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NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET REPORT

Report Title	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007-08 – APPROVAL OF SCHEMES
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AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC

Cabinet Meeting Date:	1 October 2007
Key Decision:	YES
Listed on Forward Plan:	YES
Within Policy:	YES
Policy Document:	NO
Directorate:	Governance and Improvement
Accountable Cabinet Member:	Malcolm Mildren
Ward(s)	Not Applicable

1 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the report is to request approval for the inclusion of schemes in the Council’s Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme for 2007-08.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the schemes listed at paragraph 3.2.2 be approved for inclusion in the HRA Capital Programme.
- 2.2 That the funding sources for the schemes listed at paragraph 3.2.2, as identified at paragraph 3.2.3, be noted.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

- 3.1.1 The draft HRA Capital Programme for 2007-08 was approved at the Cabinet meeting of 29 January 2006. This approval was subject to the proposed schemes for 2007-08 being assessed in accordance with the normal capital scheme appraisals mechanism, and brought back to a future meeting of the Cabinet for consideration prior to any expenditure commitments being made.
- 3.1.2 The approved draft HRA Capital Programme for 2007-08 was fully funded, using a combination of Major Repairs Allowance and HRA Revenue Contributions.

3.2 Issues

3.2.1 Capital project appraisals for a number of HRA schemes have now been put forward for approval by Cabinet for inclusion in the 2007-08 HRA Capital Programme. These proposals have been submitted on capital project appraisal forms, which are signed off by, amongst others, the relevant Corporate Director, the Section 151 Officer and the appropriate Member with Portfolio. Copies of the capital project appraisals are on request.

3.2.2 The proposed schemes are set out in the following table:

Scheme	2007-08 £000
Ad Hoc Heating Replacement	740
Cooper Street Heating Replacement	1,000
Asbestos Survey and Removal	150
Disabled Adaptations	100
Door and Ad Hoc Window Replacement	522
HHSRS Heating Replacement	700
Insulation	150
Lifts Refurbishment	330
Re-roofing	1,000
Residuals	30
Structural Repairs (Including Barn Roofs)	180
Capital Voids	1,500
Damp Proof and Infestation Programme	50
Capital Responsive Repairs and Replacements	500
Kitchen Replacement (Backlog)	500
Door Entry Replacement	100
Total	7,552

3.2.3 The total value of the schemes is £7.552m. These will be funded from the Council's Major Repairs Allowance for 2007-08, which totals £7.611m

3.2.4 Annex A compares the schedule of schemes for which approval is now requested with the draft programme approved at the Cabinet meeting of 29 January 2007. It also identifies the remaining schemes that are still to be submitted to Cabinet for approval for inclusion in the 2007-08 HRA Capital Programme in the coming months. These will be funded, for the most part, from HRA revenue contributions.

3.3 Choices (options)

3.3.1 Cabinet are asked to approve the inclusion of the schemes listed at paragraph 3.2.2 above in the Council's 2007-08 HRA Capital Programme.

4. Implications (including Financial Implications)

4.1 Policy

4.1.1 All the proposed capital schemes are within existing policy.

4.2 Resources and Risk

4.2.1 Capital resources are available to fund all the proposed capital schemes.

4.2.2 The Cooper Street Heating Replacement scheme is expected to generate HRA revenue savings of around £30k per annum. These savings will be built into the Council's Medium Term Plan (MTP).

4.2.2 Financial and non-financial risks are related to the capital projects are addressed in the capital project appraisals.

4.2.3 There are no specific risk implications arising from this report

4.3 Legal

4.3.1 The statutory duties related to the capital projects are addressed in the capital project appraisals.

4.3.2 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

4.4 Equality

4.4.1 Equalities implications related to the capital projects are addressed in the capital project appraisals.

4.4.2 There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report.

4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)

4.5.1 The Capital Project Appraisals have been put together by the Project Manager, in consultation with:

- The Budget Manager
- The relevant Finance Manager
- The relevant Corporate Director (or the Chief Executive)
- The appropriate Member with Portfolio,
- The Section 151 Officer.

4.5.2 Specific consultations with stakeholders are described within the capital project appraisals.

4.6 How Proposals deliver Priority Outcomes

4.6.1 The extent to which the project meets the Council's objectives and priorities is described within the capital project appraisals.

4.6.2 The use of capital project appraisals to determine and agree capital schemes in accordance with the objectives and priorities of the authority contributes to improving the CPA Use of Resources score. This, in turn, contributes to the priorities of:

- Continuing to improve our weakest services, and
- Continuing to strengthen our financial management.

4.6 Other Implications

4.6.1 There are no other specific implications arising from this report.

5. Background Papers

5.1 Cabinet Report – 29 January 2007 – Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme 2006-07 Onwards

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