



Report of the Cabinet Member for Economy, Finance and Strategy

Cabinet - 18 May 2023

Financial Procedural Rule 7 Additional projects to be included within the Capital Budget & Programme 2022/23 -2027/28 – Economic Recovery Fund (ERF) Approved Schemes (exceeding one million pounds).

Purpose:	To commit and authorise schemes approved via the Economic Recovery Fund (ERF) in excess of one million pounds to the Capital Programme 2022/23 - 2027/28 and to comply with Financial Procedure Rule No.7 (Capital Programming and Appraisals)
Policy Framework:	The Capital Budget & Programme 2022/23 -2027/28 as reported to and approved by Council on 2nd March 2023. Council Constitution - Financial Procedure Rule 7.3
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that Cabinet: 1) Approves the additional allocation of £2,050,000 to be included within the Capital Budget & Programme 2022/23-2027/28, as approved under ERF UPRN 156 Play Sufficiency. 2) Approves the additional allocation of £1,045,000 to be included within the Capital Budget & Programme 2022/23-2027/28, as approved under ERF UPRN 157 Skate Facilities, together with existing funds of £45,000 held for Street Sports 3) Approves the additional allocation of £1,500,000 to be included within the Capital Budget & Programme 2022/23-2027/28, as approved under ERF UPRN 153 Domiciliary Care Travel

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Council approved the Capital Budget & Programme 2022/23-2027/28, on 2nd March 2023.
- 1.2 This report is seeking to approve an additional capital allocation of £4,595,000,000 to the Capital Programme. This is to be funded as follows, £4,550,000 via the Economic Recovery Fund as approved 2022/23, together with existing funds £45,000 held under Capital for Street Sports as outlined with **Appendix A** of this report .

2. Proposed Schemes

2.1 ERF UPRN 0156 Play Sufficiency

- 2.1.1 Since 2021, playgrounds within Swansea have benefited for the initial investment championed by the Leader, Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism and Cabinet Member for Environment and Infrastructure, complemented by additional financial support from the Community Budget. Councillors were at the centre of selecting sites to require investment, for a programme of works for 2021/22.
- 2.1.2 The ERF promoted the opportunity for both Councillors and Officers to apply for funding, whilst supporting one of more of the following themes; Wellbeing, Local Economy, Community, People and Jobs. Several bids were successful to enhance playgrounds, to include UPRN 048 Essential Playground Works.
- 2.1.3 The purpose of UPRN 048 Essential Playground Works is to improve the condition status of playgrounds owned or managed by Swansea Council identified as amber or red status. This programme of works is ongoing and already appreciated by the communities of Swansea.
- 2.1.4 A second bid was approved via ERF UPRN 0156, to enhance the play sufficiency (play value, inclusion and accessibility) of playgrounds owned or managed by Swansea Council. In addition, several requests were also received to enhance parks or playgrounds, these have been amalgamated within UPRN 0156 due to the nature of works.
- 2.1.5 To promote best value and avoid abortive works, the investment granted under UPRN 048 and 0156 be combined, with a programme of works implemented up to March 2025*.

2.1.6 Whilst the allocation is amalgamated, these will be split to ensure in-house delivery and grants issued to non Swansea Council assets.

2.1.7 Swansea Council Sites

- a. Funding - ERF Approved £1,585,000
- b. Proposed Commencement - April 2023
- c. Proposed Completion – March 2025
- d. Corporate Plan –
Transforming our **Economy and Infrastructure**
- e. Asset Reference – Various Sites
- f. Tenant – N/A
- g. Lease Term – N/A

2.1.8 Other Sites

- a. Funding - ERF Approved £465,000
- b. Proposed Commencement - April 2023
- c. Proposed Completion – March 2025
- d. Corporate Plan –
Transforming our **Economy and Infrastructure**
- e. Asset Reference – Various Sites
- f. Tenant – N/A
- g. Lease Term – N/A

2.2 ERF UPRN 0157 Skate Facilities

An initial allocation for improving skate facilities was agreed at Cabinet January 2022. A mapping exercise is underway to consider the provision, equipment and high level condition status for Skate and Street Sport Provision in Swansea

2.2.1 Funding - ERF Approved £1,000,000 and Existing Capital of £45,000 held under Street Sports

2.2.2 Proposed Commencement – 2023/34

2.2.3 Proposed Completion – 24/25

2.2.4 Corporate Plan –
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2.3 ERF UPRN 0153 Domiciliary Care Travel

Match Funding to enhance domiciliary care travel with investment towards electric vehicles over a period of five years

2.3.1 Funding - ERF Approved £1,500,000

2.3.2 Proposed Commencement – 2022/23

2.3.3 Proposed Completion – 2027/28

2.3.4 Corporate Plan –
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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: Positive impact for the communities of Swansea, aiming to support one or all of the following themes; Local Economy, Wellbeing, Community, People and Jobs. Impacts are positive and are of medium to high in nature.

- Summary of impacts identified and mitigation needed (Q2)

Impacts are positive and are of medium to high in nature.

- Summary of involvement (Q3)

Each approved scheme, outlined the associated benefits of the proposal, together with meeting one or more themes (Wellbeing, Local Economy, Community, People and Jobs). In addition, the application needed to outline what consultation had taken place.

The schemes associated with the report are directly linked to the Policy Commitment Statement, forming the Corporate Plan.

Each approved scheme has project specific IIA screening form, which was considered as part of the decision making process.

- WFG considerations (Q4)

The approval process considers that each approved proposal aims to satisfy one or more themes (Local Economy, Wellbeing, Community, People and Jobs). Consideration is given to the Policy Commitment Statement forming the Corporate Plan.

- Any risks identified (Q5)

The delivery of projects within this plan will mitigate some of the economic impacts following the Covid pandemic. Risks will be considered at a project level in the normal way.

- Cumulative impact (Q7)

Positive impact for the communities of Swansea

Approved schemes must meet one or more of the following themes and benefits (Local Economy, Wellbeing, Community, People and Jobs). The schemes associated with the report are directly linked to the Policy Commitment Statement, forming the Corporate Plan.

In line with the Equality Act 2010 and Public Sector Equality Duty, due regard is being given to the impact on protected groups in delivery of all the actions within the plan.

All approved schemes will have been screened and full IIAs will be undertaken as necessary. For the purpose of this report, a full IIA was not required for the schemes.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 Requests to extend the scheme delivery for future years, will rely upon funds approved via the ERF during the periods 21/22 and 22/23.
- 5.2 The desire to extend the delivery will be considered on merit, to ensure the principal purpose is satisfied.
- 5.3 Where applicable, grants will be issued to third parties to complete capital works and will be treated as REFCUS within capital accounting.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1. Schemes included within **Appendix A** may be subject to terms and conditions as outlined within the grant offer letters.

Background Papers:

Report of the Section 151 Officer

Council – 2nd March 2023

Capital Budget & Programme 2022/23- 2027/28

<https://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/documents/g11006/Decisions%20Thursday%2002-Mar-2023%2017.00%20Council.pdf?T=2&LLL=0>

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Cabinet 21st July 2022

Economic Recovery Fund (ERF) Performance Review 2021 - 22

<https://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/documents/g10729/Printed%20minutes%20Thursday%2021-Jul-2022%2010.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=1&LLL=0>

Appendices:

Appendix A Financial Implications
Appendix B IIA Screening Form