



<b>Subject:</b>	Physical Programme Update
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?</b>	
<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>After Council Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Some time in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	The Council's Physical Programme currently includes over 400 capital projects via a range of internal and external funding streams, together with projects which the Council delivers on behalf of external agencies. The Council's Capital Programme forms part of the Physical Programme and is a rolling programme of investment which either improves existing Council facilities or provides new facilities. This report includes stage movement requests relating to the Capital Programme.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is requested to consider the following items on the Capital Programme:

- **IT Programme – In Cab Technology and Routing System** - Agree that this project is moved to *Stage 3 – Committed* and agree that necessary procurement processes (including the invitation of tenders and/or the use of appropriate ‘framework’ arrangements) be initiated with contract to be awarded on the basis of most economically advantageous tenders received and full commitment to deliver.
- **Cremated Remains Burial Plots project** – Agree that this project is moved to *Stage 2 – Uncommitted* to allow an OBC to be developed.
- **Shankill Memorial Garden** – to note the request from the organising committee of the Shankill Bomb Memorial Project and that tree planting will be carried out at Shankill Memorial Garden.

**3.0 Main report**

**Capital Programme**

3.1 Members will be aware that the Council runs a substantial Physical Programme which includes the rolling Capital Programme – a multimillion regeneration programme of investment across the city which improves existing Council assets or provides new council facilities. The Council also delivers externally focused funding streams such as Belfast Investment Fund (BIF), Local Investment Fund (LIF), Social Outcomes Fund (SOF) and Neighbourhood Regeneration Fund (NRF), as well as numerous capital programmes that we deliver for central government. Our funding partners include National Lottery Heritage Fund, SEUPB Peace IV, the Executive Office, DfC, DfI via the Blue Green Infrastructure Fund and Living with Water Programme, DAERA, Ulster Garden Villages, Levelling Up Fund (LUF) and others. When appropriate, the Physical Programmes Department is happy to arrange site visits to any projects that have been completed.

3.2 Members agreed that all capital projects must go through a three-stage process where decisions on which capital projects progress are taken by the Committee. This provides assurance as to the level of financial control and will allow Members to properly consider the opportunity costs of approving one capital project over another capital project. Members are asked to note the following activity on the Capital Programme:

Project	Overview	Stage movement
<b>IT Programme – In-Cab Technology and Routing System</b>	Replacement of two current systems: Masternaut fleet tracking and Webaspx route optimisation software with one integrated system.	<b>Move to Stage 3 - Committed</b>
<b>Cremated Remains Burial Plots</b>	Development of cremated remains plots at Roselawn.	<b>Move to Stage 2 - Uncommitted</b>

<p>3.3</p>	<p><b>Proposed stage movement – IT Programme – In Cab Technology and Routing System</b></p> <p>Members will recall that in March 2022 this project was moved to <b>Stage 2 – Uncommitted under the IT Programme which forms part of the overall Capital Programme.</b> This project involves the replacement of two current systems Masternaut fleet tracking and Webaspx route optimisation software with one integrated system - a digital system that integrates frontline operations, operational control and the customer hub. The Outline Business Case has now been prepared.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to recommend that the In Cab Technology and Routing System project now progresses to Stage 3 – Committed and that it is held at Tier 0 – Scheme at Risk pending further development of the project and a satisfactory tender return.</b> An update will be brought back to Committee at this stage along with the final budget allocation and confirmation that this is within the affordability limits of the Council. Members are asked to agree that necessary procurement processes (including the invitation of tenders and/or the use of appropriate ‘framework’ arrangements) be initiated with contract to be awarded on the basis of most economically advantageous tenders received and full commitment to deliver.</p>
<p>3.4</p>	<p><b>Proposed stage movement – Cremated Remains Burial Plots</b></p> <p>Members will recall that in June 2023 this project was added to the Capital Programme as a <i>Stage 1 – Emerging</i> project to allow the project and costs to be fully worked up, with further detail to be brought back to Committee in due course. The project is for the development of 622 cremated remains burial plots to utilise shallow land within Roselawn cemetery unsuitable for full earth burials. The number of cremated remains burials has more than doubled since 2015. To provide for this increased demand and make efficient use of existing burial land at Roselawn it is proposed to develop a cremated remains only section. With the increase in cremations and the development of the Crematorium at Roselawn, the potential to use a portion of land for the creation of additional cremated remains only burial plots fits with the councils’ objective to adequately meet future needs and demands. A package of necessary survey work is now identified to inform the design as outlined in the Pre Application Discussion with Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council.</p> <p><b>Members are asked to recommend that the Cremated Remains Burial Plots project is moved to Stage 2 – Uncommitted on the Capital Programme.</b> An Outline Business Case will now be worked up on the proposal with further detail to be brought back to Committee in due course.</p>

	<b><u>Shankill Memorial Garden</u></b>
3.5	Members are asked to note that further to a request from the organising committee of the Shankill Bomb Memorial Project, tree planting will be carried out at Shankill Memorial Garden to mark the upcoming 30th anniversary on 23 October 2023.
	<b><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></b>
3.6	<i>Financial</i> – Shankill Memorial Garden tree planting to be met within existing budgets <i>Resources</i> – Officer time to deliver as required
	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/ Rural Needs Assessment</u></b>
3.7	All capital projects are screened as part of the stage approval process
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	None