

**RECORD OF STANDING ORDER 35 (COUNCIL  
PROCEDURE RULES) URGENT DECISION  
BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL BY THE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
LEADER**



**Chief Executive:  
Leader:**

Gary Hall
Cllr Paul Foster

**Subject:**

Green links Capital programme
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**Decision:**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cabinet approve the expenditure in relation to the proposed list of capital projects to be delivered during the financial year as set out in Appendix 1 to this report and identified within the approved Capital programme.</li> <br/> <li>2. Cabinet delegate to the Director of Neighbourhoods and Development in liaison with the relevant Portfolio holder and the Leader of the Council to award the contracts within the agreed budget on the approved Capital projects identified in this report.</li> </ol> |
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**Details and Reasoning:**

<p>In lite of the Corona Virus emergency a request is been made to sign off the Green Links Capital programme for the financial year 20/21 in accordance with the recommendations above. The attached appendix shows the individual projects and their value. All budget associated with the projects are part of the Capital programme which was approved by full Council in February 2020 and was due to go to Cabinet in March 2020.</p>
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**Wider Implications  
(including Financial, Legal,  
Equality and Risk):**

<p><b>Legal</b> – Standing Order 35 sets out the procedure for making an Urgent decision. The reason for urgency is due to the Cabinet meeting that the decision was due to be taken at had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak.</p>
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**Report attached?  
Exempt from publication?  
If exempt, give reason(s):**

Appendix of planned projects and Cabinet report
No

**Signed:**


<b>Date:</b> 23 March 2020

Chief  
Executive


<b>Date:</b> 23 March 2020

Leader

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I confirm that I consider this decision is one of genuine Urgency



Cllr Howarth/Chair of Scrutiny .....

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**THIS DECISION WILL COME INTO FORCE IMMEDIATELY IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION**

REPORT TO	ON
<b>CABINET COUNCIL</b>	<b>Wednesday, 18 March 2020</b>



TITLE	PORTFOLIO	REPORT OF
<b>Capital Programme - Green Links and Parks</b>	<b>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member (Health, Wellbeing and Leisure)</b>	<b>Assistant Director of Projects and Development</b>

Is this report a <b>KEY DECISION</b> (i.e. more than £100,000 or impacting on more than 2 Borough wards?)	<b>Yes</b>
Is this report on the <b>Statutory Cabinet Forward Plan</b> ?	<b>Yes</b>
Is the request outside the policy and budgetary framework and therefore subject to confirmation at full Council? This should only be in exceptional circumstances.	<b>No</b>
Is this report confidential? If <b>Yes</b> , insert details of the relevant exclusion paragraph(s). These are listed in the Constitution Part 4, page 25 (Access to Information Procedure Rules)	<b>No</b>

## PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a proposed set of capital projects to be delivered or started during the financial year 2020/2021.
2. The capital projects put forward relate to themes and programmes identified and adopted as part of the Council Corporate Plan 2019/24 notably under the umbrella of Health and Well-being and improving the Environment. The capital projects put forward are identified in the Council's capital programme agreed by Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The capital projects cover several areas including:

- Green link schemes
  - Environmental projects
  - Parks projects including parks buildings
  - Play Area projects
3. The report and Appendix 1 set out the scope of each capital project, the time scale on which it will be delivered and the predicted cost.

#### **PORTFOLIO RECOMMENDATIONS**

4. Cabinet approve the expenditure in relation to the proposed list of capital projects to be delivered during the financial year as set out in Appendix 1 to this report and identified within the approved Capital programme.
5. Cabinet delegate to the Director of Neighbourhoods and Development in liaison with the relevant Portfolio holder and the Leader of the Council to award the contracts within the agreed budget on the approved Capital projects identified in this report.

#### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

6. Council approved the current Corporate Plan in September 2019. The Corporate Plan identifies a series of key programmes under several headings including Health and Well-being and the Environment.
7. The report will request financial delegated powers for officers in partnership with relevant portfolio holders to award contracts for the schemes highlighted in the Capital programme so that the ambitious programme of projects can be delivered in-line with the timetable identified.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

8. This report sets out a proposed set of Capital projects to be completed or started during the financial year 2020/21. The projects will link to Green links, improving the local environment, improving play areas and improving parks buildings. The individual projects are set out in Appendix 1 with a cost, a timescale and how they will be funded.

## CORPORATE OUTCOMES

9. The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

Excellence, Investment and Financial Sustainability	x
Health, Wellbeing and Safety	x
Place, Homes and Environment	x

Projects relating to People in the Corporate Plan:

Our People and Communities	x
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## BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

10. Health and Wellbeing and promoting the Environment are key priorities for the Council. A key contribution we can make to improve the health of our residents is to increase opportunities available for people to embark on active lifestyles. From refurbishing existing play areas, developing new pedestrian and cycle routes, to improving our parks and connecting our open spaces with each other, we want our parks and green links to be a unique selling point for the Borough.
11. Developing green links has already led to investment taking place on our green infrastructure in many parts of the borough. A further 7km of new Green link corridors has been completed this financial year 19/20.
12. The background information outlined above has led to this report which is seeking approval to deliver a further range of capital projects in the financial year 20/21. If adopted this will represent continued capital investment in our green infrastructure across the borough at a scale not seen for several years.
13. Delivery of these capital projects will involve significant work at several locations across the borough on projects as diverse as refurbishing existing play areas, improving park buildings and creating new pedestrian and cycle

links. The Council has put in place, the necessary staff resources with the skills and expertise required to deliver the programme.

#### **PROPOSALS (e.g. RATIONALE, DETAIL, FINANCIAL, PROCUREMENT)**

**14.** The proposals represent a list of capital projects planned to be delivered or started during this financial year 2020/21. The proposed list of individual projects is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

**15.** Each project identified has a direct link to a programme of work identified in the Corporate Plan

**16.** Each project listed also shows how it could potentially be funded e.g. through section 106 monies, the Community infrastructure levy (CIL) and other sources of external funding or from the Council's own funding.

**17.** The Category of projects include the following:

- Green link projects

These are projects that will create new green links in the shape of new cycle or pedestrian routes that connect into existing routes or connect existing parks or open spaces together. They will be developed alongside existing or new road Infrastructure or on off road sites.

- Environmental Projects

A key priority for the new Cabinet at South Ribble Council is the promoting and enhancing of the Environment. Over future years this will be reflected in the type of Capital projects brought forward including the proposed planting of 110,000 new trees across the Borough and projects that will deliver the River Ribble master plan.

- Refurbished Play Areas

The proposed capital projects involve the commissioning of 4 refurbished Play Areas in this financial year 2020/21. This will build on the 3 play areas which are currently been refurbished with a finish date before Easter this year

- Parks projects

These are identified projects located within the main Parks across the Borough. They include the improvement footpaths, horticulture and work to improve several parks buildings notably in Worden and Hurst Grange Parks.

18. Appendix 1 sets out a list of capital projects planned to be delivered or started during this financial year 2020/21 along with the budget

## **CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT AND OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION**

19. A major consultation took place between February and April 2019, which engaged with local communities and stakeholders to gather feedback, suggestions and ideas around the Green Links concept and outline proposals.
20. The consultation approach was predominantly face to face, via a series of roadshow and planning for real workshop events. These events were delivered at each of the Borough's current leisure facilities as well as individual events in each 'my neighbourhood area'. The events were informal, and attendance varied from area to area. It is estimated that overall attendance at the events was approximately 900 people.
21. An online survey (paper copies were available on request) was undertaken between 3rd March 2019 and 30th April 2019 and received 247 responses, providing deeper detail around individual parks and use of local green spaces.
22. A stakeholder workshop which included key partners and community-based groups identified collaborative opportunities for the Council, where partners can offer advice and support services, together with links to communities and training offers.
23. The overwhelming feedback across the consultation has been positive about the Council's ambitions to develop our green infrastructure and support local parks and play areas. This feedback along with the corporate plan has helped shaped the capital projects identified in this report.
24. An online consultation was also undertaken in relation to the budget prior to approval by Council in February 2020.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

25. This report defines the priorities for spending on capital projects in 20/21. An alternative option of do nothing could be adopted but this would go against the ambitions of the Administration of the Council or priorities set in the approved corporate plan.

## **AIR QUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

26. The completion of these capital projects should have a positive effect on Air Quality in the borough as the creation of new green links for pedestrians and cyclists should encourage people to use their cars less.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

27. Risks Registers will be pulled together for each capital project identified.

## **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT**

28. All relevant Equality implications need to be identified.

## **COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER**

29. These projects are included in the Capital programme approved by Council in February 2020. Seeking approval in advance of the financial year helps to ensure delivery during the financial year 2020/21.

## **COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

30. The principal purpose of this report is to enable the effective delivery of our Capital programme. Extensive consultation has already been carried out in this regard. The programme was included as part of the budget papers that were approved by the Council on the 26nd of February. To enable the effective delivery of the programme delated powers are sought to award contracts as and when required.

## **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

There are no background papers to this report

## **APPENDICES (or There are no appendices to this report)**

Appendix 1 - Details of Capital projects for 2020/2021

LT Member's Name  
Assistant Director of Projects and Development

Report Author:	Telephone:	Date:
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## Capital Schemes starting in 2020-21

Scheme	Description	Budget 2020-21	Budget 2021-22	Total Budget	Notes
Green Links - Penwortham Holme to Howick, inc River Ribble Masterplan	Borough Wide (10km of route delivery)	250,000		250,000	10km Leyland Loop, Further work on River Ribble Masterplan, signage and entrances
Leyland Loop	Works to deliver further section of Leyland Loop	150,000		150,000	Continuation of the Leyland Loop building on the work last financial year
Worden Park	Relandscaping Arboretum area	30,000		30,000	Relandscaping Arboretum area
3 & 4 Farmyard Cottages	Replace heating system	50,000		50,000	Replace primatic heating system with a modern system
Ice House	Refurbishment of the Ice House at Worden Park	10,000	-	10,000	Part of long term investment in our parks infrastructure
Sewage Pumping station improvements	Worden Park, renewal of existing sewage pumping site.	40,000		40,000	Replacement of existing above ground infrastructure with subteranian solution.
Worden Park	Repairs to weirs and banks of Shaw Brook	40,000		40,000	Reconstruction of structures on Shaw brook from flood damage. Path renovation throughout.
Worden Park	Reconstruction of footpaths through Shaw Wood	33,000		33,000	Reinstatement of the footpaths at the Shawbrook end of Worden Park
Hurst Grange Park	Repair and replacement of culverts	25,000		25,000	Repair and replacement of culverts
Haig Avenue	Playground replacement	175,000		175,000	Planned work will take place summer 2020
Bellis Way	Playground replacement	30,000		30,000	Planned work will take place summer 2020
Hurst Grange Park Playground	Refurbishments works to Hurst Grange Playground	50,000	165,000	215,000	Planned work will take place summer 2020
Bent Lane Playground	Design and delivery of playground on Bent Lane	50,000	30,000	80,000	Planned work will take place summer 2020
Park footpath repairs and resurfacing	footpath repairs, repairing edges and resurfacing at the following sites: Fossdale Moss Park, Priory Park and Valley Road Park	15,000	30,000	45,000	Part of long term investment in our parks infrastructure
Withy Grove Park	Improvement of Western side of park	-	60,000	60,000	Network rail contribution - Linked to installation of NR footbridge.
Bamber Bridge (Church Road)	Improvements to the green area adjacent to the Hob Inn. Initial designs being reviewed to to better reflect the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Bamber Bridge	40,000		40,000	Improvements to the green area adjacent to the Hob Inn. Initial designs being reviewed to to better reflect the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Bamber Bridge
Car Park Resurfacing, Ryefield Avenue, Penwortham	Car Park Resurfacing, Ryefield Avenue, Penwortham	40,000		40,000	

<b>1,028,000</b>	<b>285,000</b>	<b>1,313,000</b>
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