

Report to: **Cabinet**
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Agenda item: **15**

Subject: **Capital Strategy 2019/20 – 2022/23**

Purpose of report: Appended is a draft Capital Strategy for Cabinet to consider and if content recommend to Council for adoption, this will now form part of the annual budget setting approval process.

The document draws together various adopted strategies and agreed process of the Council that govern how the Council manages capital expenditure and investment decisions. The Capital Strategy brings these areas together in one overarching document.

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Prudential Code has introduced a new requirement for local authorities to produce a capital strategy to demonstrate that capital expenditure and investment decisions are taken in line with desired outcomes and take account of stewardship, value for money, prudence, sustainability and affordability. This Council's practices meet these outcomes and it's useful to set these out in one place to demonstrate this.

The Capital Strategy is a key document, it provides a high level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the delivery of desired outcomes. It also provides an overview of how associated risk is managed and the implications for future financial sustainability. It includes an overview of the governance processes for approval and monitoring of capital expenditure.

Recommendation: **That Cabinet recommend to Council the adoption of the Capital Strategy 2019/20 – 2022/23**

Reason for recommendation: In order to comply with good practice there is a new requirement for the Council to have in place an adopted Capital Strategy.

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Financial implications: No direct financial implications from the recommendations of the report.

Legal implications: Other than to note that it is a requirement for the Council to adopt a Capital Strategy there are no specific legal implications arising

Equalities impact: Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk

Links to background information: .

Link to Council Plan: Continuously improving to be an outstanding Council