Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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PROPOSED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 (REVISED) TO 2022/23

Presented by the Director of Finance & Resources

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The last review of the capital programme was undertaken in December 2017 and the current programme was approved at the Executive Committee meeting on 14 December 2017 (Paper E/537/17). This report brings together revisions and refinements to that programme and the latest information on the estimated total cost and timing of projects through to 2022/23.

During the last ten years the Authority has focused on pre-Olympic and legacy for the delivery of three major venues on the Authority's land – Lee Valley White Water Centre, Lee Valley VeloPark and Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre.

The Authority's capital development programme is geared to the management and development of its existing assets, legacy venues on its land and business development schemes to generate further income for the Regional Park. The capital programme beyond this period is yet to be fully determined with major investment schemes identified at particular sites, for example, Lee Valley Ice Centre and potential new investment following the re-letting of the new Leisure Services Contract post 2020 and this will impact the future direction of the capital programme and its financing requirements.

In terms of overall financial provision, the proposed capital programme provides for total investment by the Authority of £50.2 million to 31 March 2023, as set out in Table 2 (paragraph 15 of this report).

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members Approve:

- the revised capital programme for 2018/19 (revised) to 2022/23 as set out in Appendix A to this report; and
- (2) the proposed capital funding to meet the planned capital programme as set out in Table 2 (paragraph 15 of this report).

BACKGROUND

- A significant programme of capital development and investment is an important part of the Authority's statutory remit, whether funded directly by the Authority or with other partners. The capital programme reflects the Authority's key role as a development and enabling organisation and includes a number of projects which are crucial in achieving the objectives set out in the Strategic Business Plan. Major capital projects have and will continue to determine the character of the Regional Park for the foreseeable future.
- During the course of this year some existing projects have been the subject of reports to Committee and, where appropriate, these reports have sought Member approval to add to/or amend the capital programme. In addition the Authority has a Member led Land and Property Review Working Group that has identified potential land acquisitions/disposals to enable future additional resources for capital investment. The Authority is also considering a major replacement and reinvestment in its Ice Centre provision as well as significant third party investment at Picketts Lock and these areas will impact on the future capital programme.
- This report brings together the results of known approved changes and the latest information on estimated costs and timing of existing individual projects. It proposes a revised capital programme for the period 2018/19 (revised) to 2021/23 for Members' consideration. This is summarised in Table 2 (paragraph 15) in this report and further detailed in Appendix A to this report.
- One of the key developments in the programme is to provide an asset management programme for the Authority's estate. This work is on-going but a major condition survey of the Authority's venues ahead of the Leisure Services Contract (LSC) retender has provided clarity on the investment sums required by the Authority to maintain this part of the estate. Estimated figures have been incorporated into the revised capital programme attached at Appendix A to this report with an additional £1m identified in 2019/20 and 2020/21 for the venues included within the new LSC.

Other key developments included are the Ice Centre project with £29m earmarked for 2020 to 2022; the new Bittern Information Point (£0.6m); and the potential for new investment (up to £10m) at the venues as part of the new LSC contract.

Underpinning these key developments is the planning work of the Land and Property Review Working Group as areas for potential disposal are a corner-stone for funding the programme going forward.

By their very nature land acquisition opportunities in particular tend to be market led and the Authority has in the past found itself reacting to these, rather than planning ahead for them, in terms of resourcing strategic requirements and in the context of other demands on the capital programme.

The Member led Land and Property Review Working Group has reviewed the estate in its widest sense, in terms of maximising the return, both in terms of how the land is used, new land purchases and potential land disposals where land can be identified as no longer required for Park purposes, alongside its strategic and financial viability.

This approach provides a more strategic overview to the capital programme of which land disposal/acquisition is a key aspect. The proposed capital programme includes a Land Acquisition and Remediation provision.

STATUS OF THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

- The capital programme is principally a planning document. It matches the Authority's investment plans to its estimated projected capital resources over the medium term and enables officers to undertake planning and feasibility work for projects which often have long lead times.
- Inclusion of a project in the capital programme does not, in itself, commit the Authority or constitute approval to incur expenditure. For all major projects a full business case based on the Prudential Code including detailed briefs, scheme designs, project costs, funding arrangements and on-going revenue costs (including the cost of capital) will be the subject of specific reports for Member approval.

Likewise, inclusion of the emerging work of the Land and Property Review Working Group in the capital programme funding schedule does not, in itself, commit the Authority to dispose of any areas of land. For all decisions concerning potential disposal a full appraisal must be carried out covering a strategic evaluation of the disposal which must in the first instance be identified as no longer required for Park purposes. Each area of land considered for disposal will be the subject of a specific report for Member approval which will include the financial, legal, planning and risk implications of doing so.

- In some cases inclusion of financial provision in the programme reflects an identified or expected need for investment. Although the exact nature and scope of any project may yet need to be determined. In these cases, both the level and timing of expenditure are clearly subject to change.
- 8 The Authority's capital development programme is geared to the management and development of its existing assets, legacy venues on its land and business development schemes to generate further income for the Park. The capital programme beyond this period is yet to be determined with major investment schemes identified at particular sites. Future major investments e.g. the Ice Centre and venue investment will require separate business cases and funding plan to be in place before committing to the project, but indicative figures are included in the plan.

PROJECTED AVAILABLE CAPITAL FUNDING

- 9 Initial indications are that existing capital reserves together with projected new capital inflows from land sales could generate funds of £54.1 million to 31 March 2023.
- A key feature of the Business Plan is the recognition of the need to work in partnership with other organisations and sectors in order to deliver the Authority's vision for the Park. One strand of this approach has been to maximise the opportunities for external funding, using the Authority's resources to attract contributions from partners and funding bodies. Since 2005/06 the Authority has attracted significant external grant funding/investment towards the capital programme.

In recent years the ability to attract external grant funding to support the capital programme has become very limited. The Authority has therefore shifted its strategic approach to realising more of its funding from utilising its own asset base through the work carried out by the Member led Land & Property Review Working Group. This has identified key areas where land is no longer required for Park purposes as well as key strategic sites for investment. This is now generating

additional funds that can be used to develop the Park further through the capital programme.

A summary of the funding achieved to date is shown in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: External funding/Land Sale income secured by the Authority

	Grant Received (Actual)	Grant Received as a % of capital expenditure	Land Sale Income (Actual)
	£M	%	£M
2005/06	6.8	57	0
2006/07	4.3	48	0
2007/08	1.6	43	0
2008/09	0.8	42	0
2009/10	0.4	22	0
2010/11	2.0	16	. 0
2011/12	0.5	19	0
2012/13*	1.0	14	17.45
2013/14	0.9	11	0
2014/15	0.3	10	0
2015/16	0.5	14	0
2016/17	0.4	10	0
2017/18	0.4	6	0.08
2018/19**	0.4	12	1.14
2019/20**	0.0	0	9.70
Total	20.3		28.37

*The period around 2011 to 2013 was an exceptional period surrounding the development of Olympic assets primarily in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park resulting in the external investment which yielded assets to the Authority worth £120 million through the Authority's own land contributions as well as the sale of land adjacent to these venues. This delivered Lee Valley White Water Centre, Lee Valley VeloPark and Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre.

- The importance of obtaining external funding for the Authority is also reflected in the Authority's Performance Indicators (PIs). The target Members have currently agreed is 50% of external funding when compared to the gross capital expenditure budget. The net impact of the Olympic legacy facilities saw investment of £15 million (by the Authority) to generate assets in excess of £120 million, which are not included in the table above. Currently forward projections for partnership funding against major schemes are not included, although officers are working closely with partners to seek external funding for major projects, for example the Ice Centre.
- The proposed revised capital programme is detailed at Appendix A to this report; the financial provision shown represents the Authority's own capital investment alongside any anticipated grant funding. The total net funding requirements of the revised capital programme proposals are £50.2 million to 31 March 2023.
- 13 Appendix A to this report does not include the potential impact from any new work undertaken through the Park Development Framework (PDF) or works resulting due to contaminated land. Further investment across the themed categories of the PDF and decontamination works may be needed in the longer term and where this

^{**} Estimated values

occurs officers will need to identify resources required through the normal capital programming process.

New major developments e.g. the Ice Centre will require significant funding and Members will need to consider options utilising any existing unapplied capital receipts/new land sales, borrowing, attracting additional third party funding or increasing the levy to secure the resources that projects may require. The programme will also need to include a provision for investment in sites operated under the LSC after 2020 with the aim to generate further improvements, efficiencies, income, footfall and enhance the customer experience at existing venues. As part of the LSC these will be set out as a proposed variant bid agreed with the successful contract and potentially financed through borrowing which the contractor will be required to fund.

- Members have previously agreed that a £1.2 million annual investment would be made from revenue to capital reserves to enable the Capital Programme to be delivered. This currently represents 12.5% of the existing levy (£9.6m). The work of the Land and Property Review/Levy Strategy Working Groups seek to utilise receipts generated from any land disposals to support funding for future capital investment whilst placing less reliance in generating these resources from the tax payer via the levy. The proposed future revenue funding to support the capital programme is £1.2 million with the remaining capital resources generated from land sale receipts.
- 15 The estimated and proposed capital resources available to fund the capital programme proposals are set out in **Table 2** below:

Table 2: Estimated capital resources available to fund the proposed capital programme

	Balance B/F	2018/19 Revised	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Capital Financing							
Unapplied Receipt	(15.2)	(1.1)	(9.7)	(29.6)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(55.6)
Capital Fund	(1.0)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.2)	(2.4)
Major Repairs Fund	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(3.1)
Revenue	0.0	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(2.0)
Total for Year	(16.8)	(2.3)	(10.9)	(30.8)	(1.2)	(1.1)	(63.1)
Net Capital Allocation					(
Balance B/fwd		(16.8)	(16.2)	(21.8)	(26.4)	(12.9)	
Annual Capital Funds	(16.8)	(2.3)	(10.9)	(30.8)	(1.2)	(1.1)	(63.1)
Less: Capital Programme requirements		2.9	5.3	26.2	14.7	1.1	50.2
Balance C/fwd		(19.2)	(21.8)	(26.4)	(12.9)	(12.9)	(12.9)

Table 2 shows that at the end of the five year period to 31 March 2023 capital reserves would be £12.9 million, but, this is subject to all estimated land sales being achieved to the estimated values shown and projects not exceeding their budgetary provision.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

17 There are no environmental implications arising directly from the recommendations in the report. However, the schemes contained in the programme clearly have significant environmental implications. These will be considered as part of the detailed development of each scheme/sale and will feature in the individual reports to Members on each proposal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As part of the budget process over the last couple of years Members have reviewed the annual revenue contribution to capital reducing it from £1.8 million in 2014/15 to £1.2 million. This contribution has a direct impact on the levy (12.5%). The work of the Land & Property Review Working Group has identified potential new capital resources to support the funding of the programme going forward therefore placing less reliance on the levy for capital investment. This is however reliant on achieving the necessary sales within any given year.

HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

19 There are no human resource implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report. The assumptions for future investment and funding rely predominantly on the rationalisation of the Authority's estate to enable re-investment in development and/or improvement in other areas of the Regional Park and therefore to deliver the corporate priorities going forward. Failure to achieve these disposals may mean major investment projects, for example the Ice Centre, are either pared back to match available resources or deferred until new resources become available. Failure to invest in major repairs may also lead to a deterioration of the existing asset base. Land disposals may result in adverse publicity or potential legal challenge where local stakeholders/residents/interest groups do not agree with an Authority decision to dispose of areas of land.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

22 There are no equality implications arising directly from the recommendations in this report.

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PREVIOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS

Proposed Capital Programme 14 December 2017/18 Revised To 2021/22 2017 Executive Committee E/537/17

APPENDIX ATTACHED

Appendix A Capital Development Programme Revised 2018/19 to 2022/23

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

PDF Park Development Framework

PΙ Performance Indicator

the Trust Lee Valley Leisure Trust Ltd (trading as Vibrant Partnerships)

Leisure Services Contract LSC

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		Project Manager	lative to 31/03/2018	Budget 2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Total Scheme
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Land Acquisition & Remediation	Director Corp Ser	Head of Property	2,785	0	2007	450	450	450	4835
Signage	Chief Executive	Head of Comms	546	14	0	0	0	C	560
Park Development Proposals	Director Corp Ser	Head of Planning	189	81	0	0	O	0	270
BAP	Director Corp Ser	Head of Parklands	931	51	50	50	50	50	1 182
IT Infrastructure & Communications	Director of Finance	IT Manager (Trust)	2,636	153	195	150	140	100	3 377
Asset Management	Director Corp Ser	AMPD Manager	9,575	800	1.500	1.500	500	500	14 375
LV Hockey & Tennis Centre Pitch Replacement	Chief Executive	Head of Sport/Leisure	66	269	0	0	0	000	368
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LV Hockey & Tennis Centre Improvements	Chief Executive	Head of Sport/Leisure	823	87	0	0	0	0	010
LV Hockey & Tennis Centre - SE Grant	Chief Executive	Head of Sport/Leisure	(230)	(70)	0	0	C		(300)
Olympic Park Hostile Vehicle Mitigation	Chief Executive	Head of Sport/Leisure	0	0	250	C			250
Landscaping (Eton ManorAllotments Site)	Director Corp Ser	Head of Parklands	423	oc	7	7			2007
Dobbs Weir Campsite Final Phase	Director Finance	AMPD Manager	3,930	300	120	C			016 7
Holyfield Hall Farm - Photovoltaic Cells	Head of Parklands	AMPD Manager	171	1	0	C	O	0 0	4,550
Holyfield Hall Farm - Redevelopment	Director Corp Ser	Head of Parklands	102	0	0	0	0	0 0	100
Bittern Information Point	Director Corp Ser	Volunteers Manager	0	20	550	30	C	0	200
Major Events Infrastructure - LVH&TC	Chief Executive	Head of Sport/Leisure	464	286	0	0	0	0 0	750
Major Events Infrastructure - LVH&TC -Grant	Chief Executive	Head of Sport/Leisure	(315)	(35)	0	C			(350)
Lee Valley Ice Centre Redevelopment	Chief Executive	Head of Sport/Leisure	0	325	1,675	19 000	8 500		20 500
New LSC Contract Investment Variant Bid	Chief Executive	Head of Sport/Leisure	0	0	0	5.000	5,000	0 0	10,000
LVWWC Area 4 Infrastructure	Chief Executive	MD Trust	0	25	325	O	C	0	250
LVWWC Kitchen Refurbishment	Chief Executive	MD Trust	2	415	0	0	C	0	717
LVWWC - T- Bar Refurbishment	Chief Executive	MD Trust	2	106	0	0	C	0 0	100
LVWWC - Swale Bridge	Chief Executive	MD Trust	64	59	0	0	0	0	100
LVWWC - Extend Boundary Fence	Chief Executive	MD Trust	0	150	C	C			24
Stanstead Crane Replacement	Chief Executive	MD Trust	0	130	0	0		0 0	100
Springfield Boats & Trailers	Chief Executive	MD Trust	0	0	C		0		000
Velopark Mountain Bike area	Chief Executive	MD Trust	0	40	C		0		0 0
Coffee Bar	Chief Executive	MD Trust	C	30	C				04
Net Programme			31,053	2.933	5.372	26 187	14 640	7 700	30
Total Capital Expenditure			32,227	3,350	5.372	26 187	14 640	1,100	07 070
Total Capital Income			(1,174)	(417)	0		0,0	9 0	07,070
Net Programme			31 053	2 933	5 372	76 407	74.040		(160,1)

