

**Manchester City Council
Report for Resolution**

Report To: Executive – 22 December 2010
Subject: Capital Programme – Proposed Increases
Report of: Chief Executive and the City Treasurer

Summary

To inform members of requests to increase the capital programme. To seek approval for those schemes that can be approved under authority delegated to the Executive and to make recommendations to the City Council for proposals that require specific Council approval.

Recommendations

Members are requested to recommend that the City Council approve:-

1. New East Manchester - Miles Platting Substation: To increase the capital budget by £100,000 in 2011/12, funded by £11,000 external contribution and £89,000 City Council resources.

Members are requested under powers delegated to the Executive to approve the following:

2. Chief Executive's Regeneration – Northenden Pedestrian and Public Realm Improvements: To increase the capital budget by £76,000 (£11,000 in 2010/11 and £65,000 in 2011/12), funded by Section 106 contributions.
3. Neighbourhood Services – Varley Street/ Rochdale Canal Environmental Assessments: To increase the capital budget in 2010/11 by £49,000, funded by Contaminated Land Capital Grant Programme (CLCGP)

Wards Affected: Various

Community Strategy Spine	Summary of the contribution to the strategy
Performance of the economy of the region and sub region	Provision of substation.
Reaching full potential in education and employment	None in this report

Individual and collective self esteem – mutual respect	None in this report
Neighbourhoods of Choice	Public realm improvements

Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for:

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

Financial Consequences – Revenue

If the above capital budget increases are approved they will only create minor revenue consequences which can be financed from existing revenue budgets.

Financial Consequences – Capital

The recommendations in this report, if approved, will increase the capital budget by £225,000, financed by £49,000 government grant , £87,000 external contributions and £89,000 City Council resources.

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

Report to the Executive 10 February 2010 (Budget 2010/11 – 2012/13)

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Requests for increases to the current three year capital budget have been identified. This report outlines those requirements.

2.0 Background

2.1 In February each year the Executive receives a report on the capital budget for the forthcoming three financial years, and approves a series of recommendations to make to the City Council. The City Council's resolutions on these recommendations constitute the approval of the three year capital programme for Manchester City Council. Proposals for the 2010/11 to 2012/13 Capital Budget were presented to the Executive on 10th February 2010.

2.2 A summary of the requests for additions to the programme is shown in Appendix 1 and represents requests received since the previous report to the Executive.

3.0 Proposals Requiring Specific Council Approval

3.1 New East Manchester - Miles Platting Substation. The project is for the provision of a substation for the Miles Platting Community Hub site as there is insufficient spare capacity within the existing power network to service the proposed developments. An increase to the capital budget of £100,000 in 2011/12 is requested, funded by £11,000 external contribution and £89,000 City Council resources.

4.0 Proposals Not Requiring Specific Council Approval

4.1 Chief Executive's Regeneration – Northenden Pedestrian and Public Realm Improvements. The project involves pedestrian access, public realm and signage improvements in the Northenden Village and District Centre. An increase to the capital budget of £76,000 (£11,000 in 2010/11 and £65,000 in 2011/12) is requested, funded by Section 106 contributions.

4.2 Neighbourhood Services – Varley Street / Rochdale Canal Environmental Assessments. The Varley Street former chemical works site is one of a prioritised list of sites produced under the Council's Contaminated Land Strategy that requires further investigation and potentially remediation. Should the site be determined as contaminated land, a further bid for funding under the CLCGP will be made for remediation works to be undertaken. An increase to the capital budget of £49,000 in 2010/11 is requested, funded by government grant (CLCGP)

5.0 Prudential Performance Indicators

5.1 If the recommendations in this report are approved, the capital budget increases will be Non-HRA £60,000 in 2010/11 and £165,000 in 2011/12.

5.2 There is a no requirement for unsupported borrowing therefore no impact on the City's Council Tax.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 The capital budget will increase by £225,000 if the recommendations in this report are approved. The addition of these schemes to the programme, as summarised in Appendix 1, will enhance service delivery council wide and be financed by £49,000 government grant , £87,000 external contributions and £89,000 City Council resources .

7.0 Contributing to the Community Strategy

7.1 The Capital Programme provides opportunities for the construction industry to bid for schemes that could provide employment opportunities at least for the duration of contracts.

7.2 The decisions provide resources for important projects to go forward, each project making its own contribution to the Community Strategy.

8.0 Key Polices and Considerations

(a) Equal Opportunities

8.1 All proposals have been drawn up in awareness of Council policy on equality.

(b) Risk Management

8.2 All capital projects which go through the Gateway System are subject to a risk assessment which includes a rapid risk check, risk workshops and the compilation of risk logs to support project delivery and risk management.

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