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2005/06 CAPITAL PROGRAMME & 5 YEAR CAPITAL STRATEGY UPDATE
(Finance)

KEY DECISION

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide Members with an update on the Council's 5 Year Capital Strategy.
- 1.2 To provide Members with an update on the Capital Programme for 2005/06

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Full Council be recommended to approve the updated 5 Year Capital Strategy, as detailed at **Appendix A**, including the following:
 - (a.) That the Transitional Negative Subsidy Transfer to General Fund Revenue from the HRA Major Repairs Allowance effectively be “made good” from Usable RTB Receipts, leaving the HRA with MRA at full Subsidy level.
 - (b.) With the exception of the Capital Receipts referred to at (a) above, the 25% usable proportion of RTB Receipts be allocated to the General Fund from 2006/07 onwards.
 - (c.) That actions required to bring the 5 Year Capital Strategy into balance be considered by the Corporate Capital Review Group and reported back to the Executive in due course.
- 2.2 That progress and anticipated slippage for capital schemes contained within the 2005/06 capital programme be noted as detailed at, **Appendix B**.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The Fixed asset base of the authority is valued at around £637 million (31st March 2005), including Council houses valued at £530 million. The Council has been debt free since March 2001. The Council's approved capital programmes for 2005/06 and 2006/07 amount to £43.4 million and £16.7 million respectively, and are primarily financed by capital receipts and the Housing Major Repairs Allowance (MRA).
- 3.2** The Council maintains a rolling 5 Year Capital Strategy that outlines the approved programme, forecast expenditure requirements for subsequent years and the anticipated resources. However, delivery of schemes against approved budgets has proved a problem for the Council over recent years due to a number of contributing factors e.g. staffing resources, over ambitious delivery timescales, procurement delays.

4 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION AND OTHER OPTIONS

4.1 Capital Strategy Principles (2006 – 2011)

- 4.1.1** The Council's key areas of Capital Expenditure will be controlled by the following priorities and objectives:

(a.) Housing

Meeting identified housing needs, improving quality of the housing stock and increasing tenant satisfaction. Over the next five years, the Council will carry out a major programme aimed at ensuring that all Council housing meets the government's Decent Homes standard through the creation of an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO). It is estimated that over £80million will needed to be invested in the Council's housing stock over the next 5 years.

(b.) Affordable Housing

In addition, the Council's Housing strategy is considering the extent to which additional affordable housing can be provided, both from within the Council's own asset programme, from planning obligations or within its strategic role, encouraging investment into Stevenage.

(c.) Urban Regeneration

Making attractive urban areas and creating opportunities.

Bringing about real improvements in the physical fabric and social and economic life at neighbourhood centre.

Restoring and maintaining the sub-regional role of Stevenage Town Centre.

(d.) Community Safety

Implementing environmental improvements that contribute to sustainable reductions in crime and the fear of crime.

(e.) Transport

Working with partners to maintain and improve the transport infrastructure and promote alternative forms of transport.

(f.) Leisure & Community Facilities

Providing, maintaining and improving accessible leisure and community facilities, including reviewing maintenance requirements.

4.1.2 Within these key expenditure areas, two key priorities are sustainability and social inclusion. With regard to sustainability benefits to the community through the use of property are maximised and environmental implications are taken into account. Social inclusion is an important element of the affordable housing objective and is also evident in a programme of works to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act and ensure disabled access to public buildings.

4.1.3 Capital Programme Formulation

- (a.)** Capital investment needs will be prioritised and ranked by testing against a range of criteria and evaluation processes and will be progressed through the capital programme, as resources become available.
- (b.)** The Council has had a five-year capital programme in place for a number of years now. The latest updated version is detailed at **Appendix A**. This programme identifies committed, earmarked and forecast schemes along with anticipated resources.
- (c.)** Committed schemes are those that are fully funded and are underway. Earmarked schemes will be those where funding has been agreed and is available and the project is due to commence, usually within the next year.
- (d.)** In addition, other projects (forecast schemes) will be identified that are required to meet service and corporate objectives for which funding is yet to be identified.
- (e.)** Capital projects will be identified through service plans or will support wider crosscutting strategies such as the Asset Review, and will entail input from all stakeholders – officers, members, and the community.
- (f.)** The Housing capital programme reflects the priorities in the Council's Housing Strategy and the Housing Investment Programme process, in particular, the achievement of the Decent Homes Standard.

4.1.4 Capital Resource Generation

At present, the main sources of capital finance utilised by the Council are:

- (a.)** Right to Buy Receipts (RTB) from the sale of Council Housing - With the introduction of Capital Receipts Pooling in 2004/05 this source of Capital Funding is becoming less significant to the Council. Under the pooling arrangements 75% of RTB Receipts have to be paid over to the Government. Reducing levels of transitional pooling protection have been granted to debt free authorities but this ceases in 2007/08. In addition the Council has seen the actual level of sales under the right to buy scheme reduce quite significantly over the last year or so.

- (b.) Capital Receipt generation from other Asset Disposals - The Council actively reviews its existing assets to ensure optimum usage and management and will continue to seek to dispose of surplus or non-functional assets to generate capital resources. Asset utilisation by individual services will be tested under service reviews, and where appropriate inefficient or surplus property will be released.
- (c.) Major Repair Allowance (MRA) – MRA is paid to the Council through the HRA Subsidy System in order to support major repairs to the Council's Housing Stock.
- (d.) Revenue Contribution to Capital Expenditure (RCCO) - revenue contributions to capital projects can be made where revenue accounts can support the expenditure. However, given the General Fund Revenue Strategy position the General Fund is not able to support RCCO's. The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) has been allocating Supporting People Grant to the HRA Capital Programme through RCCO, but the extent to which this is sustainable into the future will have to be kept under review as part of the HRA Business Planning process.
- (e.) Bidding for external resources - The Council seeks to access all appropriate funding available from third parties and will assist organisations within the Borough to achieve their objectives using similar routes.
- (f.) Partnership Funding for projects - The Council promotes partnership development with both public and private sector partners and seeks optimum use of assets by shared arrangements where appropriate.
- (g.) Planning agreements - Where appropriate planning agreements will be used to secure capital and/or capital investment within the district.

Sources of Capital Funding to be Kept Under Review are:

- (h.) Borrowing – The Council has been debt free since March 2001 but will go back into debt when it undertakes borrowing to support the Decent Homes programme under the ALMO funding arrangements. Borrowing by the Council can fall into one of the following categories:
 - i) Supported Borrowing – The ALMO borrowing is termed Supported Capital Expenditure (SCE) in that the interest payments are met (supported) by the Government within the HRA Revenue Subsidy System. In addition it is proposed that the Council will utilise the small sum of SCE that is allocated to the HRA outside of the ALMO process.
 - ii) Un-supported Borrowing – Under the Prudential Borrowing regime the Council can also consider the extent to which it could afford to undertake borrowing without external support and fund the interest and principle repayments from within its own revenue resources. However, given the positions on the General Fund Revenue Strategy and HRA Business Plan Forecast it is not considered that the Council is likely to be able to undertake un-supported borrowing in the foreseeable future.

- (i.) Leasing - Leases can be used to supplement capital resource availability where there is a proven need and revenue accounts can support the costs. From 2004/05 lease financing has not been utilised but this position will be kept under review.

The extent to which certain capital resources (i.e. transitional RTB pooling receipts; MRA; ALMO funding; 106 arrangements; Specified Government Grants) are ring-fenced to certain areas of capital expenditure is an important feature of the overall 5 Year Capital Strategy.

4.2 Corporate Capital Review Group (CCRG)

4.2.1 In June 2004 SMB approved a fundamental overhaul of the Council's Capital Monitoring arrangements. For the last 18 months the Assistant Chief Executive (Finance) has been chairing the new Corporate Capital Review Group, with Member monitoring undertaken by the Executive Portfolio holder for Resources, Cllr Taylor. These new arrangements have delivered the following benefits :

- (a.) Establishment of a summary capital monitoring template that provides Members (via update reports such as this), Programme Management Board (PMB), Strategic Directors, Heads of Service and Project Managers with all key financial, project and reporting data. This new approach is now raising the profile of the importance of capital monitoring and the members of the CCRG are ensuring the monitoring requirements are being cascaded down through the organisation.
- (b.) The Capital Forward Planning process has been streamlined, with the prioritisation process undertaken by the CCRG. As a result, PMB are now presented with a prioritised capital forward plan list, balanced to the control totals set within the 5 Year Capital Strategy.
- (c.) An improved Capital Strategy format categorised by spend types and resources.
- (d.) A series of workshops with capital project managers from related Service Delivery Units have been run to explain the role of the CCRG and the reporting and monitoring arrangements.
- (e.) The engagement of an interim resource to interview the project managers of the **500** live capital projects. A number of these projects have been on the capital programme for a number of years and there is now a need to determine whether these schemes are still required, and if not, release the budget allocations back to the Council's general capital resources to help fund future schemes.

4.2.2 In addition, the CCRG will also begin co-ordinating the following activities over the next 12 months :

- (a.) Appraising and evaluating all new projects with regard to the following elements prior to inclusion on future capital programmes :
 - Achievement of corporate objectives
 - Invest to save

- Statutory and legislative requirements
- Procurement methods
- Cost and phasing of payments
- Technical capacity
- External funding opportunities
- Taxation issues
- Revenue consequences

(b.) To undertake post project evaluation on most large schemes and samples of smaller schemes. This will assess common performance issues such as slippage and outturn comparisons to budget and contract price, review of expected outcomes, and the extent to which service objectives have been met.

4.3 2005/06 Capital Scheme Update

4.3.1 Appendix B provides a summary of the key schemes in the 2005/06 Capital programme and an outline of the schemes likely to slip to future years across the following portfolios :

- (a.) Environment
- (b.) Community & Leisure
- (c.) Housing
- (d.) Environment

The details of this potential slippage have not, at this stage, been reflected in the 5 Year Capital Strategy detailed at Appendix A. The details will be updated after the 31st March when the final slippage position is established.

4.3.2 In general, the backlog of capital scheme delivery is now reducing. This is mainly a result of key vacancies being filled across the Council's Housing, Engineering and Architect sections. The Corporate Capital Review Group will monitor this situation further over the next 12 months, and will provide an early warning to Members of future scheme slippage if appropriate.

4.4 Asset Management

4.4.1 It is anticipated that capital receipts of £4.5 million will be achieved during 2005/06 through the disposals programme. In addition the Council has received £2.4 million as the final payment for the release of a ransom strip providing access to the second phase of the development to the North East of Stevenage, and £3.346 million from the disposal of the former Ridgmond Training Centre site and £3 million from the first instalment of the sale of London Road Depot.

4.4.2 It is anticipated that the Council should achieve capital receipts of some £2.5 million in 2006/07, principally from completion of the sale of the Hertford Road site and the sale of other small land sites. A further £3 million might be anticipated in 2007/08.

4.4.3 Although the Council has a list of potential sites for disposal beyond 2007/8 there are currently uncertainties around all of these sites. The Estates Service is currently working to develop a disposals programme for 2007/8, drawing on various sources including a review of open spaces carried out by the Council in response to Planning

Policy Guidance 17 (PPG17), a review of garage compounds which is currently underway, and a review of the Council's operational properties which it is anticipated will be carried out in 2006/07.

4.5 Updated 5 Year Capital Strategy

4.5.1 The 5 Year Capital Strategy was last reported to Executive in February 2005.

4.5.2 Attached at **Appendix A** is the updated 5 Year Capital Strategy following the completion of the 2006/07 budget process, where a detailed 5 year analysis of the both General Fund and Housing capital investment was undertaken in anticipation of the creation of ALMO.

4.5.3 Following this review, and to summarise the main issues contained within the 5 Year Capital Strategy the following points are worthy of note :

- (a.)** The Strategy reflects the currently approved General Fund and HRA Capital Programmes for 2005/06 and 2006/07. (The Strategy does not currently reflect any supplementary capital estimates requested elsewhere on the agenda to this meeting).
- (b.)** The Council Programme to 2006/07 (excluding the Decent Homes / ALMO Bid programme for 2006/07) is only in overall surplus by some £2.4 million. The capital contingency is £2 million, so there is now very limited scope to approve supplementary estimates or new schemes in the year, without finding offsetting savings.
- (c.)** The current proposed 5 Year Capital Strategy is in deficit from 2007/08 onwards.
 - It is proposed that the shortfall of HRA capital funding, to achieve the Decent Homes Programme, will be met by submitting the ALMO Bid to the ODPM and this is detailed in a separate report on this Agenda.
 - The remainder of the Council's 5 Year Capital Strategy (excluding HRA Decent Homes) would, as currently forecast, go into a cumulative deficit of some £11.8 million by 2010/11.
- (d.)** The scale of the potential over programming of the 5 Year Capital Strategy reflects the extent to which a significant update in the forecast expenditure requirements has been undertaken over the last year. The Housing Options Appraisal process required the Council to undertake a comprehensive Condition Survey of the Housing Stock and this determined the need to make a bid for necessary resources under the ALMO process. Similar updates over the medium term have now also been made of the maintenance deficits and other capital expenditure requirements in respect of General Fund assets and services, including General Fund Housing.
- (e.)** The work programme referred to at paragraph 4.5.4 will now need to be undertaken in 2006/07 in order to address the issues identified above, and bring the 5 Year Capital Programme back into balance.
- (f.)** The updated 5 Year Capital Strategy assumes that £8.753 million of capital receipts investments will continue to be maintained to generate revenue interest.

- (g.) At the time of last reporting the 5 Year Capital Strategy in February 2005 it was forecast that over £9 million would be allocated to the 2006/07 HRA Programme, including some £3 million of RTB Receipts. However, since that time RTB resources for 2006/07 are estimated to reduce by some £1.25million, because of reductions in the level of sales and the increase in General Fund requirements, referred to above, have become apparent.
- (h.) The HRA 2006/07 Capital Programme, as approved at Executive in February 2006, has, therefore, currently been set at the level of the Major Repairs Allowance (MRA) & HRA Revenue Contribution to Capital Outlay (RCCO). This will not allow significant progress on Decent Homes in 2006/07 and extensive progress will only be possible when the ALMO funding can be accessed.
- (i.) However, the Council did allocate considerable resources to the 2005/06 HRA Capital Programme and the updated 5 Year Capital Strategy assumes that the currently approved level will be maintained in 2005/06.
- (j.) The updated 5 Year Capital Strategy and the ALMO Bid report assume the full value of the MRA will be made available to the HRA Capital Programme. In order to achieve this, the Transitional Negative Subsidy Transfer to General Fund Revenue from the HRA Major Repairs Allowance is effectively “made good” from usable RTB Receipts.
- (k.) With the exception of making good the full value of the MRA referred to above, the updated 5 Year Capital Strategy assumes that the 25% usable proportion of RTB Receipts are allocated to the General Fund Capital Programme from 2006/07 onwards. This assumption has resulted from the reduction in RTB Receipts and increase in General Fund programme requirements, referred to above.
- (l.) A risk assessment of capital resource has identified the following issue:
- The receipt, level and timing of income from various assets sales reflects best estimates. The income is not guaranteed until each asset is negotiated in considerably more detail. This aspect of the 5 Year Capital Strategy is kept under review as it has the potential to significantly impact on the Strategy both positively and negatively.
- (m.) A risk assessment of capital investment issues relating to the ALMO / HRA has identified :
- The ALMO Bid and the level of the Bid have yet to be approved by the ODPM.
 - Utilising the ALMO borrowing is dependant upon the Government negating the unintended impact on the Council’s General Fund caused by the current Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Regulations. However, positive progress has been made with regard to these regulations and it is anticipated that the necessary changes could be made in March 2006.
 - Access to the ALMO borrowing is dependant on achieving the 2 star qualifying rating from the Housing Inspectorate. It is anticipated that the Council could achieve this in October 2007.

4.5.4 The following work programme, co-ordinated by the Corporate Capital Review Group (reporting to SMB and Members as required) will be undertaken in 2006/07 in order to address the issues identified above, and bring the 5 Year Capital Programme into balance :

- (a.) Review current schemes included in the 2005/06 programme, identify slippage and re-evaluate priorities
- (b.) Review Forward Programme by categorising / prioritising schemes into :
 - Essential to maintain current services, Maintenance Deficit, Vehicles, H&S, Statutory Duty.
 - Service Developments
- (c.) Review potential for future resource generation e.g. land sales, Section 106 agreements and external funding
- (d.) Enhance Asset Management work and link to service reviews and future partnership working / collaboration.
- (e.) Set Capital Strategy Policy Guidelines regarding issues such as loss of revenue income generation, ring fence receipt to generate equivalent interest etc.
- (f.) Set future allocation guidelines for Services or issues i.e. Maintenance Deficit.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications

This report is financial in nature and consequently financial implications are included in the above.

5.2 Legal Implications

None identified at this time.

5.3 Policy Implications

The approval of the revised budget framework includes a link for the Councils service planning requirements to ensure service priorities are identified. In addition the budget framework represents a development of a policy led budgeting approach across Council services and the overall Capital Strategy.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- **None**

APPENDICES

- **5 Year Capital Strategy** **Appendix A [Attached]**
- **2005/06 Capital Programme Update**
(Key Schemes) **Appendix B [Attached]**
- **Corporate Capital Review Group Scheme**
Budget Monitoring Report **Appendix C [Members Library]**

PORTFOLIO : RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

Contact : Keith Brown

Scheme	Budget	Achievement & Progress
DDA Access Improvement Programme	£450,000	Works arising from are underway with the Council's operational buildings. This is now being augmented by works to community (non-operational) buildings. With regard to BVPI 156, we will have achieved about 71 % completion against a target of 86%.
Canyon Play Building	£50,000	Scheduled for completion in Summer 2006 (includes contribution from insurance and subsequent supplementary estimates)
Bedwell Community Centre Improved Acoustics	£30,000	Completed
Refurbishment of the Indoor Market and Associated Projects	£815,000	Project suspended. Re-start and completion scheduled for 2006-07
Middle Row Toilet Refurbishment	£105,090	Completed
Neighbourhood and Local Centre Improvement Programme	£504,610	Ongoing programme
Improvements to Park Pavilion Security	Works in addition to £131,920 previously in programme	Urgent arson prevention works completed. New programme scheduled for 2006-07
King George V Pavilion Feasibility Study	£69,280	Developed into a wider "asset management" based review with strong emphasis on sustainability.
Public Realm	£1,365,500	Severe quality and performance failings by contractor. Works suspended in December 2005 Scheduled to re start in Spring 2006.
Repairs to Town Centre Pond	£45,000	Completed
St Mary's Church Boundary Wall	£64,010	Postponed to 2006-07 due to lack of technical resources
Maintenance Deficit, Fire and Water Risk Assessment and Asbestos management works.	£4,922,230	Works arising from the surveys are now being programmed for delivery over the next five years. Asbestos management works already underway. Several parks buildings now completed.
Relocation of Ridgemoor Training.	£2,054,000	Completed
REVIVAL Project (sustainable improvements to Daneshill House)	£83,080	Ongoing. Works. To include solar heated hot water installation
Office Accommodation Review and Refurbishment	£220,000	Completed refurbishment of Daneshill House New Block Atrium Areas. Current Phase includes 3 rd Floor Old Block/4 th Floor New Block and proposals for the use of the Q3 Building in Caxton Way. All due for completion in Summer 2006
New Council Depot and Household Waste Recycling Centre.	£4,825,000	Briefing of Developer complete. Project plan in place to deliver both by end of 2006.
Continuing programme of backlog repairs to SLL managed buildings.	£2,377,980	Ongoing major repairs and DDA works at the Arts and Leisure Centre.
Bring up to 150 council homes up to the Decent Home Standard	£1,300,000	Phase 2 Completed. Subsequent phases now handed back over to Housing Technical Services.

PORTFOLIO : RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT
Contact : Keith Brown

Scheme	Budget	Achievement & Progress
Continuing to adapt dwellings for their disabled residents.	£ allocation from HRA disabled adaptations budget	Ongoing
Undertake as many high priority Residential Parking Schemes within the constraints of the financial provision.	£152,784	All 2005/06 selected schemes completed – invoices awaited. Any small balance remaining to carry over to 06/07.
Renew neighbourhood signing	£6,850	Some work completed in 2004/05; Remaining work re-programmed for 2006/07
Land Drainage/Flood Alleviation Schemes – Resolving land drainage problems	£94,769	Partially completed; Balance of £67,128 to carry over to 2006/07 (work re-programmed for 2006/07)
Purchase new Christmas decorations to replace obsolete parts	£12,524	Part completed. Balance of £7,613 to carry over to 2006/07
Implement sewer rehabilitation works to Council owned non-public sewers.	£314,000	£170,000 already vired to other budgets. Remaining budget of £144k to carry over to 06/07
Improve access at rear of Westgate for people with mobility difficulties	£30,000	Works completed; awaiting final invoices.
Improve parking/access for disabled users of the Leisure Centre	£9,241	Works completed; awaiting final invoices
Undertake major repairs to SBC owned unadopted footways	£49,000	Works completed
Major repairs to Council owned parking hardstands	£100,000	Works ordered; siteworks commencing in March 2006
Promotion of and improvements to the cycleway network	£39,310	Main work completed in previous years. Remaining balance of £39,310 to carry over to 2006/07 to carry out further improvements
Preliminary design work – Technical Assistance	£46,360	Work in progress which will continue into 2006/07 (primarily initial preparation work for undertaking a parking study in the Old Town
Feasibility Studies	£19,387	£4,150 already expended; work in progress which will continue into 2006/07 (Draft Green Travel Plan for SBC)
Access schemes for the disabled	£16,570	Some schemes completed; balance of approximately £8,500 to carry forward to 2006/07
New Parking Equipment and network upgrade	£1,025,000	Equipment and network operational, final snagging continuing. Practical Completion March 2006.
Software upgrade and new matrix CCTV Control Room	£100,000	Software and GUI interfaces operational snagging in progress practical completion imminent.
Basils Rd Church Lane car parks resurfacing	£11,000	Completed July 2005
Soffit Painting St Georges	£26,000	Level 8 finished Aug 2005
Contrete repairs St Georges MSCP	£131,000	Works in progress Completion on or about 31/6/06
CCTV Control Room expansion/ergonomics 4 Control Station increased to 8	£160,000	Post Tender negotiation awaiting appointment of contractor

PORTFOLIO : COMMUNITY & LEISURE

Contact : Aidan Sanderson

Scheme	Budget	Achievement & Progress
Retail Units/Safety Railings/Main Electrical Panel	£401,810	Scheme completed
SLL Maintenance Deficit Schemes	£2,238,948	Ongoing programme of maintenance planned in consultation with SLL
SLL Managed Facilities - Access Audit	£133,505	Works completed - Retention outstanding
SLL Office Accommodation	£181,418	Scheme completed
Major Refurbishment	£2,961,653	Scheme completed
Void Space Fitting Out	£175,000	Following a feasibility study to develop a wellness centre, spa facility and car parking, a preferred option has been selected for development
Changing Room/Toilets - Refurbishment	£230,005	Works are scheduled to be carried out in 2007. A supplementary estimate will be required as some funds have been used to undertake essential emergency repairs at Fairlands Valley Park
Castle/Paddling Pool - Feasibility Study	£21,819	Scheme completed
Paddling Pool Repairs	£31,681	Scheme completed
Shephall Sports Academy Grant	£350,000	Works completed - Retention outstanding
Golf Clubhouse	£16,793	Scheme completed
Driving Range/Kitchen Refurbishment	£99,065	Scheme completed
Boundary Fencing	£20,000	Scheme completed
Pin Green - Fencing Replacement	£17,484	Scheme completed
Equipment Refurbishment	£42,000	Remainder of scheme to be completed in 2006/07
Canyon Play Centre Building Construction	£315,000	Scheme scheduled for completion in 2006
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Digital CCTV System	£5,000	Scheme completed
Museum & Farmhouse	£2,229	Scheme completed
Cultural Centre	£1,274,998	Awaiting further developments within the Town Centre Redevelopment Strategy
St Nicholas Play Centre - Repairs	£20,000	Scheme completed
Great Ashby Community Centre	£23,000	Scheme completed
Community Centres Kitchen Refurbishment	£35,000	Works have been identified and a schedule of works is being agreed

PORTFOLIO : COMMUNITY & LEISURE
Contact : Aidan Sanderson

Scheme	Budget	Achievement & Progress
Youth Shelters	£24,000	Has been used in Peartree Park Youth Project
Allotment Security Fencing	£30,696	Scheme completed
Bedwell Community Centre Acoustic Survey	£30,000	Scheme completed
Mobile Skatepark	£10,000	Scheme completed
Play Areas - Rationalisation Programme	£1,023,848	30 sites completed to date and next phase to commence during 2006
Feasibility Study	£5,000	Study yet to be completed - Due in 2006
Replacement Lining of Lake	£6,747	Scheme completed
Campshill Lane Footbridge	£20,000	Scheme completed
Improvements	£522,000	Scheme completed
Lake - Wave Deflector	£120,000	Survey complete. Remedial works to be completed in 2007
Traveller Prevention Measures	£32,830	Works to FVP Southfield to be undertaken
Town Centre Gardens	£44,134	Funding linked to recent £500k GAF approval
Parks Pavilions - Security Improvements	£140,004	Scheme completed
Parks Footpaths - Renewals	£62,923	Rolling programme of improvements
King George V Park - Feasibility Studies	£69,285	Pending future pavilion renewal programme
Hampson Park Pavilion Feasibility	£15,000	Pending future pavilion renewal programme
Ridlins Pavilion	£1,000,888	Scheme completed
Ridlins Football Pitch Improvements	£82,500	Additional match funding being sought from Football Foundation
Peartree Car Park Resurfacing	£15,000	Work programmed for April 2006
Parks Furniture/Bins	£50,000	Work programmed for summer 2006
Shephalbury Replacement Pavilion	£102,000	Temp building in situ. Final account to be settled
Town Centre Gardens - Resurface Pond Perimeter	£55,000	Remaining funding linked to GAF approval
King George V Pavilion Refurbishment	£548,000	On hold pending Pavilion renewal programme
Western Road CCTV	£10,000	Scheme completed
Almonds Lane CCTV	£15,000	Scheme completed

PORTFOLIO : HOUSING

Contact : Jo Barrett

Scheme	Budget	Achievement & Progress
Decent Homes – (including all related capital budgets, windows, voids, boilers roofing, rewires)	£11,500,00	<p>The Housing Asset Management and Procurement strategies have been agreed by Executive and further work continues to develop the 'Stevenage Standard', work programmes and contract documentation to enable full programmes to commence in January 2007.</p> <p>Examples of decent homes related (elemental) work that has been completed during 2005-06 are:- Electrical installations: 554 Properties Heating Installations: 281 properties Kitchen installations: 276 properties. Window replacement: 381 properties</p> <p>Other areas that add to non-decency reduction include new bathroom and roofing programmes.</p>
Disabled Adaptations	£581,900	All referrals received for adaptation works such as stair-lifts, level access showers, ramps, handrails etc. have been completed.
Subsidence and Structural repairs	£1733,310	Continuation of the ongoing monitoring of subsidence cases. Structural repair works at Peartree way will be competed and other large structural repair schemes have been identified and are being planned, such as Shephall Way flats
Door entry schemes	£94,920	High priority schemes have been identified and will be competed by March 2006
Fire Safety works Brent and Harrow Court	£1,097,000	All works have been completed in Harrow court and are currently being tendered for Brent Court – anticipated completion Autumn 2006.
Tower blocks -Fire Safety works	£1,000,000	All works have been identified and tender documentation is being prepared due to be completed March 2007.
Refurbishment at Cartref and Longmeadow Green	£135,00	All units have been refurbished.

PORTFOLIO : E-GOVERNMENT**Contact : Henry Lewis**

Spent & Committed: **923**
 Anticipated but not yet committed: **1,059**
 Contingency **381**

Total Budget (incl 2006/07): **2,363**

The scheme has funded the implementation or development of a number of ICT systems which enable significant improvements to services by improving customer access and performance in delivering services.

The status of the key projects within the programme is set out in the table below.

Scheme	Budget	Achievement & Progress
New Internet Site	£170,000	Launched December 2005
Transforming Planning	£145,000	New system implemented allowing residents to make applications on-line and all residents to view planning documents on the Council's web site
Transforming Environmental Services	£173,000	IT system being upgraded this month. New structure and enforcement policy going to Executive in March. Transfer to Customer Service Centre anticipated in June.
Customer Service Centre	£265,000	CRM system has been upgraded. Work on scripts to enable the transfer of Environmental Services is underway.
Geographic Information System	£370,000	Core system is live. Customer service centre, Environmental Services and Planning to go live in next 3 months. GIS on the web site is anticipated within 3 months.
Electronic Forms	£60,000	A range of forms have gone live on the web site. Further forms are planned soon.
National Land and Property Gazetteer	£60,000	Planned for June 2006
Hardware and other Programme costs	£158,000	Programme related costs including hardware and software generic to the programme
<i>New Projects for 2006/07</i>	£582,000	Includes an upgrade to the Financial system, Hertslink, E-democracy and e-procurement
<i>Contingency</i>	£380,000	
Total	£2,363,000	