



Subject:	Update on Physical Programme
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The Council's Physical Programme currently includes 170 capital projects with investment of £150m+ via a range of internal and external funding streams, together with projects which the Council delivers on behalf of external agencies. This report requests agreement on implementation of procurement processes in relation to the non-recurrent programme, 2 Royal Avenue, in connection with the proposed extended meanwhile use and/or the Levelling Up application (if agreed by the Committee) and externally funded projects, as well as a summary of recently awarded contracts.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Procurement process for Non-Recurrent Programme, 2 Royal Avenue and Externally Funded projects: agree that any necessary procurement processes (including the

	<p>invitation of tenders and/or the use of appropriate ‘framework’ arrangements) be initiated for any non-recurrent projects for 2022/23, 2 Royal Avenue in connection with the extended meanwhile use and/or the Levelling Up application and any externally funded projects for 2021/22 and 2022/23 as required with contracts to be awarded on the basis of most economically advantageous tenders received and full commitment to deliver.</p> <p>- Contracts awarded in Q4 2021/22: Note the update in relation to contracts awarded between January and March 2022, and the emergency works completed under Standing Order 56.</p>
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	<p><i>Non-Recurrent Programme 2022/23</i></p> <p>Members will be aware that the incremental nature of the capital programme allows the Council the opportunity to allocate an element of the 2022/23 capital financing budget to finance a number of one-off (non-recurrent) projects within year. It is recommended that this is focused on progressing projects which the Council is required to take forward either from a health and safety perspective and/or a legislative perspective. Members are asked to agree that necessary procurement processes (including the invitation of tenders and/or the use of appropriate ‘framework’ arrangements) be initiated for any non-recurrent projects for 2022/23, with contracts to be awarded on the basis of most economically advantageous tenders received and full commitment to deliver.</p> <p><i>2 Royal Avenue – Meanwhile Use/Levelling Up Funding Round 2</i></p>
3.2	<p>Members will be aware that a report on the future use of 2 Royal Avenue is also on the agenda for consideration by Members at this meeting, which considers a proposed extended meanwhile use and also seeks approval from Members to progress the submission of 2 Royal Avenue as the Council’s bid under Levelling Up Round 2. If the approach as outlined in this paper is agreed by Members it is further recommended that Members agree that any necessary procurement processes (including the invitation of tenders and/or the use of appropriate ‘framework’ arrangements) be initiated to support the extended meanwhile use and/or the Levelling Up bid as required, with contracts to be awarded on the basis of most economically advantageous tenders received and full commitment to deliver.</p>
3.3	<p><i>Externally funded projects 2021/22 and 2022/23</i></p> <p>Members will be aware that the Council is now the ‘delivery agent of choice’ for a range of funding partners and that external funding is an increasingly important component for securing funding for projects. Committee is asked to note that letters of offer and amended letters of</p>

	<p>offer have now been received for a number of projects where the Council is acting as the delivery agent. Amended letters of offer are commonly received to reflect minor adjustments required following tender returns. Several of these projects are match funded by the Council, either under the various funding streams i.e. LIF/BIF/SOF or through close alignment with ongoing Council initiatives. The details are attached at Appendix 1 and Members are asked to note the summary provided. Members are also asked to agree that necessary procurement processes (including the invitation of tenders and/or the use of appropriate ‘framework’ arrangements) be initiated for any Physical Programme projects including externally funded projects for 2021/22 and 2022/23 as required, with contracts to be awarded on the basis of most economically advantageous tenders received and full commitment to deliver.</p>
3.4	<p>Members are asked to note that the Physical Programmes Department is happy to arrange site visits for Members/ Party Groups to any capital project, with appropriate arrangements in place as required under latest Covid-19 guidance.</p>
3.5	<p>Contracts awarded – Q3</p> <p>Members are asked to note the recently awarded tenders for capital works at Appendix 2.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p><i>Financial</i> – External funding secured as outlined in the report</p> <p><i>Resources</i> – Officer time to deliver as required</p>
3.7	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>All capital projects are screened as part of the stage approval process.</p>
4.0	<p>Documents Attached</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Capital Letters of Offer</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Schedule of Contracts Awarded (Works and Works Related) for Notation (Jan – Mar 2022) and Emergency Works completed under Standing Order 56</p>