

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET – 4 APRIL 2017
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT AND
CULTURAL SERVICES)

THE RELEASE OF APPROVED CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR 2017/18

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The aim of this report is to seek the release of capital budgets in anticipation of the start of financial year 2017/18 to allow work to be specified and orders to be placed as quickly as possible.
- 1.2 This report covers 4 of the projects to be undertaken by the Corporate Property Premises Team next financial year. These projects are being grouped to minimise the number of reports required to secure their release.

2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 The funding set out below forms part of the budget and has been approved for the projects listed. As such, it is recommended that Cabinet agree to release these funds with effect from April 2017 to allow these projects to progress.

3 Explanation

The projects listed below were all part of the Council's proposed capital programme for financial year 2017/18 and were approved by Cabinet on 10th January and approved by Council on 7th February 2017.

Implications

4 Legal Implication(s)

- 4.1 None, this report is solely about the release of the capital budgets already allocated and approved.

5 Financial Implication(s)

- 5.1 The following are the budgets to which this report applies. All these budgets now form part of the Council's approved capital programme for 2017/18.

	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	APPROVED BUDGET
1	Chillers to Swegon systems at Campus East	The Swegon system (brand name) is the name for the air handling units (AHUs) that are on the roofs of the two extensions to provide mechanical ventilation to these buildings. Currently, these bring air in at ambient temperature. If the air is to be chilled to provide comfort cooling then chillers will need to be added. This was not included in the original building specifications.	£60,000

2	Air Con gas replacement to conforming standard Campus East and West	Gas within AC units (Campus East and Campus West) has been phased out by government due to it not conforming to regulations and is no longer environmentally friendly as it causes severe damage to the atmosphere. Budget is to replace the gas.	£25,000
3	Campus East Fire compartmentalisation	Fire compartmentalisation in the new building to improve the security of the fire escape corridors in this wing. To ensure they meet the required standards.	£150,000
4	Campus East Toilets refurbishment	There is currently 1 Female WC and Disabled WC on the first floor and 1 Male WC and disabled WC on the second floor of the new wing. These facilities are in a tired state and require total refurbishment. With this refurbishment we plan to carry out alterations to allow the inclusion of male and female WCs on each floor.	£100,000

6 Climate Change Implication(s)

6.1 None

7 Risk Management Implications

7.1 All of these projects will be progressed in accordance with the relevant Risk Assessment and Method Statements (RAMS).

8 Security & Terrorism Implication(s)

8.1 None

9 Procurement Implication(s)

9.1 Where appropriate, the project will be progressed using an established framework. Where this is not possible, the work will be procured in accordance with the Council's contract procedure rules.

10 Link to Corporate Priorities

10.1 The projects that form the subject of this report are linked to the Council's Corporate Priority to **maintain a safe and healthy community and more specifically to** work with partners to keep people safe.

10.2 They are also linked to the Council's statutory obligations contained within sections 1-4 of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.

11 Equality and Diversity

11.1 I confirm that an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been carried out in connection with the proposals that are set out in this report as this relates solely to the release of previously approved budgets.

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Background papers to be listed (if applicable)