

COMMITTEE	DATE	CLASSIFICATION	REPORT NO.	AGENDA ITEM NO.
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REPORT OF Corporate Director (Communities, Localities & Culture) ORIGINATING OFFICER(S) Luke Cully - Finance Manager Communities, Localities & Culture		TITLE Communities, Localities & Cultural Services Directorate Capital Programme 2009/2010 Wards Affected All		

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report seeks Cabinet approval to the Capital Programme for Communities Localities & Cultural Services Directorate for 2009/2010.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 2.1 Include the schemes listed in appendices A & B to the report within the Communities Localities & Cultural Services Directorate's 2009/2010 Capital Programme.
- 2.2 Subject to the identification of available funding as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report, adopt Capital Estimates (sum specified in estimated scheme cost column) for the schemes as outlined in Appendices A & B to the report.
- 2.3 Agree that the Council's Measured Term Contracts be used for the implementation of the Transportation and Highways Works where appropriate.

3.0 **BACKGROUND**

3.1 This report contains details of schemes which will form the Communities Localities & Cultural Services Capital Programme for 2009/2010 and in accordance with Financial Procedure FP3.3. Cabinet are requested to approve capital estimates for the projects. Funding for the programme is available from the following sources.

- Local Priorities Programme (LPP)
- Transport for London (TfL)
- Developer Contributions (S106)
- Capital Grants

3.2 All schemes link with the Council's Strategic Plan and Community Plan. Priority will be given to those schemes which are time constrained and must be subject to practical completion by the 31st March 2010. The estimated cost of schemes within the attached programme is approximately £5.8m, (Council contribution £1.45m, Transport for London LIP £2.24m, S106 £1.72m, Capital Grants £400k) and funding identified for schemes at this stage equates approximately to this level.

4.0 **TfL - LIP ALLOCATION –TRANSPORTATION & HIGHWAYS CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

4.1 The Transportation & Highways capital programme for 2009/10 is developed from successful bids to a variety of funding sources including the Local Implementation Plan bid to Transport for London, and the Council's own Local Priorities Programme. In total the amount of capital funding available for 2009/10 totals approximately £2.2m at this stage.

4.2 Capital estimates include a fee of 20% of the total works cost which contributes towards the cost of staff resources engaged in the entire scheme development process from inception to construction. These fees are currently under review with other Local Authorities and external agencies to ensure that value for money is maintained for the service.

4.3 This capital programme aims to deliver the programme set out in the Council's Local Implementation Plan for transport, progress on which will be reported to a future Cabinet. Schemes funded under the Local Area Agreement are targeted at meeting stretch targets on road safety and mandatory targets for the introduction and implementation of school travel plans set by central Government and are also consistent with the LIP aims.

4.4 All works are fully funded and further opportunities may arise through the year to supplement this funding. Details of schemes and funding are included at Appendix A and Members are recommended to adopt the capital estimates for these schemes in order to facilitate efficient delivery of the programme. As in previous years the Council's Capital Works Contract will be utilised for the implementation of the Programme in addition to other specialist Measured Term Contracts for drainage, street lighting and road marking works.

5. **OTHER SERVICES**

- 5.1 Appendix B sets out the Capital Programme for the remainder of the Directorates Services (Culture, Community Safety and Public Realm) and consists of schemes intended to improve the Borough's Parks and Open Space leading to increased participation in activities linked to these services, as outlined within the Council's Strategic Plan and Open Space Strategy, improvements to Bancroft Library and further investment in CCTV and Environmental Improvements in pursuit of reducing crime and anti social behaviour.

6. **COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

- 6.1 This report outlines to Committee the Capital Programme for Communities Localities & Cultural Services Directorate for 2009/2010. Schemes within the programme will only be able to proceed when requisite resources have been identified and necessary Capital Estimates approved.
In utilising the Measured Term Contracts, the Head of Public Realm must be satisfied that these represent value for money for the Council.

7. **CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL)**

- 7.1 Cabinet is requested to approve estimates for projects identified in the appendices for the Communities, Localities and Cultural Services Directorate capital programme.
- 7.2 In accordance with Financial Procedure FP 3.3, Senior Managers are required to obtain a capital estimate for any scheme in the capital programme. Where the estimate is over £250,000 the approval of the adoption of that capital estimate must be sought from the Cabinet.
- 7.3 There is no legal impediment to approval of the estimates, which apparently relate to projects within the Council's statutory functions. It will be the responsibility of officers to ensure that in respect of individual projects the Council complies with its obligation as a best value authority within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1999 to secure continuous improvement in the way its functions are exercised having regard to the combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

8. **ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1 The Council's Accessible Transport Consultative Forum advises and directs traffic and transport projects from the point of view of people with mobility impairments. Direct engagement between users and providers has enabled several improvements to be made in service delivery, including the accessibility projects which have been funded in this programme.

9. **SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR GREENER ENVIRONMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 The use of monies as outlined within the report will support current policies to improve the local environment.

10. **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 All Projects will be closely monitored to ensure that programmes are completed on time and within budget and to ensure that the Council is not exposed to financial risk.

11. **EFFICIENCY STATEMENT**

11.1 All Transportation & Highways Capital Schemes will be implemented using the new Measured Term Contract. Efficiencies in the management and administration of this contract will be achieved in 2009/10 through reductions in numbers of low value individual works orders and invoices, and through introduction of on-line invoicing systems.

List of Appendices

Appendix A – Transportation & Highways Schemes

Appendix B – Other Schemes

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972 SECTION 100D (AS AMENDED)

LIST OF “BACKGROUND PAPERS” USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Brief Description of background paper	Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.
Capital Programme papers & files	Luke Cully 5221 Anchorage House