

## Capital Programme – Significant areas of spend 2017/18

Scheme	Forecast for year £'000	2017/18 Spend Qtr. 1 £'000	Commentary
<b>Operational Services</b>			
Leisure World – health & fitness extension	954	311	Extension of Activa Gym & Redevelopment of offices to provide additional Studio space. Project completion by September 2017. Project is currently on budget. Work commenced on 3 April and is due to be completed on 8 September 2017. It is expected that all of the budget will be spent.
<b>Professional Services</b>			
Disabled Facilities Grants	1,000	46	This budget funds the mandatory support for adaptations for disabled people to enable them to remain living independently in their home. Expenditure is determined by customer demand. A large number and value of cases in the pipeline. Over the last 18 months, an arrangement has been in place whereby we have assisted clients in the process with access to the CBH adaptations contractor. This arrangement has ended in July/August. New arrangements are now in place, with a choice of contractors made available to clients. This has caused a slight hiatus in the processing of cases in procuring contractors. Expected that spend will increase dramatically in Q3 and Q4. Discussions are ongoing with health and social care partners to provide an enhanced DFG service and to use the DFG budget more innovatively. This work is likely to focus around providing adaptations for acute care patients to enable rapid hospital discharge and works to contribute toward reducing avoidable hospital admissions.
<b>Community Services</b>			
Mercury Theatre redevelopment Stage 2	1,000	0	Funding for the major redevelopment of the theatre. Budget consists of New Homes Bonus money agreed by Council. The Capital Programme will be updated to reflect other contributions (e.g. the Arts Council) when these are confirmed.
<b>Revolving Investment Fund</b>			
Northern Gateway - Heat Network	5,900	0	Installation of an 'infrastructure first' heat network scheme within the new Colchester Northern Gateway destination to provide a sustainable, affordable, low carbon district heating system to businesses and homes. Technical expert appointed to support the feasibility and design work.

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Northern Gateway - Sports Hub	3,559	80	Detailed cost review completed including value engineering omission of secondary items and revised funding package agreed at Cabinet in August 2017. To be reported to Full Council in November 2017 for approval. Work on planning application underway aiming for January submission. Capital expenditure from late Spring 2018 with fees expenditure mostly 2017/18.
Sheepen Road	1,391	496	Work completed and lease finalised at beginning of June. Final accounts being prepared. Cabinet has agreed to reallocate the forecast under-spend of £500k to phase 2.
Jacks - St Nicholas St	969	45	The Council proposes to bring forward an improved retail outlet on the ground floor, with 7 residential flats as part of the scheme. Planning permission, subject to conditions, agreed. Tenders have been received and are being analysed.
<b>Housing Revenue Account</b>			
Housing Improvement Programme	9,338	18	Scheme to maintain council housing stock at the Decent Homes standard together with other works to improve and maintain council homes. The programme is devised using information from the Council's 30 year asset management strategy. The profile of expenditure throughout the year is dependent on when works are completed to properties by contractors, and subsequently submitted to the Council for reimbursement. Work to review the asset management strategy to realign it to the revised HRA business plan is under way.
Sheltered Accommodation Review	1,112	9	Improvements made to Council's sheltered housing accommodation Refurbishment work was completed at Enoch House in July 2017; refurbishment is planned to start at Harrison Court in the late Summer/Autumn but due to the constraints placed on the HRA a scaled down budget has been agreed.
Higher Value Assets Levy	1,140	0	This allocation is setting resources aside to meet the estimated impact of the disposal of higher value voids levy, which the Government are using to fund the extension of the Right To Buy for Registered Provider tenants introduced as part of the Housing and Planning Act 2016. £700k was saved from last year's programme and a further £1million set aside from the Capital programme this financial year which has been earmarked for the expected Government levy. The introduction of this levy is expected to be delayed further and is now not anticipated to come into force until 18/19 and therefore may not be spent this financial year, as agreed with the Portfolio Holder.