

Cabinet 2 April 2014	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Corporate Director (Communities Localities & Culture) Stephen Halsey	Classification: Unrestricted
Communities, Localities & Culture Directorate Capital Programme 2014/15	

Lead Member	Councillor Ohid Ahmed
Originating Officer(s)	Margaret Cooper – Head of Transport & Highways Stephen Adams - Business Finance Partner
Wards affected	All wards
Community Plan Theme	A Great Place to Live
Key Decision?	Yes

Executive Summary

This report provides details of the schemes within the Communities Localities and Culture (CLC) capital programme with capital finance agreed for expenditure in 2014/15. In order to progress implementation of these schemes, formal adoption of capital estimates is required by Cabinet.

Recommendations:

The Mayor in Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Include the schemes listed in appendix A to the report within the Communities Localities & Cultural Services Directorate's 2014/2015 Capital Programme.
2. Adopt Capital Estimates (sum specified in estimated scheme cost column) for the schemes as outlined in Appendix A to the report.
3. Agree that where possible the Council's Measured Term Contracts be used for the implementation of the Transport and Highways Works as appropriate
4. Agree that where possible the landscape improvement works be let under the terms of the Landscape Framework Agreement for implementation as appropriate.

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 Cabinet has previously agreed the Capital programme for the Council for 2014-15 to 2016-17. This report details the new schemes, totalling £6.976m outlined in Appendix A, funded from the following sources:

	£'000
Local Implementation Plan (TfL)	3,602
Borough Cycling Plan	344
S106 Developers Contribution	1,710
LBTH Capital	1,000
OPTEMS	250
London Marathon Trust	70

- 1.2 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 2015.
- 1.3 The revised CLC Directorate Capital Programme for 2014/2015 is now £12.622m, 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.

The following table sets out a reconciliation of the revised capital programme

	£'000
Cabinet Approved schemes – February 2014	10,265
Changes to TfL schemes	580
Additional S106 schemes	1,400
Sports and Physical Activities Projects	377
Revised CLC Capital Programme 2014/15	12,622

- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

2.1 Nil

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

3.1 SCHEMES AND FUNDING SOURCES

3.1.1 TfL – Local Implementation Plan (LIP) Allocation

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 3 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 and was recently refreshed and approved by Cabinet on 4th December 2013. 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.

3.1.2 Of the total LIP allocation of £3.602m, the above categories received funding as follows:

	£'000
LIP Corridors, Neighbourhoods and supporting measures	2,381
LIP Area Based schemes	800
LIP Principle Road maintenance	321
Local Transport Funding	100

Appendix A gives a breakdown of the funding allocation for 2014/15 based on the 3 year delivery plan and the Council's current priorities.

3.2 Projects Developer Contributions – S106

3.2.1 Transportation & Highways: £821k of Section 106 contributions from developments in the borough have been identified and are indicated in the programme.

3.2.2 Arts, Parks & Events S106: £583k of Section 106 contributions from developments in the borough have been identified and are indicated in the programme.

3.3 Planned Highways Maintenance - Council Capital

- 3.3.1 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 & 2013/14 programme have been delivered, with 41 streets being resurfaced in total.
- 3.3.2 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.
- 3.3.3 The streets noted on Appendix A provide an indicative list of those roads that require re-surfacing works in 2014/15.

3.4. OPTEMS (Olympic Park Transport and Environmental Management Strategy)

- 3.4.1 A scheme has been developed for a signal controlled junction on Tredegar Road and plans have been presented to, and approved by OPTEMS, at an estimated cost of £250k.

3.5 Sports & Physical Activity Projects

3.5.1 John Orwell Sports Centre Astro-turf and Mile End Stadium Astro-turf

S106 Developers funding (PA/08/00775) has been obtained for the replacement of existing 2G astro-turf at both of the above sites. PIDs have been approved by PCOP at an estimated cost of £307k for both schemes (John Orwell, £180,107 and Mile End Stadium, £127,142). They will be managed independently.

3.5.2 St John's Gardens Tennis Courts

Funding has been acquired from the London Marathon Trust for the replacement of the surface at St. John's Garden's tennis courts, Isle of Dogs, at an estimated cost of £70k.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 4.1 This report outlines the detailed Capital Programme for Communities, Localities and Culture for 2014/15 of £12.622m which has new schemes to the value of £6.976m. Cabinet is requested to note and comment on the programme of £6.976m for the new schemes as outlined within Appendix A. The funding for the new schemes is set out in the table below.

Funding Source	Funding Secured £'000
Local Implementation Plan (TfL)	3,602
Borough Cycling Plan	344
Section 106	1,710
LBTH Capital	1,000
OPTEMS	250
London Marathon Trust	70
Total Funding Secured	6,976

4.2 In utilising the Measured Term Contracts for the Transport & Highways schemes, the Service must be satisfied that these represent value for money for the Council.

5. LEGALCOMMENTS

5.1 Pursuant to section 114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, the chief finance officer has a duty to monitor expenditure. 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.

5.2 There will be legal consequences to the projects identified for capital funding and these will be considered at the appropriate junctures. There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

6. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 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.

7. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

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

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 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.

9. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 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.

10. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

- 10.1 As many Transport & Highways Capital Schemes as possible will be implemented using the Measured Term Contract
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Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- NONE

Appendices

- Appendix ' A' - List of new Projects

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

- NONE