

Agenda item 80**CAPTIAL RESOURCES & CAPITAL INVESTMENT
PROGRAMME 2017/18****BUDGET AMENDMENTS****Green Group Amendment 3**

It is proposed that the resources allocated to the Digital First capital programme be reduced by £0.700m, reflecting slippage on the programme experienced in 2016/17 and that these resources be used as below. This will provide capital resources of £0.700m. It is proposed that these be used to:

- Fund the remainder of the Contract Management business case, referred to in the Council's Annual Governance Statement 2015/16, for three years at a cost of £0.600m. This may save £0.400m annually in future years which could be used to support re-profiling of the Digital First programme if desired;
- Contribute towards basic facilities and infrastructure to allow the use of empty council buildings by rough sleepers, as agreed by all parties in a recent Full Council Notice of Motion, at a cost of £0.100m.

Chief Finance Officer comments:

This proposal will require Members to approve a reduction of the Digital First programme to £5.300m, resulting in £1.300m resources being available in 2018/19 rather than the currently planned £2.000m.

Reducing the programme may mean that the council is not able to achieve all of the developments that it needs to provide a good quality, reliable digital service offer across priority service areas or to maximise the potential cost and processing efficiencies that digital services are expected to provide. If this were to be the case, it is possible that the Council would need to re-allocate resources to the programme in 2018/19 or later years, potentially at the expense of other priority capital investment/s.

The planned use of these resources must comply with either the government's requirements for capital expenditure or meet the criteria of the capilisation direction allowing revenue expenditure to be funded from capital.

