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Report of: Corporate Director (Communities Localities & Culture) Stephen Halsey Originating officer(s) Margaret Cooper – Head of Transport & Highways Stephen Adams - Finance & Resources Manager		Title: Communities, Localities & Culture Directorate Capital Programme 2013/14 Wards Affected: All	

Lead Member	Councillor Shahed Ali
Community Plan Theme	A Great Place to Live
Strategic Priorities	Strengthen and Connect Communities

1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides details of the schemes within the Communities, Localities and Culture (CLC) capital programme with capital finance agreed for expenditure in 2013/14. In order to progress implementation of these schemes, formal adoption of capital estimates by Cabinet is required.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Mayor in Cabinet is recommended to:-

- 2.1 Include the schemes listed in appendix A to the report within the Communities, Localities & Cultural Services Directorate's 2013/2014 Capital Programme.
- 2.2 Adopt Capital Estimates (sum specified in estimated scheme cost column) for the schemes as outlined in Appendix A to the report.
- 2.3 Agree that where possible the Council's Measured Term Contracts be used for the implementation of the Transport and Highways Works as appropriate.
- 2.4 Agree that where possible the landscape improvement works be let under the terms of the Landscape Framework Agreement for implementation as appropriate.

3. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 3.1 A report was presented to Cabinet in February 2013 to agree the Capital programme for the Council for 2013-14 to 2015-16. Appendix A to this report provides the breakdown of details for individual schemes within that programme for which capital estimates must be adopted according to Financial Procedure FP 3.3. It also provides detail of additional capital funding which has been approved since the beginning of 2013 for inclusion on the 2013/14 capital programme.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Failure to adopt Capital Estimates will result in delays to progression of works in the capital programme.

5. BACKGROUND

- 5.1 Cabinet has previously agreed the Capital programme for the Council for 2013-14 to 2015-16. Appendix A to this report provides the breakdown of details for Local Implementation Plan (LIP) and LBTH capital schemes previously agreed, and the new schemes funded by S106. The revised CLC Directorate Capital Programme for 2013/2014 is now £12.826m, which has been amended to take account of decisions taken by the Council, Mayor and officers, including the additional grant resources that have become available.

- 5.2 The new schemes, totalling £10.322m, as outlined in Appendix A of this report are funded from the following sources.

	£'000
• Local Implementation Plan (TfL)	3,377
• TfL Cycling on Greenways	100
• Developer Contributions (S106)	3,515
• Various Grant Funding	1,035
• Other funding	400
• LBTH Capital	1,000
• Prudential Borrowing	750
• LPP	145

- 5.3 All schemes link with the Council's Strategic Plan and Community Plan through strategic priorities 2.2 and 2.3 in the Great Place to Live theme. Priority will be given to those schemes which are time constrained and must be subject to practical completion by the 31st March 2014.

- 5.4 Transport & Highways capital estimates include a fee of 27.5% of the total works cost which covers the cost of staff resources engaged in the entire scheme development process from inception to construction.

5.5 All works are fully funded and further opportunities may arise through the year to supplement this funding. As in previous years the Council's Major Planned Highway Works Contract will be utilised for the implementation of the highways programme in addition to other specialist Measured Term Contracts for drainage and street lighting works. Other framework contracts shared with partner organisations are also available for utilisation.

6 SCHEMES AND FUNDING SOURCES

6.1 TfL – Local Implementation Plan (LIP) Allocation

6.1.1 TfL use a formula based approach to allocate local transport funding to London Boroughs which can be used to deliver the programme set out in the Local Implementation Plan 2 for traffic and streetscene improvement works and supporting measures for encouraging change in travel behaviour and road safety education. This is a working document which sets out an indicative 3 year rolling programme of works, taking account of the Council's current priorities. In addition a needs-based prioritisation governs allocation of LIP funding for planned maintenance of principal roads and bridges, while a competitive process still takes place for Area-Based schemes.

6.1.2 Of the total LIP allocation of £3.377m, the above categories received funding as follows:

- LIP Corridors, Neighbourhoods and supporting measures £2.245m
- LIP Area Based schemes £700k
- LIP Principle Road maintenance £332k
- Local Transport Funding £100k

Appendix A gives a breakdown of the funding allocation for 2013/14 based on progress in delivery of the 3 year plan over the past year and the Council's current priorities.

TfL Borough Projects and Programmes team have also provided a provisional allocation of £100k for a scheme in Cavell Street, to continue the objectives and long-term delivery of Greenways in London.

6.2 Transport & Highways Projects Developer Contributions – S106

6.2.1 £1.250m of Section 106 contributions from developments in the borough have been approved by the Council's Planning Contributions Overview Panel (PCOP) as being specified in planning consents for specific traffic and highways works.

6.3 **Other Developer Contributions – S106**

6.3.1 £1.015m of S106 funding has been identified for six schemes that now form part of the CLC Capital programme. These schemes are:

- Landscaping works to the open space immediately adjacent to Christchurch Spitalfields – allocation £387k
- Hedges and interpretation panels to be placed in Mile End Park – allocation £151k
- Planting of semi-mature trees, Boroughwide – allocation £16k
- Improvement works to St Georges Pool – allocation £106k
- Relocation of the Mosaic/Mural on Brick Lane Wall – allocation £45k
- CCTV improvements – allocation £310k

6.4 **Victoria Park Developer Contributions – S106 and Other Funding**

6.4.1 £1.250m of Section 106 contributions from developments in the borough have been approved by the Council's Planning Contributions Overview Panel (PCOP) as being specified in planning consents for Victoria Park Sports Hub and other works. The Victoria Park scheme is additionally funded by Grants from London Marathon Trust (£235k) and the National Governing Bodies of Sport (£800k) with a further £400k being funded by LBTH Insurance, the total scheme estimate is £2.685m

6.5 The S106 schemes detailed above are included in Appendix A and approval of the Council's Planning Contributions Overview Panel (PCOP) is being sought, for delivery of these projects to start in 2013/14.

6.6 **Council Capital**

6.6.1 In the 2012/13 capital programme, a 3 year programme of planned highway maintenance was approved and allocated £1m funding per annum. All schemes included in the 2012/13 programme are due to be completed, with 21 streets being resurfaced in total.

6.6.2 The programme has been developed following condition surveys of the borough's streets. Following good practice, £750k is allocated to those streets in the worst condition according to these surveys, whilst £250k is allocated to the second priority of streets, where less expensive work can bring the condition

back to a good standard, thus achieving better value for money in maintaining the asset life overall.

- 6.6.3 The streets included in the 2013/14 programme are listed in Appendix A.
- 6.6.4 In addition Cabinet in February 2013 agreed to include into the proposed capital programme for approval by Council £750k for the procurement of ground maintenance plant, vehicles and equipment which will be funded through prudential borrowing. £45k is included for Mudchute and accelerated delivery Cycle Improvements of £100k.

7. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 7.1 This report outlines to Cabinet the Capital Programme for Communities, Localities and Culture for 2013/14 of £12.826m. Cabinet is requested to approve the programme and adopt Capital Estimates of £10.322m for the new schemes as outlined within Appendix A, funding for the new schemes is set out in the table below.

Funding Source	Funding Secured £'000
Local Implementation Plan (TfL)	3,377
TfL Cycling on Greenways	100
Section 106	3,515
Grant: London Marathon Trust	235
Grant: National Governing Bodies of Sport	800
LBTH Insurance	400
LBTH Capital	1,000
Prudential Borrowing	750
LPP	145
Total Funding Secured	10,322

- 7.2 In utilising the Measured Term Contracts for the Transport & Highways schemes, the Service Head Public Realm must be satisfied that these represent value for money for the Council.
- 7.3 The proposed prudential borrowing in relation to grounds maintenance plant, vehicles and equipment can be contained within approved Council borrowing targets. The revenue implications will be met from within CLC's existing budget.

8. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)

- 8.1 Cabinet is asked to note information as to the capital expenditure for 2013/14 financial year. There is a positive duty on the chief finance officer to monitor

expenditure under section 114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988. It is consistent with proper administration of the Council's financial affairs as required by section 151 Local Government Act 1972 for Cabinet to consider this report and adopt capital estimates

9. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 Extensive public and stakeholder consultation was carried out on the LIP2 from which these schemes originate. An Integrated Impact Assessment completed in parallel took account of equalities impacts of the plan overall which included specific actions such as better street lighting, accessibility, road safety and personal safety improvements to seek to ensure improvements are provided for all. In addition individual schemes are designed with due regard to guidance on providing for people with mobility handicaps and vulnerable road users.

10. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 10.1 The use of monies as outlined within the report will support current policies to improve the local environment, accessibility and safety.

11 RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 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.

12. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 The majority of projects focus on improving the streetscene of the borough and in so doing will contribute to designing out crime and making people feel safer using streets locally.

13. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

- 13.1 As many Transport & Highways Capital Schemes as possible will be implemented using the Measured Term Contract within which efficiencies were secured through negotiation in 2011/12.

14. APPENDICES

Appendix A: CLC Capital Programme 2013/14

Appendix B: Equalities Checklist – Capital Programme

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Brief description of "background papers"	Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.
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