Projects to be funded from flexible use of capital receipts

The County Council intends to apply the capital receipts in 2019/20 to fund the following transformation projects for which it has received robust business cases.

The total capital receipts proposed for flexible use in 2019/20 gives some headroom to allow for accelerated spending on service transformation projects.

Table 1: Children First Improvement Plan

(the investment and work is wholly transformational to improve the service)

Qualifying expenditure	Forecast expenditure (2019-20) £000	Savings forecast ¹ £000	Payback period
Short period of investment in targeted			
improvement including:			
Senior Improvement Leads	454		
 Programme Management and support 	473		
Practice Improvement and Behaviour	900		
Change Programme			
Leadership Development Programme	250		
Specific Project Consultancy	167		
Communications Lead	27		
Complaints Officer	27		
Neglect Strategy work	33		
Casework Audits	155		
Total	2,486	Nil	N/A

Table 2: Fire & Rescue Improvement Plan

(the investment and work is wholly transformational to improve the service)

Qualifying expenditure	Forecast expenditure (2019-20) £000	Savings forecast ¹ £000	Payback period
Short period of investment in targeted			
improvement including:			
 equality and inclusion workshops and 	30		
report			
data cleansing and analysis	55		
business analysis and insight for prevention	74		
and fire safety transformation			
fire safety and improvement plan project	47		
support			
Total	206	Nil	N/A

¹ In most instances the on-going savings do not depend solely on this investment. Delivering the forecast savings will also require the focus of other, existing resources

Table 3: Service transformation

Qualifying expenditure	Forecast expenditure (2019-20) £000	Savings forecast £000	Payback period
Short period of investment in transformation			
across the whole council, including:			
 unlocking the power of the community and community hubs 	216		
• improving the customer experience ²	1,560		
enabling One Council working	381		
Waste strategy	150		
programme support	340		
Total	2,647	5,300	2 to 3 years

(2019-20) fore	vings ecast £000 5,300	Payback period
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Impact on affordability of Prudential Borrowing

The capital receipts the County Council intends to use towards funding its transformation programme are in excess of those included in its Medium Term Financial Strategy. Therefore, as it had not planned to use them to fund the capital programme, there will be no impact on the Council's budgeted prudential borrowing for the years 2019/20 to 2021/22 and the associated Prudential Indicators. Nor is there any impact on the Council's budgeted capital financing costs. Based on the current forecast outturn, the Council's overall capital expenditure will however increase by £5.3m, so the Capital Expenditure Prudential Indicator will increase accordingly.

 $^{^2}$ Improving the customer experience budget includes £2,889,000 for improving the digital customer interface and £1,243,000 for improving customer-facing work processes