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Date: 7th November 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Cabinet - 9th November, 2022

I refer to **Agenda Item 16: Any Other Items** and attach the **West Midlands Rail Executive Consultation** report that will be considered at Cabinet on Wednesday 9th November 2022. **(Page 2)**

In addition, the Cabinet summary sheet from the **Q2 Capital Monitoring 2022/23 (Agenda Item 12)** report is attached **(Page 8)** which was omitted from Addendum 2. The main report is also included for ease of reference.

Yours faithfully,

BRENT DAVIS

Chief Executive

To: Members of the Cabinet

Councillor K. Wilson (Leader of the Council and Business and Regeneration)
Councillor C. Golby (Deputy Leader and Housing and Communities)
Councillor S. Croft (Finance and Corporate)
Councillor S. Markham (Public Services)
Councillor R. Smith (Planning and Regulation)
Councillor J. Gutteridge (Health and Environment)

Observer

Councillor C. Watkins (Leader of the Main Opposition Party)

Cabinet/Individual Cabinet Member Decision

Report Summary Sheet

Date:

9 November 2022

Subject:

West Midlands Rail Executive Consultation

Portfolio:

Business and Regeneration - Cllr Kris Wilson

From:

Deputy Chief Exec and Director of Customer and Corporate Services

Summary:

The West Midlands Rail Executive, through the West Midlands Combined Authority, has launched a consultation on their proposed rail strategy for the West Midlands region. These proposals include two potential new stations in the Nuneaton and Bedworth area, as well as line and capacity upgrades to the Leicester to Birmingham line.

These proposals if delivered have the potential to offer numerous benefits to the residents of Nuneaton and Bedworth, as well as the wider West Midlands economic area.

The Council is invited to engage in this consultation.

Recommendations:

That authority is delegated to the Deputy Chief Exec and Director of Customer and Corporate Services in consultation with the Leader and portfolio holder for Business and Regeneration to submit a supportive response on behalf of NBBC to the consultation.

Options:

- Engage in the consultation.
- Do not engage in the consultation.

Reasons:

The West Midlands Rail Executive, through the West Midlands Combined Authority, has launched a consultation on their proposed rail strategy for the West Midlands region.

Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders

N/A

Subject to call-in:

N/A

Ward relevance:

All

Forward plan:

No – NBBC only became aware on the consultation at the end of October.

Building a Better Borough Aim:

**Live
Work
Visit**

Building a Better Borough Priority:

Live: P3 – Sponsors a sustainable green approach

Work: P1 – Grown a strong and inclusive economy

Work: P4 – Support local business

Visit: P2 – Stimulate regeneration

Relevant statutes or policy:

N/A

Equalities Implications:

N/A

Human resources implications:

N/A

Financial implications:

N/A

Health Inequalities Implications:

N/A

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

N/A

Risk management implications:

N/A

Environmental implications:

Any improvement to the rail network will have a positive impact on the greenhouse gas emissions.

Legal implications:

N/A

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AGENDA ITEM NO.16

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet - (9 November 2022)

From: Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Customer and Corporate Services

Subject: West Midlands Rail Executive Consultation

Portfolio: Business and Regeneration (K. Wilson)

Building a Better Borough Aim: Live / Work / Visit

Building a Better Borough Priority:

Live: P3 – Sponsors a sustainable green approach

Work: P1 – Grown a strong and inclusive economy

Work: P4 – Support local business

Visit: P2 – Stimulate regeneration

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To highlight to members the West Midlands Rail Executive's proposed rail strategy, and to seek authority to engage with the associated consultation.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That authority is delegated to the Deputy Chief Exec and Director of Customer and Corporate Services in consultation with the Leader and portfolio holder for Business and Regeneration to submit a supportive response on behalf of NBBC.

3. Background

- 3.1 The West Midlands Rail Executive, announced at the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Non-Constituent Liaison meeting Oct 28, 2022, that it has launched a consultation on their proposed rail strategy for the West Midlands region.
- 3.2 These proposals include two potential new stations in the Nuneaton and Bedworth area, as well as line and capacity upgrades to the Leicester to Birmingham line.
- 3.3 If delivered these proposals have the potential to offer numerous benefits to the residents of Nuneaton and Bedworth, as well as the wider West Midlands economic area.

3.4 The Council as Non-Constituent Member of the WMCA, is invited to engage in this consultation.

4. Body of Report

4.1 The West Midlands Rail Executive has launched a consultation on its proposed rail strategy for the West Midlands Region.

4.2 Specific to Nuneaton and Bedworth, the strategy notes that business cases are being explored around two new stations in the region, Nuneaton East Parkway and Galley Common, increasing the opportunity for rail utilisation.

4.3 Furthermore, the strategy notes the potential for improvement to both capacity and speed of the Birmingham to Leicester connection.

4.4 The consultation runs until 28 November 2022 and the Council, is invited to engage with this consultation.

5. Conclusion

5.1 The benefits of new stations and line upgrades in the Nuneaton and Bedworth area are likely to bring considerable economic, social and environmental benefits.

6. Appendices

6.1 The West Midlands Rail Executive Investment Strategy is a lengthy document, and best consumed digitally. Therefore, the draft is available at:

<https://www.wmre.org.uk/media/pbuhz13p/west-midlands-rail-investment-strategy-consultaton-draft.pdf>

7. Background Papers (if none, state none)

None

Cabinet

Report Summary Sheet

Date: 9 th November 2022
Subject: Capital Monitoring Q2 2022/23
Portfolio: Finance and Corporate (Councillor S. Croft)
From: Director – Finance & Enterprise
Summary: To update on the Council's Q2 forecasted outturn position on capital expenditure for both the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA).
Recommendations: To consider the Q2 forecasted capital outturn position for 2022/23 for the General Fund and HRA.
Options: None

<p>Reasons:</p> <p>Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council has a large capital programme to provide community value and improve facilities. The Q2 outturn position for 2022/23 updates on how the programme is progressing.</p>
<p>Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders</p> <p>N/A</p>

<p>Subject to call-in:</p> <p>No</p>
<p>Ward relevance:</p> <p>None directly</p>
<p>Forward plan:</p> <p>Yes</p>

<p>Building a Better Borough Aim:</p> <p>Work</p>
<p>Building a Better Borough Priority:</p> <p>Grow a strong and inclusive economy.</p>
<p>Relevant statutes or policy:</p> <p>CIPFA Code of Practice</p>

<p>Equalities Implications:</p> <p>None</p>
<p>Human resources implications:</p> <p>None</p>

Financial implications:

As detailed within the report.

Health Inequalities Implications:

None

Section 17 Crime & Disorder Implications:

None

Risk management implications:

None

Environmental implications:

None

Legal implications:

None

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AGENDA ITEM NO.12

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Cabinet – 9th November 2022

From: Director of Finance & Enterprise

Subject: Capital Monitoring Q2

Portfolio: Finance & Corporate (Councillor S Croft)

Building a Better Borough Aim: Work

Building a Better Borough Priority: Grow a Strong & Inclusive Economy

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update on the Council's Q2 forecasted outturn position on capital expenditure for both the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To consider the Q2 forecasted capital outturn position for 2022/23 for the General Fund and HRA.

3. Background

- 3.1 Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council has a large capital programme to provide community value and improve facilities. The Q2 outturn position for 2022/23 updates on how the programme is progressing.

4. Body of Report

- 4.1 The Council's capital programme covers many projects for both the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account.
- 4.2 General Fund projects are developed in line with strategies reported to Cabinet/Council and are funded through Section 106 developer contributions, grant funding (from the Government and other external providers), internal and external borrowing plus capital receipts generated through asset sales.
- 4.3 HRA projects are mainly for refurbishment of council houses, disabled adaptations to council housing plus new build. They are funded from HRA reserves, capital receipts from Right to Buy plus grant income.

4.4 The capital budget for 2022/23 of £61,597,696 was approved in February 2022 at Council with an updated budget position reported of £65,305,570 to Cabinet in September 2022.

4.5 A summary of the General Fund and HRA forecasted expenditure versus budget is below alongside financing of the programme with further detail included in Appendix 1.

Expenditure	Forecast £'000	Budget £'000	Variance £'000
Business & Regeneration	44,373	49,276	4,903
Finance & Corporate	632	632	0
Housing & Communities	5,948	6,117	169
Public Services	6,824	9,014	2,190
Planning & Regulation	67	67	0
Health & Environment	0	100	100
Miscellaneous Schemes	100	100	0
	57,943	65,306	7,362
HRA	20,563	25,119	4,556
Total Expenditure	78,506	90,425	11,919

Funding	Forecast £'000	Budget £'000	Variance £'000
Earmarked Reserves / Revenue	5,251	5,641	390
Grant Income	21,908	26,841	4,933
Major Repairs Reserve	8,724	8,724	0
Capital Receipts / Grants	5,170	5,270	100
Prudential Borrowing	37,385	43,841	6,456
S106	67	107	40
Total Funding	78,506	90,425	11,919

General Fund

4.6 The budget for the capital programme was updated in September 2022 to include carry forward of underspends from 2021/22.

4.7 Projects are projected to underspend by £7.36m on the General Fund and £4.55m on the HRA. This will be monitored with carry forwards being requested if required as part of the budget round in February 2023.

4.8 The key projected underspends on the General Fund are detailed below:

- Bridge to Living – the tender exercise has now concluded and is the process of evaluation. Works on site are expected to progress more slowly than initially forecast and therefore the spend in 2022/23 will be closer to £2.80m. This is potential underspend in year of £4.90m that will need to be reprofiled into 2023/24.
- Bedworth Physical Activity Hub – a tender exercise has concluded for this project, but a value engineering process has been underway due to the cost to complete being a significant amount higher than is included within the budget. Due to this delay, it is expected that an underspend in year of £1.76m is likely but will need reprofiling into 2023/24.
- Homeless Hostel Conversion – the project has funding secured of £0.20m which will not be enough to progress, and additional funding is being source. This project is unlikely to be started during 2022/23.

4.9 The progress of all projects will be monitored during the year with further updates reported to Cabinet.

HRA

4.10 The capital budget for the HRA was approved as £22,938,120 in February 2022 but an updated budget position was reported to Cabinet in September 2022 of £25,119,120 to include carry forwards of underspends from 2022/23.

4.11 Management of the HRA capital programme is based on scheduled works and progression of new build and acquisition targets. The budget as a whole is utilised by need of the customer and the most efficient use of resources to ensure value for money and will therefore fluctuate against the initial forecasted expenditure by line in any one year.

4.11 New build and acquisition one of the main underspend areas with projects not progressing as quickly as had anticipated in year. Another area expected not to progress until 2023/24 is the replacement of vehicles. The specification is complete but the lead in time from ordering to delivery will push this into next financial year.

4.11 Detail of the capital programme is included in Appendix 2.

Capital Reserves

4.12 Reserves are held by the Council for capital purposes either generated through sales of assets, setting aside sums from underspends and receipts of grants for capital purposes.

4.13 The Council's capital reserve position at the end of March 2022 is as follows.

	2021/22 £
Capital Receipts	545,282
Capital Earmarked Sums	2,999,881
Capital Grants	5,776,950
General Fund	9,322,113
Capital Receipts	486,610
1-4-1 Receipts	1,449,507
Capital Earmarked Sums	4,062,534
Major Repairs Reserve	932
HRA	5,999,583
Capital Resources	<u>15,321,696</u>

- 4.14 Capital reserves are allocated against specific projects with no residual unallocated amount available. This poses risks to any movement in the projected capital expenditure as there is nothing available to cover any fluctuations in expenditure.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The capital programme is fully funded in its present form and for there is expected to be slippage on projects in 2022/23. The biggest risk to the Council at this stage is the current economic landscape with soaring inflation and price increases for building supplies. Some of the capital projects are either in the process of a tender exercise or have yet to be tendered and although contingencies are built into the projections, they may well not be high enough.

- 5.2 At this stage, only one of the projects is known to have resulted in a larger cost through tender than included in the budget. A value engineering process has been undertaken but conclusions to this are still under review. There is likely to be risks around the final costs of other projects, but these will be reviewed individually.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Q2 Forecasted Capital Outturn 2022/23

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None.

GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23

	Forecast £	Budget £	Variance £	Comments
Transforming Bedworth	75,510	75,510	0	
Abbey Street Regeneration (Phase 1)	21,746,382	21,746,382	0	
Abbey Street Regeneration (Phase 2)	16,850,300	16,850,300	0	
Bridge to Living	2,800,000	7,703,240	4,903,240	Project re-profiled
Flood Alleviation	500,000	500,000	0	
Christmas Lights	4,500	4,500	0	
Towns Fund	2,247,835	2,247,835	0	
Towns Fund - Parks Revival	41,180	41,180	0	
Replacement CCTV Cameras	9,700	9,700	0	
CCTV Wireless Technology	52,957	52,957	0	
CCTV PSN Upgrade	44,408	44,410	2	
Vicarage Street	0	0	0	
Business & Regeneration	44,372,772	49,276,014	4,903,242	
ICT Strategy Programme	398,540	398,540	0	
Business Continuity	34,540	34,540	0	
Changing Places	125,000	125,000	0	
Camp Hill Regeneration Scheme	73,480	73,480	0	
Finance & Corporate	631,560	631,560	0	
HEART	4,520,000	4,520,000	0	
Empty Homes Works in Default	40,000	40,000	0	
Empty Property Loans	70,000	70,000	0	
Green Homes Phase 2	72,930	41,980	(30,950)	Project complete 100% funded by grant
Green Homes Phase 3	1,245,000	1,245,000	0	
Homeless Hostel Conversion	0	200,000	200,000	Project on hold until further funding can be identified
Housing & Communities	5,947,930	6,116,980	169,050	
Major Repairs	365,750	365,750	0	
Vehicle & Plant Replacement	20,000	410,000	390,000	The 2 vehicles ordered will not be delivered until 2023/24
Sub-Regional Materials Recycling Facility	2,065,656	2,065,656	0	
Leisure Strategy	272,380	272,380	0	
Play & Teenage Provision	24,710	24,710	0	
Bedworth Physical	3,842,000	5,602,000	1,760,000	Aligned to LUF grant profile

Activity Hub				
Nomad Cameras	89,865	90,000	135	Project complete
Fly Tipping Cameras	5,000	5,000	0	
Pauls Land Pavilion	10,500	10,500	0	
Sandon Park/ Jack Whetstone Pavilion	27,870	27,870	0	
Preliminary Works - Riversley Park Bridge	0	40,000	40,000	Project forms part of Towns Fund Parks Revival which has been delayed
Cemetery Extension	100,000	100,000	0	
Public Services	6,823,731	9,013,866	2,190,135	
Town Hall - Fire Safety Works	67,150	67,150	0	
Planning & Regulation	67,150	67,150	0	
Target Hardening Measures	0	100,000	100,000	Project needs a complete review prior to any procurement exercise as original scheme is now 3 years old
Health & Environment	0	100,000	100,000	
Miscellaneous Schemes	100,000	100,000	0	
TOTAL	57,943,143	65,305,570	7,362,427	

HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23

	Forecast £	Budget £	Variance £	Comments
Decent Homes	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	
Roof Coverings/Modifications	750,000	750,000	0	
Windows & Doors	700,000	700,000	0	
Door Entry Scheme	230,000	230,000	0	
New Properties (Construction)	1,300,000	1,987,510	687,510	Programme delays due to procurement and planning
Byford Court - Rebuild	630,000	1,498,610	868,610	Programme delays due to procurement and planning
Independent Living Unit - Remodelling	-	1,000,000	1,000,000	Hoping to start feasibility in the new year
Large Scale Improvement Feasibility	-	250,000	250,000	
Conversion of Homeless Hostel	50,000	50,000	0	
District Heating Works	335,000	335,000	0	
Fire Works (General Purpose)	2,875,000	2,875,000	0	
Acquisition of Properties	1,280,000	1,280,000	0	
Level Access Showers	500,000	500,000	0	
Aids & Adaptations	925,000	925,000	0	
Central Heating	900,000	900,000	0	
Slabs to Tarmac	100,000	100,000	0	
Lift Renewal Works	176,000	176,000	0	
PIR Electrical Works (Sheltered Housing & Communal)	550,000	550,000	0	
Voids	550,000	550,000	0	
Structural; Concrete Repairs/ Cladding	5,308,000	5,308,000	0	
Environmental Works	272,000	272,000	0	
Housing Management System	300,000	300,000	0	
CCTV Renewal - GP Flats	50,000	50,000	0	
Fire Damage Works	10,000	-	(10,000)	
Garages	50,000	50,000	0	
Replacement Vehicles	-	1,750,000	1,750,000	Specifications are complete and we are awaiting quotes. Orders will then be placed but there will be a lead in time which means the vehicles will not be delivered until 2023/24

Capital Salaries	572,000	572,000	0
Contingency	150,000	160,000	10,000
TOTAL	<u>20,563,000</u>	<u>25,119,120</u>	<u>4,556,120</u>