



Title of Report:	Loan Application Approvals
Committee Report Submitted To:	Corporate, Policy and Resources
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2019
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Governance
Outcome	Budget Management
Lead Officer	Chief Finance Officer

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£329,989
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	Capital
Code	MRP
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.1 Background

Department for Communities regulation requires that Council approve any loan application prior to drawdown of that loan from Government Accounts Branch or other source of finance. Council has set an affordable borrowing limit by way of the prudential indicators approved in conjunction with the striking of the rate, these loans are within that limit and therefore the loans can be sought.

1.2 Loan Timings

Whilst the approval is being sought from Council at this stage to source the loans as detailed below officers are not intending to action these immediately rather given the recent increase in bank base interest rate the approval is sought meaning officers are in a position to react to any further market changes as and when these occur. All loans will be secured at the best possible rate and that rate be fixed for the duration of the loan.

1.3 Detail

Council has instigated a number of projects and approval is now required to allow officers to put in place loan finance for the purposes listed below together with the amount of loan finance required and the term:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Net Cost to Council</i>	<i>Proposed New Loan</i>	<i>MRP - Annual Impact</i>
Kilrea Sports Centre Car Park Upgrade	10	42,475.01	42,000	4,200
ICT Phase 3 - 2017/18, including Intangibles	3	197,193.17	197,000	65,667
Solar PV Phase 2	10	186,802.41	187,000	18,700
Coleraine Marina Gangway/Pontoons	10	174,060.09	174,000	17,400
Festive Lighting	5	233,260.93	233,000	46,600
Citroen Berlingo x 3	5	29,650.00	30,000	6,000
Ford Transit x 5	5	74,000.00	74,000	14,800
Dennis Olympus Refuse Collection Vehicle x 4	7	567,694.98	568,000	81,143
KB Tractor	7	36,137.39	36,000	5,143
Nifty Trailer/Cherry Picker	7	25,825.00	26,000	3,714
Low Level Access Platform Portstewart Strand	10	31,707.30	32,000	3,200
Portandhu Harbour Redevelopment	25	76,081.47	76,000	3,040
Portrush Town Hall Refurbishment	25	190,355.90	190,000	7,600
Berne Road Café Conversion from Toilets	25	52,653.45	53,000	2,120
Play Area, The Crescent, Portstewart	10	130,136.04	130,000	13,000
Play Area, Main Street, Feeny	10	78,573.96	79,000	7,900
Brown Bin Garden & Food Waste	10	670,987.78	671,000	67,100
Cushendall Caravan Park Upgrade	10	182,925.15	183,000	18,300
Car Parks - Phase 1 Upgrades	13	235,043.51	235,000	18,077
Carrick Dhu - Minor Works	10	22,822.11	23,000	2,300
Dungiven Sports Centre NEW Loan2	30	121,960.56	122,000	4,067
Drumeen Drive Play Area, Garvagh	10	57,146.00	57,000	5,700
Dunluce Avenue Car Park Upgrade, Portrush	13	178,848.16	179,000	13,769
Railway Place Car Park Upgrade, Coleraine	13	13,095.91	13,000	1,000
Juniper Hill Caravan park - Minor Works	10	16,957.00	17,000	1,700
Land Purchases Drumaduff Landfill Site Phase 1	30	153,095.28	153,000	5,100
Portballintrae Harbour Upgrade	25	791,986.34	792,000	31,680
Dunluce Avenue Toilet Block Portrush	25	250,094.44	250,000	10,000
Total Application	14.6	4,821,569.34	4,822,000	329,989
			Rates Impact %	0.75

1.4 Previous Loans

Council last approved loans in November 2017 and this list therefore does not equate to a particular period or year's capital activity, in addition there are other ongoing projects which will require financing in due course as Council progresses its capital programme. Each of these loans has been included in the estimates in terms of Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) and interest therefore the cost of financing these loans has already been provided for.

In accordance with prudential indicators Council remains within its authorised limit of £80m if these loans were to be secured in their entirety.

1.5 Recommendation

It is recommended that Corporate, Policy and Resource Committee recommend to Council approval for the Chief Finance Officer to drawdown the loans as detailed in the table at 1.3 as and when required.