

<b>Report title</b>	Capital Programme 2021-2022 to 2025-2026 Quarter Two Review	
<b>Decision designation</b>	RED	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Ian Brookfield Leader of the Council	
<b>Key decision</b>	Yes	
<b>In forward plan</b>	Yes	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	Strategic Executive Board Council	1 November 2021 1 December 2021

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**Recommendations for decision:**

That Cabinet recommend that Council approve:

1. The revised, medium term General Revenue Account capital programme of £298.1 million, an increase of £6.7 million from the previously approved programme, and the change in associated resources.

That Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Approve the virements for the General Revenue Account capital programme detailed at Appendix 4 to the report for;
  - i. existing projects totalling £4.3 million;
  - ii. new projects totalling £1.7 million.
2. Approve the virements for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme detailed at Appendix 4 to the report for;
  - i. existing projects totalling £3.6 million.

## **Recommendations for noting:**

The Cabinet is asked to note:

1. That there is an intentional 'over-programming' of projects to reflect the reality that some projects will inevitably be delayed due to unexpected circumstances or changes to priorities. Over-programming aims to ensure that, as far as possible, the resources available are fully utilised.
2. That the following capital projects are included in a bid for external European Regional Development Fund grant as part of the Wolverhampton Investment in Smart Energy programme. If successful, and subject to confirmation of grant funding, this could attract up to 40% of external funding that would reduce the amount of internal resources required to fund the Corporate Asset Management programme. Any realised changes in resources as a result of grant confirmation will be reflected in future monitoring reports for approval.
  - Aldersley Leisure Centre (Hockey Pitches) – External lighting to include electrical controls & lighting columns;
  - Bradley Resource Centre – Mechanical Plant upgrade;
  - Civic Centre – Flue replacement.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To provide Cabinet with an update on the 2021-2022 financial performance of the General Revenue Account and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programmes whilst also providing a revised forecast for 2021-2022 to 2025-2026 as at quarter two of 2021-2022.
- 1.2 To recommend revisions to the current approved capital programmes covering the period 2021-2022 to 2025-2026.

## **2.0 Executive summary**

- 2.1 The General Revenue Account and HRA capital programmes are underpinned by Our Council Plan 2019-2024 with significant focus on working together to be a city of opportunity; focused on the following strategic outcomes:
  - Children and young people get the best possible start in life
  - Well skilled people working in an inclusive economy
  - More good jobs and investment in our city
  - Better homes for all
  - Strong, resilient and healthy communities
  - A vibrant, green city we can all be proud of.
- 2.2 The Council, alongside managing the emergency response to the pandemic, has undertaken extensive planning for recovery which was approved by Cabinet in September 2020. It engaged with around 2,500 people including residents, young people, the voluntary and community sector and other partners, employees, Councillors and businesses across the city. This engagement has shaped the Council's five-point recovery plan, 'Relighting Our City'.
- 2.3 Relighting Our City sets out the priorities which will guide the Council's approach as the organisation and the City starts to transition from the response to the recovery phase of the pandemic:
  - Support people who need us most
  - Create more opportunities for young people
  - Support our vital local businesses
  - Generate more jobs and learning opportunities
  - Stimulate vibrant high streets and communities.
- 2.4 Relighting Our City also references three cross cutting themes which cut across all of our recovery work, namely being climate focused, driven by digital and fair and inclusive in our approach.
- 2.5 The capital programme includes significant investment programmes that endeavour to create an environment where new and existing business thrive, people can develop the

skills they need to secure jobs and create neighbourhoods in which people are proud to live.

- 2.6 The capital programme reflects the priorities of the Strategic Asset Management Plan. Individual capital project delivery milestones and financial analysis is undertaken over the lifecycle of each project, by project managers in conjunction with Strategic Finance, and is updated in the Council's project management system. Regular project delivery updates are provided to Leadership teams and to the Project Assurance Group, enabling governance and challenge. In addition to this, a Capital Projects Member Reference Group provides enhanced project governance and challenge.
- 2.7 The Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant international, national and regional impact, and will continue to have, significant financial implications for the Council. The pandemic has understandably had an impact on the development of capital projects. Given the unprecedented circumstances, there has understandably been delays on some capital schemes due to Covid-19. To ensure that any potential costs are met, in June 2020, the Council approved budget provision for specific risks emerging from the Covid-19 global pandemic. The Council will continue to assess the potential implications of Covid-19 on its wider capital programme in terms of delivery timescales and increases in costs. The capital programme makes a significant contribution to the shaping of the City and on the economy of the City and therefore will contribute to the Council's plans for Relighting Our City.
- 2.8 On 21 July 2021, Council approved a General Revenue Account capital programme totalling £267.4 million for the period 2021-2022 to 2025-2026. Since then, further reports submitted to Councillors have been approved to increase this amount by £23.9 million to £291.3 million, funded from a mixture of internal and external resources, details of which can be found in Appendix 1 and are summarised below:
- The creation of a budget for the Brewers Yard (Phase 1) project funded through grant and prudential borrowing was approved by Council on 15 September 2021;
  - A budget increase was approved for the City Learning Quarter Phase 1 project, fully funded by grant from the West Midlands Combined Authority's Investment Programme;
  - A budget was approved for the Safer Streets capital programme, fully funded by grant from the Home Office.
- 2.9 In addition to this, a reallocation of resources from the Corporate Contingency to the Corporate Asset Management capital programme has been approved through an Individual Executive Decision Notice to facilitate works required to ensure that corporate priorities are addressed and met in an agile and timely manner. This is summarised at Appendix 1 to the report.

- 2.10 At the end of quarter two of the 2021-2022 financial year, expenditure for General Fund Revenue Account existing projects totals £36.4 million compared to the projected budget of £112.9 million.
- 2.11 This report considers specific changes to budgets. A full list of the proposed capital programme can be found in Appendix 1 to the report.
- 2.12 Table 1 shows the approved General Revenue Account capital programme budget compared with that proposed, along with the resources identified to finance the proposed change.

**Table 1: Summary of the General Revenue Account capital programme**

General Revenue Account capital programme	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Budget</b>						
<b>Approved</b>	141,360	102,218	34,331	12,365	1,068	<b>291,342</b>
<b>Variations</b>						
New projects	1,904	5,000	-	-	-	<b>6,904</b>
Existing projects	(30,334)	9,549	9,235	11,375	-	<b>(175)</b>
	<b>(28,430)</b>	<b>14,549</b>	<b>9,235</b>	<b>11,375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,729</b>
<b>Projected</b>	<b>112,930</b>	<b>116,767</b>	<b>43,566</b>	<b>23,740</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>298,071</b>
<b>Financing</b>						
<b>Approved</b>						
Internal resources	91,305	41,280	20,918	9,847	1,068	<b>164,418</b>
External resources	50,055	60,938	13,413	2,518	-	<b>126,924</b>
	<b>141,360</b>	<b>102,218</b>	<b>34,331</b>	<b>12,365</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>291,342</b>
<b>Variations</b>						
Internal resources	(15,906)	16,156	(4,888)	9,375	-	<b>4,737</b>
External resources	(12,524)	(1,607)	14,123	2,000	-	<b>1,992</b>
	<b>(28,430)</b>	<b>14,549</b>	<b>9,235</b>	<b>11,375</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,729</b>
<b>Projected</b>						
Internal resources	75,399	57,436	16,030	19,222	1,068	<b>169,155</b>
External resources	37,531	59,331	27,536	4,518	-	<b>128,916</b>
<b>Projected</b>	<b>112,930</b>	<b>116,767</b>	<b>43,566</b>	<b>23,740</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>298,071</b>

- 2.13 This report recommends variations to the approved capital programme totalling an increase of £6.7 million, which brings the total revised programme to £298.1 million.
- 2.14 Details of all the projects that have contributed to the overall increase of £6.7 million in the General Revenue Account capital programme can be found in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, however, the key projects that have contributed to the increase in the programme are as follows;
- An increase of £5.0 million is proposed for the Transformational projects capitalisation 2022-2023 programme. This will enable the Council to utilise capital receipt flexibility to fund revenue transformation projects in line with the 2022-2023

budget strategy outlined in the Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022-2023 to 2023-2024, which was presented to Cabinet on 20 October 2021;

- Further to this, there is an increase of £1.4 million relating to the AIM for GOLD project within Regeneration, which is fully funded by grant from the European Community Structural Funds;
- Finally, an increase of £250,000 is proposed for the Prouds Lane Playing Field - Open Space Improvements project within the Parks Strategy and Open Spaces Capital Programme, funded by a contribution from Public Health.

- 2.15 On 17 July 2021, Council approved a revised HRA capital programme totalling £403.4 million for the period 2021-2022 to 2025-2026.
- 2.16 Of the approved £403.4 million HRA budget, £92.9 million relates to the 2021-2022 financial year. To reflect the most up to date forecast for the HRA projects available at the time of writing this report, re-profiling of the programme is proposed which results in the re-phasing of £30.8 million from 2021-2022 into future years. This change has no impact on the overall approved capital budget for HRA. Expenditure to the end of quarter two 2021-2022 for existing projects totals £18.6 million compared to the projected budget of £62.1 million.
- 2.17 Table 2 shows the approved HRA capital programme budget compared with that proposed, along with the resources identified to finance the proposed change.

**Table 2: Summary of the HRA capital programme**

Housing Revenue Account capital programme	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Budget</b>						
<b>Approved</b>	92,915	96,320	82,060	70,181	61,930	<b>403,406</b>
<b>Variations</b>						
Existing projects	(30,821)	(4,767)	8,480	12,040	15,068	-
	<b>(30,821)</b>	<b>(4,767)</b>	<b>8,480</b>	<b>12,040</b>	<b>15,068</b>	-
<b>Projected</b>	<b>62,094</b>	<b>91,553</b>	<b>90,540</b>	<b>82,221</b>	<b>76,998</b>	<b>403,406</b>
<b>Financing</b>						
<b>Approved</b>						
Internal resources	92,915	96,320	82,060	70,181	61,930	<b>403,406</b>
External resources	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>92,915</b>	<b>96,320</b>	<b>82,060</b>	<b>70,181</b>	<b>61,930</b>	<b>403,406</b>
<b>Variations</b>						
Internal resources	(31,141)	(4,767)	8,480	12,040	15,068	<b>(320)</b>
External resources	320	-	-	-	-	<b>320</b>
	<b>(30,821)</b>	<b>(4,767)</b>	<b>8,480</b>	<b>12,040</b>	<b>15,068</b>	-
<b>Projected</b>						
Internal resources	61,774	91,553	90,540	82,221	76,998	<b>403,086</b>
External resources	320	-	-	-	-	<b>320</b>
<b>Projected</b>	<b>62,094</b>	<b>91,553</b>	<b>90,540</b>	<b>82,221</b>	<b>76,998</b>	<b>403,406</b>

### **3.0 Existing projects**

- 3.1 The changes proposed for existing projects within the General Revenue Account capital programme total a net increase of £6.7 million. A more detailed listing of the individual projects can be found in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report.
- 3.2 Proposed budget virements between existing projects within the General Revenue Account capital programme total £4.3 million, further details are provided in Appendix 4 to the report.
- 3.3 The following paragraphs provide commentary on the significant changes to budgets and an update on key projects.
- 3.4 The Civic Halls project continues to progress. Structural steel installation to Corporation Street and Mitre Fold are largely complete and the steel installation for new seating balcony in the Wulfrun is completed. Covid-19 measures are still in place and constantly being monitored to include material sourcing and sub-contractor resource levels. The Council have completed the Operator procurement; the contract with AEG was signed by both parties on 5 November 2021.
- 3.5 The Train Station has now achieved Practical Completion with Phase 2 of the build programme completed earlier this year. A programme of activity to handover the facility to Network Rail and West Midlands Trains and achieve 'Entry into Service' has now been concluded. With redevelopment of Phase 2 of the station now complete, work is underway on the establishment of the plaza space, Metro connection and cycle parking as the final components of the multi-modal transport interchange.
- 3.6 Planning consent was granted for the City Learning Quarter (CLQ) City Campus in late 2019. CLQ is one of the Council's top regeneration priorities being fundamental to the levelling up approach for the City. The Council is responsible for the project management of the CLQ programme including Phase 1, CoWTECH (City of Wolverhampton College Technical Centre); in order to facilitate the coordinated and comprehensive delivery of the programme.

City Learning Quarter Phase 1, CoWTECH has been awarded a grant of £7.75 million from the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) that, together with secured Black Country LEP funding of £0.35 million, enables transition into the delivery phase; fully funded by public grants. Cabinet (Resources) Panel on 20 October 2021 approved the acceptance of WMCA grant with associated delegations to agree final terms and conditions.

The Government announced on 28 October 2021 that the City Learning Quarter has been awarded £20.0 million of Round 1 'Levelling Up Fund' to support the delivery of CLQ Phase 2, City Centre Campus. Dialogue is continuing with the Department of Education to explore further funding routes to secure the remaining funds required to deliver CLQ Phase 2.

- 3.7 In relation to the Westside project, the Council is continuing to work towards the re-phasing of the Westside project which involves reviewing the masterplan configuration and accelerating the hotel element following ongoing market engagement with possible hotel brands and operators. Work is ongoing to establish the Council's preferred procurement route; alongside appropriate holding and operational strategies; in order to develop a full and considered options appraisal leading to a business case and Cabinet report to be presented detailing the next steps.
- 3.8 The i54 Western Extension joint venture construction project with Staffordshire County Council reached practical completion in mid-August 2021 and the likely total costs of the development are now becoming more certain. Whilst the project is still incurring residual capital expenditure as it moves through the final completion and full plot occupation phases, latest estimates indicate that there will be a significant saving against budget.
- In addition, the joint venture has attracted further grant support, both of which will have a positive impact on the Council's budget requirements. A more detailed update of the impact of this on Wolverhampton's capital programme will be provided at quarter three.
- 3.9 The i9 development achieved practical completion on 4 August 2021. The building is now substantially let to the following tenants – LGPS Central Ltd; West Midlands Pension Fund and the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities. i9 is the first government department headquarters outside of London and will include a ministerial presence. The award-winning design achieves BREEAM (Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method) 'Excellent' and WiredScore 'Gold' accreditation and sets new benchmarks for office rents in the city.
- 3.10 The forecast for the HRA 2021-2022 capital programme as at quarter two totals £62.1 million, which is a reduction of £30.8 million from the quarter one forecast due to re-phasing of budgets. In general, across the whole programme, there is an impact from Covid-19 compliant working practices, but work programmes are also being impacted by delays to and lack of availability of material supplies. Additionally, there are supply chain issues with reduced availability of resources due to demand from the high volume of activity in the construction sector in the West Midlands.
- 3.11 More specifically, £11.0 million of the re-phasing relates to the ongoing work programmes to high rise estates, to replace mechanical and electrical infrastructure, fit sprinklers and improve fire safety. The complexity of the design work and the need to ensure that the work will comply with both current and expected future legislation has led to the design period being longer than anticipated.
- 3.12 In order to be prudent, there is an intentional 'over-programming' of projects to reflect the reality that some projects will inevitably be delayed due to unexpected circumstances or changes to priorities. Over-programming aims to ensure that, as far as possible, the resources available are fully utilised.

3.13 It is important to note that the capital projects at Aldersley Leisure Centre Hockey Pitches for external lighting to include electrical controls & lighting columns, Bradley Resource Centre for a mechanical plant upgrade and Civic Centre flue replacement are included in a bid for external European Regional Development Fund grant as part of the Wolverhampton Investment in Smart Energy programme. If successful, and subject to confirmation of grant funding, this could attract up to 40% of external funding that would reduce the amount of internal resources required to fund the Corporate Asset Management programme. Any realised changes in resources as a result of grant confirmation will be reflected in future monitoring reports for approval.

#### 4.0 New projects and virements

4.1 Table 3 provides a summary of new projects requiring approval, covering the period 2021-2022 to 2025-2026, and identifying where additional funding is required and where the new expenditure can be met from existing resources. A detailed analysis of the individual projects included in this table can be found in Appendix 3 to the report.

**Table 3: Summary of new projects requiring approval**

Directorate	Forecast outturn	2021-2022 to 2025-2026		Virements from existing projects
		Additional internal resources required	Additional external resources required	
	£000	£000	£000	£000
General Revenue Account	6,904	5,003	203	1,698
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,904</b>	<b>5,003</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>1,698</b>

4.2 The new projects requiring approval are funded from a mixture of internal (£5.0 million) and external resources (£203,000), and virements totalling £1.7 million. A list of the virements can be found in Appendix 4 to the report.

4.3 Of the overall increase of £6.9 million for the General Revenue Account capital programme, an increase of £5.0 million relates to the Transformational projects capitalisation 2022-2023 programme. Due to the capital receipts flexibility being extended until 2024-2025, it is now proposed to utilise capital receipts to fund revenue transformation projects. This is in line with the 2022-2023 budget strategy outlined in the Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022-2023 to 2023-2024, which was presented to Cabinet on 20 October 2021.

4.4 Of the £203,000 increase funded externally, £130,000 reflects developer contributions received towards the Parks Strategy and Open Spaces Capital Programme. Approval is now sought for three new projects to carry out improvements to Bantock Park and Peascroft Wood open space and to install play equipment on the open space at Coleman Avenue. An increase of £73,000 relates to new A41 Moxley Gyrotory project within the Transportation capital programme which is fully funded by grant from the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA).

- 4.5 New projects created through virements from existing projects relate to Education, Fleet, Corporate Asset Management, Disabled Facilities Grant and ICT capital programmes. A virement totalling £436,000 is required to support 13 new projects within the Schools Capital Maintenance programme to carry out various works across schools within the City. Further to this, a virement of £408,000 was requested to support nine new projects within the Corporate Asset Management capital programme, to enable the completion of priority works ensuring all Council assets are statutory compliant and fit for purpose. Virements totalling £403,000 are required for the purchase of vehicles and equipment within the Fleet capital programme, whilst a virement of £400,000 is proposed for new Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) Capitalised Salaries project within the DFG capital programme. Finally, a virement of £51,000 is required to facilitate annual rolling Disaster Recovery 2021-2022 project within the ICT capital programme.
- 4.6 It also should be noted that there is a virement of £36,000 within the Children and Young People in Care capital programme. A reallocation of resources was approved through delegated authority to support extension works, this can be seen in Appendix 5 to the report.

## 5.0 Medium term capital programme financing

- 5.1 Table 4 details the approved financing for the capital programme for 2021-2022 to 2025-2026 and incorporates the requested approvals for projects included in this report.

**Table 4: Approved and forecast capital financing 2021-2022 to 2025-2026**

General Revenue Account capital programme	2021-2022 to 2025-2026			
	Approved budget £000	Recommended budget £000	Variance £000	Resource as % of expenditure
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>291,342</b>	<b>298,071</b>	<b>6,729</b>	
<b>Financing</b>				
Internal resources				
Capital receipts	79,550	81,979	2,429	27.5%
Prudential borrowing	84,280	86,851	2,571	29.1%
Revenue contributions	588	325	(263)	0.1%
Reserves	-	-	-	0.0%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>164,418</b>	<b>169,155</b>	<b>4,737</b>	<b>56.7%</b>
External resources				
Grants & contributions	126,924	128,916	1,992	43.3%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>126,924</b>	<b>128,916</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>43.3%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>291,342</b>	<b>298,071</b>	<b>6,729</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Housing Revenue Account capital programme	2021-2022 to 2025-2026			
	Approved budget £000	Recommended budget £000	Variance £000	Resource as % of expenditure
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>403,406</b>	<b>403,406</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Financing</b>				
Internal resources				
Capital receipts	26,855	27,791	936	6.9%
Prudential borrowing	269,396	268,140	(1,256)	66.5%
Revenue contributions	10,615	10,615	-	2.6%
Reserves	96,540	96,540	-	23.9%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>403,406</b>	<b>403,086</b>	<b>(320)</b>	<b>99.9%</b>
External resources				
Grants & contributions	-	320	320	0.1%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>403,406</b>	<b>403,406</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

- 5.2 Capital receipts totalling £82.0 million have been assumed within the General Revenue Account capital programme over the medium term period 2021-2022 to 2025-2026 and can be seen in Table 5. This is an increase of £2.4 million when compared to the approved budget, which has arisen due to increased forecast from the sale of assets and re-phasing of receipts and capital requirements.

In order to be prudent, a detailed review of the schedule of asset disposals is undertaken to identify only those that are likely to be completed. The planned utilisation of capital receipts will reflect the need to balance the benefit for both the capital programme and the revenue budget and will form part of the ongoing Medium Term Financial Strategy.

- 5.3 Whilst the forecast of capital receipts is deemed prudent at this stage, it will continue to be monitored closely throughout the financial year in light of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. In the event that capital receipts assumptions change, updates will be provided in future reports to Councillors.

**Table 5: Receipts assumed in the revised General Revenue Account capital programme**

General Revenue Account	Projected					Total £000
	2021 - 2022 £000	2022 - 2023 £000	2023 - 2024 £000	2024 - 2025 £000	2025 - 2026 £000	
Capital programme receipts	32,200	18,900	13,000	13,000	4,900	82,000

- 5.4 It is the Council's strategy to use capital receipts to reduce the Council's need to borrow to fund the approved capital programme. Capital expenditure has a direct impact upon the Council's revenue budgets and therefore needs to be restricted to projects essential to the Council's priorities. Any proposals to increase the level of the capital programme are considered in accordance with the Capital Strategy.

## 6.0 Key budget risks

6.1 An analysis of the risks associated with the capital programme, along with the details of the risk control measures that are in place in order to manage and mitigate these risks as far as possible can be viewed online on the Council's website by following the link below:

[Capital Programme | City Of Wolverhampton Council](#)

6.2 The overall risk associated with the programme continuous to be quantified as amber.

## 7.0 Evaluation of alternative options

7.1 This report provides an update on progress of capital projects during 2021-2022 and anticipated budget requirement for future years. The evaluation of alternative project options is detailed in individual investment proposals.

## 8.0 Reasons for decisions

8.1 To seek Cabinet's recommendation to Council to approve the revised capital budgets. This will ensure that the capital programme budget reflects the latest forecasts and requirements.

## 9.0 Financial implications

9.1 The financial implications are discussed in the body of this report. The revenue implications of the new and existing projects seeking approval for additional or changes in resources for the General Fund Revenue Account are fully reflected in the treasury management budget forecasts included in the report 'Treasury Management Activity Monitoring – Mid Year Review 2021-2022' also on the agenda for approval at this meeting.

9.2 Table below represents new capital grant notifications received during quarter two 2021-2022:

Service	Funding body	Name of new grant	£000
Enterprise	Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG)	ERDF - AIM for GOLD	1,437
HRA	Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)	Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme	320
Transportation	West Midlands Combined authority (WMCA)	A4123 Corridor - A4150 Ring Road to A456 Hagley Road	225
Transportation	West Midlands Combined authority (WMCA)	A454 Wolverhampton to Neachells Lane, Phases 1,2 and 3	146
Transportation	West Midlands Combined authority (WMCA)	A41 Moxley Gytratory	73
<b>Grand total grant notifications</b>			<b>2,201</b>

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## 10.0 Legal implications

10.1 Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires local authorities to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs.

10.2 The Local Government Act 1972 brought in the current regime for capital finance for local authorities. It reduced the level of central control over local authority borrowing and capital expenditure.

10.3 Each project mentioned in this report will have its own specific legal implications, raised and tailored in their respective reports.

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## **11.0 Equalities implications**

11.1 There is a range of individual projects delivered through the Council's capital programme that have significant impacts on specific groups and equality implications should be considered when individual capital projects are being developed.

11.2 This requirement would also apply if there were to be any redirection of capital funding in year to ensure that the impact of any changes is considered.

## **12.0 All other implications**

12.1 A wide range of projects delivered through the capital programme have significant environmental implications and are geared to promote improvements to the physical environment.

12.2 Projects funded and delivered through the Council's capital programme typically have significant impact on the Council's property portfolio. Corporate landlord implications must be considered and included in relevant documents and reports when individual capital projects and programmes are being developed.

12.3 There is a range of individual projects delivered through the Council's capital programme which could have health and wellbeing implications, these should be considered when individual capital projects are being developed.

12.4 The Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant international, national and regional impact, and will continue to have, significant financial implications for the Council. Covid-19 has had an impact on development projects internationally, nationally and regionally and also on projects within the City. Specific references are made where appropriate throughout the report.

## **13.0 Schedule of background papers**

13.1 Council, 21 July 2021 - [Capital Budget Outturn 2020-2021 including Quarter One Capital Monitoring 2021-2022](#)

13.2 Cabinet (Resources) Panel, 28 July 2021 - [Safer Streets Grant Allocation](#)

13.3 Council, 15 September 2021 - [Brewers Yard \(Phase 1\) Culwell Street](#)

- 13.4 Individual Executive Decision Notice, 23 September 2021, exempt - Corporate Asset Management Fund – Approval to fund the mechanical flue replacement at the Civic Centre
- 13.5 Cabinet (Resources) Panel, 20 October 2021, exempt – [Progressing the City Learning Quarter](#)
- 13.6 Individual Executive Decision Notice – Allocation of funds within Specialist Provision Capital Fund
- 14.0 Appendices**
  - 14.1 Appendix 1: Detailed projected budget
  - 14.2 Appendix 2: Detailed forecast change
  - 14.3 Appendix 3: Projects requiring approval
  - 14.4 Appendix 4: Virements for approval
  - 14.5 Appendix 5: Virements to note