

Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy 2017/18

Background

The Government believes that it is important that individual authorities demonstrate the highest standards of accountability and transparency. The guidance on the flexible use of capital receipts recommends that each authority should prepare a strategy that includes separate disclosure of the individual projects that will be funded or part funded through capital receipts flexibility and that the strategy is approved by full Council or the equivalent.

The latest guidance by the Secretary of State directs that:

Authorities may treat expenditure which is incurred in the design of projects that will generate on-going revenue savings in public services or that will transform service delivery to reduce costs or manage demand in future years for public service partners as capital expenditure. Such expenditure must be incurred between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2019.

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The Council has reviewed the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts guidance and identified the following schemes as meeting the eligibility criteria laid out in the guidance document, in that they are forecast to generate on-going revenue savings through reducing costs of service delivery. These schemes are encapsulated within the Transformation Programme which has two main strands; Customer Experience and Assets.

The Council's intends to use the following use of capital receipts to fund the following:

| | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Transformation Programme | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Transformation Programme – Assets and Customers | 5,740 | TBC | TBC |
| Transformation Programme – Children's Services | 10,000 | TBC | TBC |
| Total Programme (funded from capital receipts) | 15,740 | - | - |

Transformation Programme 2017/18

| Projects | Further Details | Cost £000 | Benefit £000 |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Customer Experience | Access Wirral Community Safety Adult Social Care Integrated Delivery Adult Social Care Integrated Commissioning Digital Transformation Customer Insight Transformation Office | 2,330 | TBC |
| Assets | Commercialism Property Land and Assets Service Transformation Business Services Transformation Office | 2,210 | TBC |
| Other | Organisational change Transformation Office | 1,200 | TBC |
| Children's Services | Funding for transformation of service and Improvement Plan to improve services and outcomes. Initial assessment will be subject to review in 2017/18 in order to safely reduce number of looked after children. | 10,000 | TBC |
| Total | | 15,740 | TBC |