

## **Recommendations**

### 3.1 The Council is asked to:

- (a) approve the capital programme described in this report and summarised at Appendix Two, subject to any amendments proposed by the Mayor;
- (b) reallocate the following resources from the previous programme, in order to use them (for the same overall purposes) in the new programme:-
  - New Primary Schools Places (£9.508m)
  - School Maintenance (£6.288m)
  - Adult Care Transformation (£4.231m);
- (c) for those schemes designated immediate starts, delegate authority to the lead director to commit expenditure, subject to the normal requirements of contract procedure rules and finance procedure rules;
- (d) delegate authority to the City Mayor to determine a plan of spending for each policy provision; and to commit expenditure up to the maximum available;
- (e) agree that any capital receipts arising from the sale of former elderly persons' homes or (if these become available) day centres be applied for the purposes of the corporate programme (to offset the significant cost of new investment in adult social care services);
- (f) for the purposes of finance procedure rules:
  - Determine that service resources shall consist of service revenue contributions; and government grants/third party contributions ringfenced for specific purposes;
  - Designate the highways maintenance programme as a programme area within which the director can re-allocate resources to meet operational requirements;
  - Designate the following schemes as a single programme area: transport programme management, road safety schemes, local contribution to major transport schemes, improving bus services, transport network improvements and level access at bus stops.
- (g) determine that the City Mayor may increase any scheme in the programme, or add a new scheme to the programme, subject to a maximum of £10m corporate resources.
- (h) for the avoidance of doubt, determine that the City Mayor may commit funds for the Haymarket Bus Station scheme, funds for which form part of policy provisions;

- (i) determine that the City Mayor may reduce or delete any capital programme provision, subject to a maximum of 20% of scheme value for “immediate starts”; and may transfer any “policy provision” to the “immediate starts” category;
- (j) delegate to directors, in consultation with the relevant assistant mayor, authority to incur expenditure in respect of policy provisions on design and other professional fees and preparatory studies, but not any other type of expenditure;
- (k) note the Housing Revenue Account capital programme, shown at Appendix Four, which was approved by the Council in February;
- (l) agree that the recommendations above shall (where the context permits) apply to the HRA programme, and that the HRA programme shall be divided into immediate starts, policy provisions and programme areas as shown at Appendix Four.