

Report to:	STRATEGIC PLANNING AND CAPITAL MONITORING PANEL
Date:	17 August 2023
Executive Member:	Councillor John Taylor – Executive Member (Adult Social Care, Homelessness & Inclusivity)
Reporting Officer	Stephanie Butterworth – Director of Adult Services
Subject:	ADULT SERVICES 2023/24 CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE
Report Summary:	<p>This report provides an update of the developments in relation to the Adults Capital Programme for –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • schemes previously approved and still underway, • the usage of the wider disabled facilities grant (DFG) including the housing adaptations budget.
Recommendations:	That the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel be recommended to note the progress updates of the Adult Services capital programme.
Corporate Plan:	The proposals contained within this report support the delivery of the Corporate Plan.
Policy Implications:	In compliance with Council policy.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer)	<p>The report provides an update on the previously approved projects that are financed via Adult Services capital grant reserve balances. The projects were approved at the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel (SPCMP) on 17 November 2022.</p> <p>In addition the report provides an update on the use of the Disabled Facilities Grant awarded to the Council in 2023/24 of £2.849m.</p> <p>The financial implications of relevant schemes within the programme are as follows :</p> <p>Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)</p> <p>As previously referenced, the Council has been awarded £2.849m in 2023/24. Section 5 of the report provides an update on the programme supported in 2022/23 via the same grant award value. All related expenditure has to comply with the related grant conditions and will be monitored accordingly. The funding is provided to enable people to live independently and safely at home and either reduce existing or avoid future related care package expenditure on the Adult Services revenue budget.</p> <p>The annual sum is pooled by the Council with the Tameside locality Integrated Care Board within the wider Better Care Fund (BCF). The sum is reported in the annual plan and year end returns that are approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p> <p>Further updates on the use of the 2023/34 grant will be reported in subsequent update reports that will include any existing revenue savings that have or will be realised via proposals supported by investment of the grant.</p>

Disability Assessment Centre

A budget sum of £0.250m is allocated for the project.

It is noted (section 3 of the report) that work is ongoing to identify a potential location and suitable property.

The revenue budget implications of the proposal will require additional due diligence that includes the benefits that will be realised together with the associated financing arrangements. This will be then subject to separate approval. It is noted that further updates will be presented in subsequent reports.

Changing Places Toilets

Section 7 of the report provides an update on the programme and installation of four toilets at separate locations. The programme is financed via a £0.100m grant award from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) together with £0.120m via Adult Services capital reserve balances, a total budget of £0.220m.

The toilets will be located in two buildings that are not in the ownership of the Council and one building (Loxley House) that is in the process of a Community Asset Transfer. Therefore the Council will not be liable for any ongoing revenue costs of the facilities.

The expenditure that is financed via the grant award of £0.100m from DLUHC must comply with the related grant conditions and will be monitored accordingly.

Accommodation In the Pipeline (Grosvenor Street and Former Police Station, Stalybridge)

Section 11 of the report provides supporting details where it is noted that the budget allocation of £0.390m will finance related adaptations at the properties to support the needs of residents. This will avoid related care package expenditure on the Adult services revenue budget.

Payments to the property developer will be subject to a payment profile within a separate agreement. It is essential that related payments are made in arrears and that value for money can be robustly evidenced within the procurement process of the adaptations and is within the approved budget.

Further updates will be presented in subsequent reports.

Community Response Service – Digital Switchover

Section 12 and **Appendix 1** provide an update on the switchover of assistive technology from analogue to digital which needs to be completed by 31 March 2025.

The investment will continue to support residents to live independently at home and avoid related care package expenditure on the Adult Services revenue budget.

The budget allocation is £0.650m and it is essential that value for money can be clearly evidenced within the procurement process of the related equipment.

Adult Services are currently reviewing all fees and charges levied in the provision of care services within the revenue budget to ensure that all related expenditure is recovered. The investment in this

programme will need to be evaluated and included where applicable.

Capacity Within The Housing Adaptations Team, Occupational Therapist – Equipment Review, Environmental Occupational Therapist

The three projects all relate to additional posts that will be financed via existing capital grant reserve balances in 2023/24 namely Disabled Facilities Grant and Community Capacity Grant.

The Housing Adaptations team posts will be recruited on a permanent basis and will be financed via the annual Disabled Facilities Grant award allocation from 2024/25 onwards together with the existing Community Capacity Grant reserve balance as stated in table 2 (£1.437m). This will ensure compliance with the associated grant award conditions.

It is essential that the cost benefit impact of the team is monitored and reported when compared to the annual investment

In addition, the same will apply to the Environmental and Equipment Review Occupational Therapists posts if they are to be considered for continuation beyond a 12 month period.

The related details will be reported in subsequent update reports.

Loxley House

Section 16 of the report provides an update on the project which relates to the Community Asset Transfer of the building. The capital programme includes investment of £0.080m to carry out works to the building for which the Council is liable prior to the transfer.

The estimated annual recurrent property related revenue expenditure that will be avoided by the Place directorate (Strategic Property service) following the transfer is £0.139m (based on 2022/23 outturn).

IT System Upgrade

The budget for the programme has been increased to £0,323m to equate to the cost of the related upgrade of the liquid logic case management system and the implementation of ControCC.

ControCC is an Adult Social Care finance system that facilitates care package payments, financial assessments and service user charging. The system will provide improved budget actual and forecast data with a direct interface to the Council's financial ledger system, Agresso

The annual revenue costs (£0.098m plus annual inflation) of the upgrade (system support and maintenance) will be financed via the Adult services transformation reserve for a five year period. The directorate will be required to identify annual revenue budget beyond this period to finance the related expenditure.

It is expected that the investment in the upgrade and implementation of ControCC will also realise process related efficiencies within Adult Services and Resources directorates, the details of which will be evaluated and provided in subsequent reports once the upgraded systems are live.

Future Programme Of Work

Section 19 of the report references proposed initiatives that will be subject to further robust business cases that will be required to state

the investment required and financing source together with the related recurrent benefits that will be realised. The approval of any further initiatives will be subject to separate governance. The proposals were included in the Adult Services report to the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel (SPCMP) on 17 November 2022, section 4 refers.

The table below provides summary details of the capital funding reserve balances that are available to finance any further capital projects within the Adult Services directorate. The balances are at 1 April 2023 and are the remaining values after financing the existing 2023/24 capital programme including additional commitments approved at the previous SPCMP meeting.

Grant Reserve	Balance at 1 April 2023 After Existing Programme Commitments	Approved Additional Commitments 2023/24	Remaining Balance
	£'m	£'m	£'m
Disabled Facilities Grant	2.165	0.000	2.165
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Total	4.657	0.039	4.618

The Council has limited resources available to fund Capital Expenditure. The current Capital Programme includes £15m of schemes which will need to be funded from Capital Receipts and existing Capital Reserves. Only limited reserves are available and should sufficient capital receipts not be achieved, or be delayed in their achievement, the Council will have to either re-profile its Capital Programme to realign expenditure with income receipts or consider alternative sources of capital financing such as borrowing, which attracts interest and Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) that are both costs to the General Fund. The Council will have to consider if the costs of borrowing, at a point in time when they are required, represent value to the Council in delivering its strategic objectives outlined in the Corporate Plan.

Any additional priority schemes that are put forward for consideration and that are not fully grant funded will need to be evaluated, costed and subject to separate Member approval. There will be a revenue cost for any new capital schemes that are not fully funded from alternative sources and the implications of this will need to be carefully considered, given the on-going pressures on the revenue budget.

Legal Implications:
(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

This is an update report for Members to review the progress being made on the various projects.

No decisions are being sought on the projects that are subject to

their own due diligence, governance and decision making.

Risk Management:

Risks are contained within the body of the report.

Background Information:

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The individual projects within the Adult Services capital programme for 2022/23 were as follows:

- **Moving with Dignity** - Following the success of the project in prior years, the funding for the team continued in 2022/23.
- **Disability Assessment Centre** - This funding has been reallocated to 2023/24 to give the service time to review this project and consider long-term revenue implications. Planning and accommodation options need to be explored.
- **Replacement of ageing and obsolete equipment** - The Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) funded post will be the subject of a secondment and the process to approve and fill this post is underway.
- **Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)** – This is explained further in section 5 of the report.
- **Changing Places Toilets** – The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) have confirmed the allocation of £0.100m to support the installation of three Changing Places Toilets following the expression of interest submitted. The Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel (SPCMP) approved further investment of £0.120m on 17 November 2022. This investment will support the installation of four toilets at locations across the borough as stated in the previously referenced report.

1.2 The individual projects for 2023/24 are as follows:

- **Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)** - This is explained further in section 5 of the report. A sum of £2.849m has been awarded to the Council for 2023/24.
- **Non-Adaptation Works (Discretionary Assistance)** – These refer to Home Repair Assistance and Stay Put Grants to help people maintain their homes. A budget allocation of £0.156m is available for 2023/24.
- **Moving with Dignity** – The programme will continue in 2023/24 with a total budget allocation of £0.228m.
- **Disability Assessment Centre** – A budget sum of £0.250m is allocated for the project in 2023/24. The revenue budget implications of the proposal require confirmation together with the associated financing arrangements. Further updates will be presented in subsequent reports.
- **Occupational Therapy Equipment Review** – A sum of £0.046m has been allocated to support a review of equipment in 2023/24. The post will be financed via the Council's annual Disabled Facilities Grant allocation in 2024/25 if it is required for an extended period following the review that is due to be undertaken in the current financial year.
- **Existing Accommodation Options Group Stock – Adaptations to support for life.** – To provide a range of adaptations to nine properties identified as part of the review of existing stock. A budget sum of £0.220m has been allocated for 2023/24.
- **Accommodation in the Pipeline (Grosvenor Street / Former Police Station)** – The development of two new schemes in Stalybridge in partnership with Great Places Registered Housing Provider and in line with the Councils Housing Strategy 2021 –

2026. A sum of £0.390m has been allocated in 2023/24 to finance service user adaptations required at both properties.

- **Environmental Occupational Therapist** – To ensure the goals outlined in the Housing Strategy 2012 – 2026 are delivered, a sum of £0.049m to finance an Environmental Assessment Officer post has been allocated for 2023/24. The post will be financed via the Council's annual Disabled Facilities Grant allocation from 2024/25 if it is required for an extended period beyond the current financial year.
- **Community Response Service Assistive Technology – Digital Switchover** – Replacement of the Community Response Service analogue system via an agreed procurement process working in collaboration with the Council's IT Service. A sum of £0.650m has been allocated for 2023/24.
- **Capacity within Housing Adaptations Team** – A sum of £0.218m has been allocated in 2023/24 to finance five posts that will support the backlog of assessments and adaptations within the Housing Adaptations Team. The additional posts were approved on a recurrent basis in the report presented to the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring on 17 November 2022. The posts will be financed via the Council's annual Disabled Facilities Grant allocation from 2024/25.
- **Care Home Beds** – A sum of £0.258m has been allocated to purchase 496 suitable profiling beds for care homes across the borough to allow an efficient transition from hospital to home.
- **Community Support – Living Well at Home** – A sum of £0.028m has been allocated in 2023/24 to purchase a range of equipment to support providers to free up workforce capacity across "Support at Home" by purchasing gantries and lifting equipment which will potentially reduce ambulance call outs and hospital admissions.
- **Loxley House** – A sum of £0.080m that was originally approved in March 2013 via a Key Decision, will finance a range of building works required at Loxley House as part of the Community Asset Transfer process of the building that will be led by the Place Directorate.
- **IT System Upgrade** – Funding of £0.284m has been approved to implement updates and additional functionality within the liquid logic case management system to improve efficiency, productivity and better meet the needs of the service. The system upgrade also includes the implementation of ContrOCC, which is an Adult Social Care finance system that facilitates care package payments, financial assessments and service user charging. The project is progressing with a current go live date expected to be late autumn / winter this year. Further progress updates will be provided to SPCMP during the year.
- The cost of the upgrade following procurement is £0.323m. Approval was provided by the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel on 22 June 2023 and the Executive Cabinet on 28 June 2023 to increase the funding for the project by £0.039m. The additional cost will be financed via the Adult Services Community Capacity grant reserve.
- The annual revenue costs (£0.098m plus annual inflation) of the upgrade (system support and maintenance) will be financed via the Adult services transformation reserve for a five year period. The Directorate will be required to identify annual revenue budget beyond this period.
- **Autism Community Response Service Offer** – This is a programme to support a

range of developments for sensory and technology offers to support autistic people. A budget of £0.045m has been allocated for 2023/24.

- **Changing Places Toilets** – The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) have confirmed the allocation of £0.100m to support the installation of three Changing Places Toilets following the expression of interest submitted. The Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel (SPCMP) approved further investment of £0.120m on 17 November 2022. This investment will support the installation of four toilets at locations across the borough as stated in the previously referenced report. There is a programme budget of £0.160m in 2023/24. It should be noted that there will now only be three toilets installed due to the failure of one scheme as explained in section 7.4 of this report. The related scheme costings will be updated and reported to the next SPCMP meeting.

2. MOVING WITH DIGNITY (SINGLE HANDED CARE)

Progress update – April to June 2023

- 2.1 The Moving with Dignity team continues to work closely with NHS colleagues in both acute services and intermediate care services, in order to promote and embed this practice. Work is also ongoing to ensure the wider education of the benefits of single-handed care. There is nothing further of significance to report at this stage.

3. DISABILITY ASSESSMENT CENTRE

Progress update – April to June 2023

- 3.1 Adult Services is continuing to work with the Place Directorate to identify suitable accommodation within the private commercial sector. No suitable and appropriate accommodation has been identified within the Council's estate at this stage. A further update will be reported to the next SPCMP.

4. REPLACEMENT OF AGEING AND OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

Progress update – April to June 2023

- 4.1 The replacement of equipment continues on a reactive basis pending the planned changes to the Housing Adaptations service. Since the beginning of April 2023, requests to replace 3 ceiling track hoists, 2 stairlifts and 2 through floor lifts were received due to the inability to repair them or the excessive cost to revenue.
- 4.2 The new procurement tender process for lifting and hoisting equipment that is led by Oldham Council has completed the moderation of bids received and will now progress to the contract award stage. The Council will be a partner on this contract. As noted in the previous report the contract includes for the supplier to provide a limited Occupational Therapy (OT) provision. However, this provision will now not be required due to the intention to recruit an OT to the Housing Adaptations service.
- 4.3 The Housing Adaptations service is currently undergoing a service review. The team is being consulted on the new plans and the additional posts within the review will be recruited in line with the planned expansion of the team. The new Occupational Therapist (OT) post is included within the new structure. The recruitment process is underway for the OT that will be responsible for the re-assessment of clients for replacement equipment.

5. DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT AND OTHER RELATED ADAPTATIONS FUNDING

DFG Allocation for 2023/24

5.1 The Department of Health and Social Care awarded the £2.849m for 2023/24.

Progress update – April to June 2023

5.2 Delivery of adaptations is continuing and the rate of delivery and expenditure is slowly increasing as post pandemic issues recede. The number of contractors available is still an issue. The new framework for adaptations contractors is progressing through governance and this should see the new builders begin to take effect in early 2024.

5.3 As noted in the previous report the cost of extensions to properties remains a problem for homeowner applicants. However, most of the current extensions under development are with social landlords, primarily Jigsaw.

5.4 The number of requests for extensions continues to rise, as does the number of complex cases. Currently there are 10 extensions at various stages of development/ completion and 7 complex cases including 3 where the grant limit may be exceeded.

5.5 The number of people making enquiries about personal application for DFG has risen sharply. 8 enquiries have been received since beginning of April. Some of these will likely not submit or will fail due to the nature of the works not meeting the criteria. This means there are currently 23 active enquiries.

5.6 Contract for the Provision of Adaptations for Disabled People and Home Repairs for Vulnerable People.

- As noted in the previous update, an award report prepared by the Housing Adaptations Manager is currently progressing through governance for the approval to award to Lots 1A, 1B and Lot 2. These Lots comprise the bulk of the adaptation works.
- It is intended to retender the Lot for Visual Impairment works later this year.
- STaR Procurement is still dealing with the extension for the existing contract.

5.7 Contract for Delivery of Lifting and Hoisting Equipment

- As noted in the previous update, this contract is with Oldham Council and Tameside is a partner. The evaluation and moderation process is now complete and Oldham Council will soon be in a position to award the contract to the successful bidder. The number of bidders was unfortunately low however, Oldham Council are confident it will be possible to make the award for all three Lots.

5.8 Contract for Inspection, Service, Maintenance and Repair

- Procurement of this contract has still not been placed on the Chest, however this should take place before the end of July 2023.
- STaR Procurement is still dealing with the extension for the existing contract.

Table 1 - DFG Activity as at 30 June 2023

Referrals received in year	64	Urgent and Substantial	From Adults and Children's Services including 9 hospital discharge requests
Approved schemes	93	Urgent and Substantial	Including 56 carried over from 2022/23. This figure also includes 3 personal applications.

Completions to date	40	Urgent and Substantial	Including 0 completed personal applications
Schemes currently being worked on – not yet approved	79	Urgent and Substantial	
Referrals awaiting allocation	32	Current waiting list for Substantial	Oldest referral is dated 24 May 2021
Referrals Cancelled	13	Including 4 grants cancelled following approval	Various reasons. Residents passing away, moving home, not willing to progress, failing to respond to enquiries.
Number of Advice Visits requested	17	Request to confirm an adaptation can/can't be provided	Requests from Children's and Adult Services
Minor Adaptations Ordered	144	All tenures less than £1,500	Including 80 carried over from 2022/2023
Minor Adaptations Completed	14	All tenures less than £1,500	0 cancelled
Hospital Discharge Grants Approved	9	All tenures less than £1,500	Majority have been deep cleaning requests from Social Workers

6. NON-ADAPTATION WORKS (DISCRETIONARY ASSISTANCE)

Progress update – April to June 2023

6.1 There have been no further Discretionary schemes approved.

7. CHANGING PLACES TOILETS (CPT)

Progress Update – April to June 2023

- 7.1 The information provided in the previous report remains generally the same with two distinct exceptions: the design process and number of schemes
- 7.2 Due to issues with design costs and timescale considerations STaR Procurement is carrying out an expression of interest on the Chest for a design and build process.
- 7.3 Muscular Dystrophy UK has approved the design for the CPT for 4C at Christ Church in Ashton-Under-Lyne. The design can now progress to procurement.
- 7.4 The most important change relates to the Hyde Bangladeshi Welfare Association (HBWA). The HBWA has changed the location of the scheme within the existing building and due to the issues it creates a discussion was held with MDUK. They have expressed strong concerns about the viability of the CPT in the building and have said they cannot agree to the scheme. HBWA has been informed of this decision. A modification request has been submitted to DLUHC requesting this scheme be changed for the scheme at St George's in Denton.
- 7.5 The loss of the HBWA means that there are now only 3 schemes in the program. Due to the costs associated with this type of work it is still possible that the majority of the budget will be taken up. It is not considered suitable to search for a replacement venue due to the time constraints.
- 7.6 As noted in the previous report the costs associated with CPT are high. The estimated costs

of each CPT is expected to be in the region of £0.070m including design fees.

8. NON-ADAPTATION WORKS (DISCRETIONARY ASSISTANCE)

Progress Update – April to June 2023

- 8.1 There is no further update at this stage. Work in this area relies on the outcome of the Housing Adaptations Service review and recruitment to the new posts, in particular a new surveyor.

9. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EQUIPMENT REVIEW

Progress Update – April to June 2023

- 9.1 This post, located within the Housing Adaptations service, will carry out a review of the equipment on the service and maintenance contract with a view to replacement of the equipment with a lifetime warranty. A job description has been prepared and the recruitment process has begun.

10. EXISTING ACCOMMODATIONS OPTIONS GROUP STOCK – ADAPTATIONS

Progress Update – April to June 2023

- 10.1 A schedule and costings for work at Charnwood Avenue, Denton have been received. Access to the property has been agreed for early August with Jigsaw. Information from Onward Homes regarding Sandy Bank Avenue, Hattersley, Hyde has been received and is being considered.
- 10.2 Feasibility checks will be made on all existing stock following a full review of needs of each property.

11. ACCOMMODATION IN THE PIPELINE (GROSVENOR STREET/POLICE STATION)

Progress Update – April to June 2023

- 11.1 All works for the build schedule at the site of the former Stalybridge Police Station are scheduled to be complete by summer 2024 (2024/25 financial year).
- 11.2 All works for the build schedule at the site on Grosvenor Street are scheduled to be completed by Autumn 2024 (2024/25 financial year).
- 11.3 Grant Agreements are to be drafted for the agreed contribution payable by the Council within the capital programme for the necessary adaptations to support the needs of the residents. There will be a further update for the next SPCMP in relation to the phasing of the payments.
- 11.4 Payments will be phased over the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years until completion of the project.

12. COMMUNITY RESPONSE SERVICE ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY – DIGITAL SWITCHOVER

Progress Update April to June 2023

- 12.1 Work commenced in December 2022 and since then a range of digital kits have been procured which include care phone units and associated devices such as falls pendants, wrist pendants, epilepsy monitors, door alarms and sim card renewals. **Appendix 1** provides an update on the project milestones

- 12.2 To date, of the 2,427 households, 1,011 households have had all equipment replaced with new digital kits. The remaining 1,416 households will be included in the roll out plan and will be replaced as and when the remaining kit is received as stock supplies increase.

13. CAPACITY WITHIN HOUSING ADAPTATIONS TEAM

Progress Update – April to June 2023

- 13.1 The ECG report has been approved and the consultation with the Housing Adaptations team will be carried out over the next couple of months with a view to recruitment of additional employees.

14. CARE HOME BEDS

Progress Update – April to June 2023

- 14.1 The number of required beds has been identified and will be processed. A more detailed update will be reported at the next meeting.

15. COMMUNITY SUPPORT – LIVING WELL AT HOME

Progress Update – April to June 2023

- 15.1 **Lifting equipment** -This element of the project is now complete.
- 15.2 **Gantries** - The purchase of the gantries is not yet complete, however the issues around the storage, servicing and delivery of the gantries are now resolved

16. LOXLEY HOUSE

Progress Update – April to June 2023

- 16.1 A schedule of works has been presented to the Together Centre Trustees as part of the ongoing discussions with the Place directorate regarding the Community Asset transfer (CAT).
- 16.2 Any potential date for completion is still subject to the agreement being formalised between the parties.

17. IT SYSTEM UPGRADE

Progress Update April to June 2023

- 17.1 The Liquid logic Adult Social Care System (LAS) contract upgrade has been renewed following a call off the Data and Applications Solution (DAS) Framework and is in place for five years with the option to extend for a further two years. The contract commenced 1 December 2022.
- 17.2 The system upgrade also includes the implementation of ContrOCC, which is an Adult Social Care finance system that facilitates care package payments, financial assessments and service user charging. The system will provide improved budget actual and forecast data with a direct interface to the Council's financial ledger system, Agresso. In addition process related efficiencies will be realised within the client finance service of the Resources directorate and also Adult services.
- 17.3 The project is progressing with a current go live date expected to be late autumn / winter this year. Further progress updates will be provided to SPCMP during the year.

18. AUTISM COMMUNITY RESPONSE SERVICE OFFER

Progress Update – April to June 2023

18.1 No further work has commenced. An update will be provided in next report to SPCMP.

19. FUTURE PROGRAMME OF WORK – SUBJECT TO FULL BUSINESS CASES

19.1 As per the previous update work continues on developing full business cases that are subject to approval. The proposals were included in the Adult Services report to the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel on 17 November 2022, section 4 refers. Supporting details will be reported to subsequent SPCMP meetings.

20. CAPITAL RESERVE BALANCES

20.1 **Table 2** provides a summary of the capital funding reserve balances that are available to finance any further capital projects within the Adult Services directorate. The balances are at 1 April 2023 and are the remaining values after financing the existing 2023/24 capital programme.

20.2 Approval to utilise the remaining balances will be subject to separate governance via SPCMP and the Executive Cabinet.

Table 2

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21 CONCLUSION

21.1 Recruitment to posts within social care continues to be challenging and impacts on a number of the capital schemes. However, work is underway to improve the recruitment processes and attract more people to work in Adult social care and sustain them longer term.

21.2 All costs and benefits are being monitored and reviewed regularly taking into account people's changing needs and ensuring the right support is in place; whether that be assessment staff or adaptations to enable people to live well and as independent as possible in their own homes.

22 RECOMMENDATIONS

22.1 As set out on the report cover.