

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## REPORT TO: COUNCIL

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2014
<b>Report of:</b>	Chief Operating Officer (Section 151 Officer)
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Recommendations from 2014/15 First Quarter Review of Performance Report to Cabinet
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Cllr. Peter Raynes

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 On 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014, Cabinet received a report on the 2014/15 First Quarter Review of Performance (Agenda Item 14). The report set out the Council's financial and non financial performance at the first quarter stage, including the projected capital outturn position and commentary on the delivery of the capital programme.
- 1.2 The report provided details of the strong and improving financial management of the Council's budget. The report also contained a recommendation that Council approve a fully funded supplementary capital estimate over £1m, recognising the receipt of additional grant funding to support the highway investment programme.
- 1.3 This additional funding builds on the strong financial performance of the Council during 2013/14 as independently confirmed by the recent External Audit Report. The Council received an unqualified Value for Money conclusion on its arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources and was praised for managing its finances effectively within its budget.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 In accordance with the Council's Finance Procedure Rules Council is asked to approve a supplementary capital estimate of over £1m, as recommended by Cabinet, and as set out in **Appendix 1**.

### 3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The Council's Finance Procedure Rules provide authority to Council to approve supplementary estimates exceeding £1m.

### 4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

### 5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 All

## **6.0 Policy Implications**

- 6.1 The impact of the changes to the capital programme will be fed into the assumptions underpinning the 2015/18 medium term financial strategy.

## **7.0 Financial Implications (Authorised by the Chief Operating Officer)**

- 7.1 The request for this supplementary capital investment is funded from central government grant, there is therefore no impact on Council borrowing or investments.
- 7.2 Full detail of the Council's 2014/15 First Quarter Review is provided in the Cabinet Report (Agenda item 14, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014).

## **8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Head of Legal Services)**

- 8.1 None.

## **9.0 Risk Management**

- 9.1 Risks associated with the achievement of the 2014/15 budget will be factored into the 2015/16 financial scenario, budget and reserves strategy.

## **10.0 Background**

- 10.1 Grant funding from the Department of Transport has been made available to local authorities to provide for additional Highways Maintenance in 2014/15. The grant funds are specifically to address poor highway condition evidenced by potholes and the impact of severe weather and flooding during the winter of 2013/14 on the highway network.

## **11.0 Access to Information**

- 11.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting:

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