



CABINET

Report of: Councillor Adam Stokes Cabinet Member for Finance

Report to:	Cabinet
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Subject:	Proposed amendments to General Fund Capital Programme (CFM438)

Decision Proposal:	Budget Framework Proposal
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SUMMARY

This report sets out the proposed changes to the capital programme for 2017/18 in order to enable the necessary budget allocations to be made during the financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council the following amendments to the capital programme:

Disabled Facilities Grant – increase to £733,770 for 2017/18

St Peter's Hill development – increase to £5.7M

1. BACKGROUND TO REPORT;

- 1.1 The capital programme was approved by Council at its meeting on 2nd March 2017 and it was subsequently amended by Council on 15th June 2017 to include the capital allocations to facilitate the 'Big Clean' initiative.
- 1.2 On 28th June 2017, the Council received a grant allocation of £733,770 from Lincolnshire County Council in respect to the District Council's entitlement of Government funding of Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG). This amount is a significant increase on previous year's allocations and is provided as part of the Government's Better Care Fund which is focussed at providing more joined up and customer focused services in order to reduce hospital and care admissions and enable people to return from hospital more quickly.
- 1.3 The details of the Council's response to the increased funding were detailed in a report to Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5th September which set out options in respect of a policy to distribute the funding within agreed criteria. This is also considered as a separate item on this agenda.
- 1.4 The second amendment to the capital programme is in respect of the St Peter's Hill development project (which is also the subject of a separate agenda report elsewhere on the agenda).
- 1.5 Following negotiation of the heads of terms with the preferred cinema provider and preliminary works on site, a further budget requirement of £1.17M has been identified. Therefore a revised budget of £5.7M is required in order to deliver the ambitions of the project.

1.6 Financing Proposals

- 1.7 With respect to the proposed amendments, the increase in the DFG allocation will be wholly met from Government grant and it is recommended that the associated cost of administration will be directly funded from the grant.
- 1.8 It is proposed to finance the additional budget of £1.17M for the St Peters Hill project for 2017/18 from the specific St Peter's Hill reserve which has been replenished from available capital reserves and the local priorities reserve. The full details of the capital programme, financing statement and reserves statement are provided at appendix A

2. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Not applicable

3. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

3.1 These are stated within the report.

4. RISK AND MITIGATION

4.1 Risk has been considered as part of this report and any specific high risks are included in the table below:

Category Risk	Action / Controls
Not applicable	

5. ISSUES ARISING FROM IMPACT ANALYSIS (EQUALITY, SAFEGUARDING etc.)

5.1 Not applicable

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are none arising.

7. COMMENTS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

7.1 These are included in the report.

8. COMMENTS OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

8.1 The in-year change to the budget framework for 2017-2018 is proposed to be approved by Council in accordance with Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.

9. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES

9.1 None.

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix A – Updated General Fund Capital Programme 2017/18
Updated Capital Financing Statement 2017/18
Updated General Fund Reserves Statement 2017/18

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 None.