. The schools’ multi-year programme is fully funded by central government grants. The forecast spends for 2024/25 is higher than anticipated due to programme acceleration on Willowfield 2FE expansion, which is expected to complete in-year, as well as good progress on several projects within the capital improvement and minor works programme. Expenditure incurred to date relates to the completion of North Birkbeck Road, further progress on Willowfield and various capital improvement roofing projects.

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Place													
	Regen, Planning and Delivery	3.58	13.35	13.60	1.25	2.33	2.29	4.27	10.15	-3.45	33.57	36.53	-2.96
	Property	14.46	38.01	38.01	5.72	8.73	15.91	6.07	36.43	-1.58	54.50	60.26	-5.76
	Schools' Programmes	9.35	10.04	10.04	4.09	5.26	0.76	0.85	10.95	0.92	51.32	52.06	-0.75
	Housing (General Fund)	3.00	8.12	8.12	1.17	1.82	2.78	2.34	8.12	0.00	38.00	38.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL Place GF		30.39	69.52	69.77	12.23	18.15	21.74	13.53	65.66	-4.11	177.39	186.86	-9.46

7. Housing HRA - £2.88 million slippage

7.1. Housing Delivery and Housing Major Works – slippage of £2.88 million

7.2. Delays in the delivery of various current projects have resulted in forecast spend being projected to slip into outer years, with no total variance being reported across the 10-year programme.

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7.3. Slippage on the Major Works programme relates to building safety works at the delta blocks – with St David’s Court experiencing significant delays due to unforeseen additional works and contractor delays.

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	Housing Delivery (HRA)	9.61	40.58	40.58	7.31	2.30	4.44	26.10	40.15	-0.44	85.26	85.26	0.00
	Housing Operations (HRA)	0.31	2.56	2.56	0.04	0.27	1.15	1.10	2.56	0.00	7.06	7.06	0.00
	Housing Major Works (HRA)	15.99	50.45	50.45	5.23	10.76	20.34	11.68	48.00	-2.45	370.26	370.26	0.00
	SUBTOTAL Place HRA	25.92	93.59	93.59	12.58	13.33	25.92	38.87	90.71	-2.88	462.57	462.57	0.01

8. Contingency - £0.55 million slippage

8.1. The £0.55 million funding remaining in the General Fund contingency has already been earmarked for two schemes in the capital programme, however, it has not yet been allocated to those schemes as it has yet to go through the formal governance process to be fully drawn down. Therefore, this budget has been slipped into outer years until the business cases have been submitted and approved by CSAMG.

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	Contingency												
	GF Contingency T3	0	0.55	0.55	0	0	0	0	0.00	-0.55	3.82	3.82	0.00
	SUBTOTAL	0	0.55	0.55	0	0	0	0	0	-0.55	3.82	3.82	0.00