

CABINET – 27 FEBRUARY 2024**CAPITAL PROGRAMME APPROVALS – FEBRUARY 2024**

Report by the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer

Recommendations

1. The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:
 - a) approve the inclusion of a 3 Form Entry Primary School, located in Didcot, into the Capital Programme with capital budget of £2.19m, to be fully funded from secured S106 contributions.

Executive Summary

2. The Capital Programme was approved by Council in February 2023 and updated during the year through the capital programme and monitoring reports. This report sets out change requests requiring Cabinet approval that will be incorporated into the agreed programme and included in the next update to the Capital Programme in March 2024.

Introduction

3. The Capital Programme sets out how the Council will use Capital expenditure to deliver the Council's priorities as set out in the Strategic Plan 2022-25. The Capital Programme is updated quarterly and fully refreshed annually as part of the Budget and Business Planning Process to ensure that it remains aligned to the latest priorities, reflects the latest cost projections and profile for delivery, and incorporates the current funding position.
4. On occasion, variations to the Capital programme are recommended to Cabinet. There are no variations included in this report.

Property**'Didcot Valley Park', Didcot**

5. A new Primary school is to be delivered to serve the first phase of the new housing development located in Didcot Valley Park. The 3 Form Entry primary school, to be delivered by the developer, will cater for 630 pupils, with 4 class nursery provision and a 12 place Specially Resourced Provision (SRP) to provide support for pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs, in line with the Council's SEND Sufficiency of Places Strategy.

Financial Implications

6. The financial implications are contained within the report. Funding for the scheme mentioned in this report is to be met from secured S106 developer contributions.

Comments checked by:
Lorna Baxter, Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer

Staff Implications

7. There are no staffing implications arising directly from the report.

Equality & Inclusion Implications

8. There are no equality and inclusion implications arising directly from this report.

Legal Implications

9. In year changes to the capital programme must be approved by Cabinet in accordance with the Financial Regulations and in particular paragraph 5.1.1(iv) permitting Cabinet to agree resource inclusion into the capital programme via a periodic Capital Report to Cabinet, based on the recommendation of the Strategic Capital Board (chaired by the Chief Executive). Comments checked by:

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Background papers: none

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