

Capital Programme – Significant areas of spend 2016/17

Scheme	2016/17 Forecast £'000	Spend to Qtr 3 £'000	Commentary
Operational Services			
Priory Street Car Park	534	220	The work has been completed and the car park is open. Final payments are being arranged once a couple of snagging issues are resolved and the project will be within the budget allowed.
Professional Services			
Disabled Facilities Grants	900	520	This budget funds the mandatory support for adaptations for disabled people to enable them to remain living independently in their home. Colchester Borough Homes currently assist in this process with access to their contractors. Expenditure is determined by customer demand. The Better Care Fund allocation this year is double that of previous years. 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. DFGs approved/commitments yet to be paid stands at £325k. Cases in progress to approval likely to be completed and paid this year value approx. a further £300k. In addition, cases at very early stages which may be committed and will c/f to 2017/18 total approx. £400k.
Revolving Investment Fund			
Sheepen Road	3,292	1,163	Work is well under way on site to deliver phase 1 of the Sheepen Road office development. The project is currently within budget and will be handed to the tenant to complete their fit out at the end of March.
Creative Business Centre	1,387	1,326	Build programme now complete and tenant in situ. However, expenditure against this project is projected to be higher than the current budget, and the over-spend will be sought from elsewhere in the RIF budget.
Land Acquisition	1,358	1,358	RIF Committee agreed to purchase circa 30 acres at North Colchester as part of a strategic land purchase. The purchase was completed in early October.
Town Centre	1,467	1,326	Enabling monies to support regeneration projects in the Town Centre. Already acquired a group of properties in Osborne Street and Arthur Street and continue to purchase further properties as part of the Council's long term plans to deliver a scheme in Vineyard Gate.

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Housing Revenue Account			
Housing Improvement Programme	8,053	3,882	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. £700k of this year's budget has been earmarked for the expected Government levy from the sale of higher value assets and therefore will not be spent this financial year, as agreed with the Portfolio Holder. The payment of this levy has been delayed so this resource will be carried forward. The third quarter's expenditure is in line with the revised programme.
Sheltered Accommodation Review	2,818	1,893	Improvements made to Council's sheltered housing accommodation. Refurbishment works started on Enoch House in August 2015; phases 1, 2, 3 & 4 are complete and residents have moved into their new homes with high levels of satisfaction. Works have started in phase 4, the project is running to programme and is expected to be completed on time and in budget.
Adaptations to Housing Stock	604	352	Improvements made to Council housing stock to meet specific tenants needs. The programme is on target and is expected to be fully expended in the course of the year.