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**Corporate Resources – Council Fund Capital Programme**

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<p><b>1.0</b></p> <p><b><u>School Modernisation</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the £5.268m in Appendix 2 in addition to the £3.635m in the Table in 6.01 of the Report?</li> <li>• Who decides which schools are in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme?</li> </ul> <p><b>2.0</b></p> <p><b><u>School Repair &amp; Maintenance</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is still a large backlog of repairs and the 2014/15 allocation is down to £1.700m. If deterioration in our school buildings continues at more than this level, we are not even addressing the backlog.</li> </ul> <p><b>3.0</b></p> <p><b><u>Highways</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the £0.085k in Gronant?</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No, the £3.635m makes up part of the £5.268m.</li> <li>• Tranche 1 schemes in Holywell, Connah's Quay and Queensferry have already been agreed by WG and by Council (December 2011). Details of Tranche 2 schemes are currently being worked on by officers.</li> <li>• The maintenance backlog is reducing by more than the annual allocation from the core programme.</li> <li>• This is part of ongoing contractual negotiations and is therefore commercially sensitive, details will be provided outside of the meeting.</li> </ul>

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4.0	<p><b><u>Local Government Borrowing Initiative (LGBI)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relating to paras 6.08 and 6.09 of the report, is it correct that we are borrowing on WG’s behalf?</li> <li>• Is the LGBI revenue support for principal and interest repayments or interest only?</li> <li>• If the revenue support is in the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) and that reduces in future years, does the support reduce also? Could it not be ringfenced as it is a known commitment?</li> <li>• Will the Leader of the Council take this up with WG for future settlements?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WG are providing the revenue support to enable the Council to borrow on their behalf. This revenue support is in the RSG for the period of the borrowing (20 years in the case of highways).</li> <li>• The response to this will be part of a more comprehensive response to a similar query raised recently at County Council. A copy of the response will be sent to all Members.</li> <li>• RSG is unhypothecated and no ringfencing of amounts within the settlement takes place, though that does not mean that the Council cannot ringfence these funds when setting the annual revenue budget. WGA is call for more hypothecation in the future.</li> <li>• Research since the Scrutiny meeting has identified that the amount for LGBI is shown specifically in the make up of the RSG amount, although the total sum remains unhypothecated.</li> </ul>

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5.0	<p><b><u>General</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shortfall</b> - What is the explanation for the projected shortfall of £0.762m?</li> <li>• <b>Capital Programme</b> – There are a number of schemes where the stated location is ‘various’. Why is this?</li> <li>• Are there already programmes drawn up for those items marked as ‘various’?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This shortfall is the estimated under-funding of committed capital schemes as at the year end as a result of capital receipts being lower than estimated in prior years. This shortfall has first call on the resources for 2024/15.</li> <li>• Many of the allocations in the Core Programme are not site or area specific but are there to address issues as they arise in year e.g. DDA works.</li> <li>• Programmes are developed based on identified needs and priorities once the funding has been approved by Council.</li> </ul>