

CAPITAL MEMBER GROUP: MEMBERSHIP

<u>Report of the:</u>	Director of Finance and Resources
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Urgent Decision?(yes/no)	No
If yes, reason urgent decision required:	N/A
<u>Annexes/Appendices (attached):</u>	None
<u>Other available papers (not attached):</u>	Capital Strategy 2017/18 Budget Book 2017/18

REPORT SUMMARY

This report requests the Strategy and Resources Committee to consider appointments to the Capital Member Group.

RECOMMENDATION (S)

That the Committee appoints Members to the Capital Member Group.

Notes

1 Implications for the Council's Key Priorities, Service Plans and Sustainable Community Strategy

1.1 The Strategy and Resources Committee have agreed as a key service priority the preparation of a new Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2016/20. The current MTFs includes targets for capital investment and capital reserves. These will be reassessed as part of this year's capital programme review.

2 Background

2.1 The capital budget timetable requires that the Financial Policy Panel receives a report on the proposed capital programme and funding options for 2018/19 at the December meeting. Service project appraisals are then presented to the policy committees in January and schemes receiving committee support will be included in the Budget and Council Tax report for Council approval in February 2018.

2.2 The Capital Member Group (CMG) co-ordinate the preparation of the new capital programme and review funding, including capital reserves, new capital receipts, grants, CIL and Section 106 (planning gain) receipts.

- 2.3 In view of public sector funding restrictions the Capital Member Group has continued to limit schemes recommended for inclusion into the capital programme to those that were a prioritised service or for health and safety or essential to keep services running. Any other schemes included within the capital programme need to be self-financing, either through external grants/contributions or through revenue savings (on a business case evaluation).

3 Capital Member Group

- 3.1 The Capital Member Group is a working group which is now to be appointed by the Strategy & Resources Committee to oversee the work of the officer capital management group and review the capital strategy validate criteria applied to capital project appraisals.
- 3.2 There are no set rules for membership of the Capital Member Group however as a guide the previous year Members decided that :
- 3.2.1 There be five members on CMG
- 3.2.2 Meetings be chaired by the Chairmen of Strategy and Resources Committee
- 3.2.3 CMG members should be drawn from members of the Financial Policy Panel
- 3.2.4 CMG include some, but not all, of the committee chairmen
- 3.2.5 CMG include opposition party representation.
- 3.3 Last year's membership of the Group comprised Councillors Eber Kington (Chairman), Neil Dallen, Barry Nash, Omer Kokou-Tchri and John Beckett.

4 Capital Programme Review Timetable

- 4.1 The proposed capital programme review timetable is shown below with provisional dates for the Capital Member Group meetings. These dates are subject to confirmation with the new members of the Group.

Capital Member Group Action	Date
Discuss approach for 2017/18 bids and review schemes carried forward from the 2015/16 capital programme.	TBC
Discuss approach and identify which of the potential bids should be worked into full bids for review in November.	(Wed) 6 Sept 2017
Review appraisals, funding and draft FPP report.	(Wed) 8 Nov 2017

- 4.2 In previous years, some of the work for the group may be during daytime working hours, dependent upon the work programme. However, meetings will generally be held at 5 pm.

5 Proposals

- 5.1 The Panel is asked to nominate Members to the Capital Member Group.

6 Financial and Manpower Implications

- 6.1 There are no implications for the purpose of this report.

7 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)

- 7.1 *Monitoring Officer's comments: There are no legal implications arising from this report.*

8 Sustainability Policy and Community Safety Implications

- 8.1 There are no implications for the purpose of this report.

9 Partnerships

- 9.1 There are no implications for the purpose of this report.

10 Risk Assessment

- 10.1 All major projects are subject to risk assessment.

11 Conclusion and Recommendations

- 11.1 Appointments are made to the Capital Member Group to assist in the formulation of the new capital programme for 2018/19 to meet the capital budget reporting timetable.

WARD(S) AFFECTED: (All Wards);