

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007-08 to 2011-12 -
REFERENCES AND RESOLUTIONS FROM POLICY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEES**

**(a) ENVIRONMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE –
23 JANUARY 2007**

EP34 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007/08 TO 2011/12

The Cabinet Members reminded the Committee that if a project were to be advanced for funding, another would suffer. The amount of funding available could not be changed. Changes to the scoring system had been made in response to individual Members' suggestions. Holistic and systems thinking were brought to bear on capital spending, but persistent ward Councillors could guide officers who scored each project for funding.

Members of the Committee commented that the following should receive priority:

- Highways and preventative maintenance.
- Regeneration of older estates.
- Opportunity for ward Councillor input should be clearer.

RESOLVED -

That the report be noted.

**(b) CORPORATE POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE –
1 FEBRUARY 2007**

CPDC 30 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007-08 TO 2011-12

The Committee received a report on the Capital Programme 2007-08 to 2011-12.

The Head of Finance informed Members that the value of the total proposed capital programme was £90,480,000. An additional figure of £9,441,000 would be available for bids for funding from the 'unallocated pot'. The 'unallocated pot' was made up of:

- 10% top-slice of government supported borrowing approvals
- Unallocated general fund capital reserve
- Prudential borrowing
- Third party contributions
- Revenue contributions

In response to Members' questions, the Committee noted the following:

- Section 106 Agreements were factored into the Capital Programme. However, the money received from Section 106 agreements was often tied to specific projects and could not be included in the general Capital Programme fund.
- The Finance Department worked closely with the Planning Department to ensure that all Section 106 monies were accounted for. A project was currently underway to update the database programme used to share information between the two departments.

Comments from Members included the following:

- Councillors should be made more aware of money received from Section 106 agreements to ensure that funds were used effectively.
- As Environment Policy Development Committee had commented, greater investment in Highways was needed and could result in savings on maintenance costs in the long term.

RESOLVED –

That the report on the Capital Programme 2007-08 to 2011-12 be noted.