

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

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**CAPITAL STRATEGY 2008- 2011**

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Geoff Denaro
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Financial Services

**1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report is to present to Members the updated Capital Strategy for Bromsgrove District Council for 2008-2011. The Strategy brings together the work undertaken by the Council in recent years on the Sustainable Community Strategy and Council Plan, which together set out a vision for Bromsgrove for 2008 and beyond.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Executive Cabinet recommend the Capital Strategy to Council for approval.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The Capital Strategy document sets out how Bromsgrove District Council aims to use its capital resources to achieve its vision for Bromsgrove of 'Working together to build a district where people are proud to live and work, through community leadership and excellent services', and the key strategic policies, values, objectives and priorities agreed in the Sustainable Community Strategy, Council Plan, Improvement Plan, and Council Results.
- 3.2 Within the Capital Strategy the Council wishes to see cross cutting themes to improve the social, economic and environmental well being of the area by creating opportunities for improving health, reducing crime, providing high quality employment and developing leisure and tourism in the District.
- 3.3 The Council's approved Capital Programme for 2008/09 – 2010/11 reflects the key aims and objectives of the Council and asserts the Council as community leaders to lever in additional investment and add value to the programme.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The financial implications of the Capital Programme as identified in this report are included in the Medium Term Financial Plan 2008/09 - 2010/11 which was approved by Council on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 There are no legal implications.

#### **6. Council Objectives**

- 6.1 Those projects described in the Capital Strategy which have been included within the Capital Programme have been aligned to the corporate objectives and priorities as part of the approval process. Schemes included in the Capital Strategy are intended to improve and widen the services provided, and improve the operational efficiency of the Council.

#### **7. Risk Management**

- 7.1 The risks associated with all approved projects are identified as part of the detailed project proposals and will therefore be managed by the sponsoring department.

#### **8. Customer Implications**

- 8.1 Approved capital projects have been assessed in line with Council objectives and priorities, and demonstrate improvements in customer service where appropriate.

#### **9. Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 9.1 There are no direct equalities and diversity implications for the Capital Strategy document. All capital schemes included in the Capital Programme are selected to achieve the strategic policies, values, objectives and priorities agreed in the Sustainable Community Strategy, Council Plan, and Improvement Plan. The consultation which is carried out with those persons and organisations representing the residents of the District in the formulation of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Council Plan will therefore have included the implications for equalities and diversity.

#### **10. Value for Money Implications**

- 10.1 There are no direct value for money implications for the Capital Strategy document. However each individual new capital scheme is subject to the approval of a robust business case which has to demonstrate that value for money is being achieved before commencement.

## 11. Other Implications

Procurement Issues – All expenditure relating to the approved projects included in the Capital Strategy will be subject to the Council procurement rules.
Personnel Implications – Implications are included as part of all detailed project proposals.
Governance/Performance Management - Implications are included as part of all detailed project proposals.
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 - Implications are included as part of all detailed project proposals.
Policy - Implications are included as part of all detailed project proposals.
Environmental - Implications are included as part of all detailed project proposals.
Equalities and Diversity - Implications are included as part of all detailed project proposals.

## 12. Others Consulted on the Report

Portfolio Holder	<b>Yes</b>
Chief Executive	<b>Yes</b>
Executive Director (Partnerships and Projects)	<b>Yes</b>
Executive Director (Services)	<b>Yes</b>
Assistant Chief Executive	<b>No</b>
Head of Service	<b>N/A</b>
Head of Financial Services	<b>Yes</b>
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	<b>Yes</b>
Head of Organisational Development & HR	<b>Yes</b>
Corporate Procurement Team	<b>Yes</b>

## 13. Wards Affected

13.1 All wards.

## 14. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Capital Strategy 2008 - 2011

### Background Papers

Capital Programme 2008/09 – 2010/11  
Medium Term Financial Plan 2008/09 – 2010/11  
Departmental Service Plans

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