

The Strategic Investment Group decided to invite bids in line with previously agreed block allocations from services. The Strategic Investment Group has reviewed 10 bids over a number of meetings.

Each bid was submitted with approval of the relevant Head of Service. The proposed allocations are detailed in Appendix 1 and in summary are as follows:

- It is proposed to allocate £1.2m in support of Private Sector Housing Assistance. Of this, £226k will be provisional subject to confirmation of Welsh Government additional general capital grant. The funding will be used in the main on the provision of Disabled Facilities Grants.
- An allocation of £220k is recommended for Minor Adaptations, Community Equipment and Telecare. Of this, £98k will be provisional subject to confirmation of Welsh Government additional general capital grant. This funding is targeted at enabling the elderly and disabled to remain in their own homes.
- It is proposed to allocate £100k to the Agricultural Estate to support the rationalisation of the estate and address Health & Safety issues including Asbestos surveys and removal. Of this, £59k will be provisional, subject to confirmation of Welsh Government additional general capital grant (£9k) and future disposal of assets (£50k).
- Both the school and non-school capital maintenance bids include provision for essential maintenance such as Asbestos Removal, Fire Risk Assessment Work, Equalities etc. It is recommended that £3.164m be allocated to Schools Capital Maintenance Works. Of this, £890k will be provisional, subject to confirmation of Welsh Government additional general capital grant. It is also proposed to allocate £1.345m to non-schools capital maintenance work. Of this, £208k will be provisional subject to confirmation of Welsh Government additional general capital grant (£188k) and future disposal of assets (£20k). It is further recommended that the appropriate Heads of Service determine the precise allocations to works required, in order of priority. The full allocations proposed (with the additional grant funding assumed) meet the highest priority works identified across the schools and non-schools estate.
- Council on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 will be requested to approve £100k for Highways as part of the 2019/20 Corporate Plan allocation. This will allow £1.750m of capital expenditure.
- In addition to this, it is proposed to allocate £710k block allocation for structural and other repairs including highway maintenance, street lighting and bridges. Of this, £166k will be provisional, subject to confirmation of Welsh Government additional general capital grant. Also included within this recommendation is a

further £325k for repairs to bridge structures. Of this, £43k will be provisional, subject to confirmation of Welsh Government additional general capital grant. This is third year of a proposed ten year Highways Structure Backlog Project.

- An allocation of £186k is recommended to carry out road safety improvements. Of this, £60k will be provisional, subject to confirmation of Welsh Government additional general capital grant.
- The Strategic Investment Group considered a proposal for the continuation of a six year programme of replacement of all the street lighting lanterns within Denbighshire with new LED lanterns. The programme commenced in 2015/16 and will cost £1.5m in total, providing significant savings on energy costs and on-going maintenance costs. The scheme is funded through the Government Salix funding initiative which provides interest free loans for energy efficient projects and will be repaid using the savings generated. Applications for Salix funding are required on an annual basis, and the strategic Investment Group recommends the submission of an application to take out a Salix loan for year five costs of up to £220k repayable over 6 years.
- The Strategic Investment Group recommends maintaining the allocation set aside for any contingencies at £0.5m, in line with 2018/19.
- Cabinet on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 approved the acceptance of a grant offer from the Welsh Government to acquire the former Savoy Hotel and Queens Market, Hotel and Theatre in Rhyl. The acquisitions and subsequent demolition works are 100% externally funded. However, due to the timing of the grant awards, it is recommended £900k is set aside until such time as the external funding is confirmed.