



**Joint Report of the Cabinet Members for Economy, Finance & Strategy
and Investment, Regeneration, Events & Tourism**

Cabinet – 19 September 2024

**Financial Procedure Rule 7
Additional Community Budget Capital 2024-2025**

Purpose:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To commit and authorise an additional £1m sum for the Skate Parks programme resulting in a total value of £2m.2. To commit an additional £1m community budget to support wider community improvements via a 'Community Investment Fund' with a total value of £2m.
Policy Framework:	Community Budget and Council Constitution - Financial Procedure Rule 7.3
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Approves the additional capital allocation of £1m to the skate parks programme as outlined in the report.2) Approves the additional capital allocation of £1m to the 'Community Investment Fund' to support wider community improvements. Authority is delegated to the Cabinet member for Economy, Finance & Strategy, the Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration, Events & Tourism and the Director of Place to determine eligibility for each scheme. In the event of a scheme being submitted in one of the wards of those Cabinet members with delegated authority, the decision would be made instead by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance in conjunction with the Director of Place.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Cabinet on 18th July 2024 resolved that there was a net underspend in revenue of £13.558m in 2023/24. This has allowed for additional budget to be allocated to the Contingency fund, which has been carried forward in revenue. The Contingency fund has a budget of £3.590m for 2024/25. This report identifies two specific programmes that will benefit from further monies.

2. Skate Park Improvement Scheme – Capital Value £1m

- 2.1 Following the recently updated Skate and Wheeled Sports Masterplan, produced by project consultants Curve Studio, which included options for additional facility improvements and developments across the city, a further specific capital allocation of £1m to form part of the overall scheme is proposed.
- 2.2 This brings the total value of the fund to £2m.
- 2.3 The revised masterplan, provides options for a multi-layered network of skate and wheeled sports facilities across Swansea, creating a stage for inspirational riding and making it easy for anyone to take up wheeled sports in their community.

3. Additional Community Investment Fund – Capital Value £1m

3.1 Capital Allocation

The underspend identified in revenue in 2023/24 has allowed for additional budget to be allocated to the Contingency fund, which has been carried forward in revenue. This provides additional revenue financing for a proposed £1m additional allocation for the community budget fund, named the 'Community Investment Fund'. This will bring the total value of the fund to £2m. The application principles noted in the FPR7 cabinet report published on 18th April 2024 remain. **Appendix A**

4. Integrated Assessment Implications

- 4.1 The Council is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

- Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage.
- Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language.
- Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
- Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

4.1.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals.

4.1.2 Our Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) process ensures we have paid due regard to the above. It also considers other key issues and priorities, such as poverty and social exclusion, community cohesion, carers, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Welsh language.

4.2 An IIA Screening Form **Appendix B**. has been completed with the agreed outcome that a full IIA report is not required due to the following:

Summary of impacts identified, and mitigation needed (Q2) Positive impacts are high for everyone within the community.

Summary of involvement (Q3) Ward members must discuss proposed schemes with the council lead officers to ensure there is capacity to deliver. Eg highways and play schemes.

WFG considerations (Q4) All activities align with the Wales Future Generations Act objectives and ways of working. A healthier, greener more prosperous Wales.

Any risks identified (Q5) No risks identified in this scheme.

Cumulative impact (Q9) The community budget scheme has been successfully running since 2013. All Swansea wards have benefitted from ward members collaboratively making local decisions on what is required within their communities.

Investment has been made in play areas, traffic management, etc. This additional budget will support further capital projects within our wards, for example skate park improvements.

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5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 This report is seeking to approve a total £2m capital allocation for 2024/25 from the Contingency fund in revenue, with £1m additional funding for the Skate Park Improvement scheme and £1m additional funding for the Community Investment Fund. The £1m additional funding for the Community Investment Fund will be allocated to capital schemes associated with the community budget programme. Details of both allocations are set out in this report and particular reference is made to the need for all schemes to be eligible for capital expenditure, the costs of which would include internal project management resources required to deliver the programme. Details of the expenditure and funding profiles are set out in **Appendix C**.
- 5.2 It is anticipated monies will be spent during 2024/25 and 2025/26.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 There are no additional legal implications over and above those set out under FPR7 rules. Schemes must comply with the council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Background Papers:

None

Appendices:

Appendix A FPR7 report 18th April 2024 – minute 146
[Agenda for Cabinet on Thursday, 18 April 2024, 10.00 am - Swansea](#)
Appendix B IIA
Appendix C Financial Implications