

ITEM No. 6 (h)(ii)(a)

Title: Council Strategic Plan and 2012/13 Budget Proposals - Deferral of Capital Projects

North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 14 May 2012

Portfolio(s): Finance

Cabinet Member(s): Councillor Judith Wallace

Report from Directorate: Finance & Resources

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of the report is to summarise for Cabinet the current position with regards to the deferral of several capital projects as agreed by Council on 1 March 2012.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- (1) Notes the contents of the report.

1.3 Forward Plan:

This report is included in the Forward Plan for the period 1 May 2012 to 31 August 2012.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

The report relates to the Budget 2012/13 and the Council Strategic Plan for 2012/15.

1.5 Information:

- 1.5.1 The Council Plan and Budget considered and approved by Council on 1 March 2012 set out a number of proposals relating to delivery of the Council's services. Item 8, of Priority 1, states that "Uncommitted Capital Spend will be suspended for one year and reviewed at the next budget process".

1.5.2 Table 1 below lists those projects identified as those not yet contractually committed, together with the associated revenue saving arising from reduced borrowing costs for 2012/13. The table includes the dates for the individual reports to Cabinet which has/will detail the for the financial and service impact for each project.

1.5.3

Table 1: Projects delayed for 12 months.

<u>Project Name</u>	Capital Expenditure delayed £	Revenue Budget Impact £	Reports to be considered by Cabinet
North Shields Customer First	3,100,000	(55,000)	April 2012
Coastal Development	1,000,000	(25,000)	May 2012
Youth Facilities	1,000,000	(25,000)	May 2012
ICT Strategy	600,000	(10,000)	August 2012
Total	5,700,000	(115,000)	

1.6 Decision options:

This is an information report. The options for Cabinet to consider are contained in each individual report, as requested by Cabinet on 28 March 2012.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

There are no options for Cabinet to consider in respect of this report.

1.8 Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report.

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- (1) Report to Cabinet, Council Strategic Plan and 2012/13 Budget – Implementation Plan, 28 March 2012 (Minute CAB 181/03/12)

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

There are no financial or other resource implications arising directly from the information provided. The revenue savings arising from the delay of uncommitted capital projects as set out in Table 1 are reflected in the 2012-13 general fund revenue budget.

2.2 Legal

There are no legal implications arising directly from the information provided. Any legal implications associated with the items disclosed at paragraph 1.5.3 will be contained in the relevant reports to Cabinet.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

Consultation has taken place with the Strategic Directors and the Senior Leadership Team. The Cabinet Member for Finance has been consulted on this report.

2.4 Human rights

There are no human rights implications directly arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no equality and diversity implications directly arising from this report.

2.6 Risk management

Following a risk assessment there are currently no risks attached to this report. If any risks do arise in the future they will be discussed with the Risk Management Team and added to the relevant Council's risk registers.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no environmental and sustainability implications directly arising from this report.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Strategic Director(s)
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Strategic Director with Responsibility for Community Engagement

