

**New schemes to be added to the Capital Programme in 2016/17 to be approved**

<b>New Capital Project Approval Request</b>				
Unit:	Housing GF			
Project title:	Disabled Facilities Grant			
Total Project Cost (All Years):	Ongoing annual investment			
<b>Purpose, benefits and risks:</b>				
<p>The Disabled Facilities programme helps disabled people to live as comfortably and independently as possible in their own homes through the provision of adaptations. Entitlement to a Disabled Facilities Grant is mandatory for eligible disabled people and the grant provides financial assistance for the provision of a wide range of housing adaptations ranging from stair lifts, level access showers and home extensions. The programme is therefore key in delivering the Government's objective of providing increased levels of care and support to people in their own homes.</p>				
<b>Capital expenditure profile (£'000):</b>				
Year	This Year	Next Year	Year After	TOTAL
Grant (Disabled Facilities Grant - DCLG)	1,430			1,430
Total estimated costs and fees	1,430			1,430
<b>Financial implications:</b>				
<p>Disabled Facilities Grant funding of £1.595m has been allocated to the council by the Department of Communities and Local Government of which £1.430m has been allocated to fund disabled adaptations by the Health &amp; Wellbeing Board. Estimated spend for 2016/17 is £1.580m, leaving a shortfall of £0.150m. The £0.306m overspend carried forward, reported to Policy &amp; Resources Committee at the end of 2015/16, should reduce to £0.162m due to the financial recovery measures in place. Therefore the total overspend including the carry forward overspend is now estimated to be £0.312m. The financial recovery plan will need to be reviewed to include the additional forecast overspend in this financial year.</p>				

New Capital Project Approval Request				
Unit:	Elm Grove Primary School			
Project title:	Improvement Works			
Total Project Cost (All Years):	£60,000			
<b>Purpose, benefits and risks:</b>				
<p>Elm Grove Primary School is seeking to borrow £0.060m from the council to allow it to make improvements to its allocation of office space, to make exterior building improvements and to fund the first stage of developing its outside playground.</p> <p>The exterior improvements will enhance the visual image of the school, assist in managing high levels of rainfall whilst increasing the value of the property and help attract future pupils and parents to ensure pupil numbers remain high.</p>				
<b>Capital expenditure profile (£'000):</b>				
Year	This Year	Next Year	Year After	TOTAL
Unsupported Borrowing	60			60
Total estimated costs and fees	60			60
<b>Financial implications:</b>				
<p>The school and the Schools Finance Team has reviewed the school's revenue budgets to ensure it can meet borrowing costs and all continued related revenue costs.</p>				

New Capital Project Approval Request				
Unit:	Highway Maintenance - Transport (Environment, Economy & Culture)			
Project title:	Local Highways Maintenance Incentive			
Total Project Cost (All Years):	£132,000			
<b>Purpose, benefits and risks:</b>				
<p>In December 2014, the Secretary of State for Transport announced that £6 billion would be made available between 2015/16 and 2020/21 for local highways maintenance capital funding. From this funding, £578 million has been set aside for an Incentive Fund scheme to reward councils who demonstrate they are delivering value for money in carrying out cost effective improvements. The amount awarded to BHCC is in accordance with the Level 1 self-assessment issued by the Department for Transport, and is targeted at preventative maintenance treatments to prolong the life of the road/pavement assets in the most cost-effective way.</p>				
<b>Capital expenditure profile (£'000):</b>				
Year	This Year	Next Year	Year After	TOTAL
Grant - Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Integrated Transport and Highway Maintenance) DfT	132	0	0	132
Total estimated costs and fees	132	0	0	132
<b>Financial implications:</b>				
<p>This grant is in addition to the Local Transport Plan funding allocation and was awarded to BHCC following submission of the highway self-assessment form, in which the authority was rated Band 1.</p>				

<b>New Capital Project Approval Request</b>				
Unit:	Highway Maintenance - Transport (Environment, Economy & Culture)			
Project title:	Pothole Action Fund			
Total Project Cost (All Years):	£93,000			
<b>Purpose, benefits and risks:</b>				
The funding is a direct grant from the Department of Transport to local highway authorities, calculated according to the length of the local road network maintained by the authority. The fund is to prevent or repair potholes on local roads. The grant will enable BHCC to carry out maintenance treatments to identified suitable locations which will prolong the life of the asset and prevent future expensive, reactive repairs. At the end of the financial year, BHCC must report to the DfT stating how many potholes have been prevented or repaired.				
<b>Capital expenditure profile (£'000):</b>				
Year	This Year	Next Year	Year After	TOTAL
Grant - Pothole Action Fund (DfT)	93	0	0	93
Total estimated costs and fees	93	0	0	93
<b>Financial implications:</b>				
This grant is in addition to capital highway maintenance funds allocated to the local authority via the Local Transport Plan funds and must be spent on repairing or preventing potholes.				