

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

Agenda Item No

meeting date: 19 JULY 2011
 title: CAPITAL MONITORING 2011/12
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform members of the progress with the capital programme for the first quarter of this financial year.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The original schemes put forward for the Council's five-year capital programme exceeded the finance that was available. As a result a capital programme was approved for 2011/12, with the remaining schemes for the 2012/16 period being set aside.

2.2 In line with recommendations at Budget Working Group and also at Policy and Finance Committee on 8 February, a Capital Working Group is to be set up to agree a programme for the years 2012/13 to 2015/16 which is affordable and achievable and ties in with the outcomes of service reviews, which are currently underway.

3 SCHEMES

3.1 Within the approved capital programme for 2011/12 there are 4 schemes for this Committee which total £270,000. These are shown in the table below and also individual appraisal forms for all schemes are attached at Annex 1. The forms give a summary of expenditure to the end of June and comments of the responsible officer regarding progress to date for each scheme.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE - Capital Programme 2011/12				
Cost Centre	Scheme Title	Approved Budget 2011/12 £	Actual expenditure £	Variation £
PLAYM	Improvements to childrens play areas	20,000	667	19,333
PITCH	Football pitch drainage and improvement works	10,000	78	9,922
CARPK	Car parks rolling programme	40,000	91	39,909
RVFXV	Replace refuse vehicle VX04 FXV	200,000	0	200,000
Total for Community Committee		270,000	856	269,144

3.2 In addition to these schemes there is considerable slippage for this committee (7 schemes totalling £38,290) which is considered as a separate report elsewhere on this agenda. If approved these schemes will be incorporated into this committee current programme and further monitoring reports will be brought to you in the future.

3.3 The Capital Working Group will consider all future schemes and also critically evaluate any slippage where schemes have not got underway for whatever reason.

4 CONCLUSION

4.1 Only a small amount of progress has been made so far with this committee's capital programme.

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CM7-11/NS/AC
8 July 2011



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Capital Scheme Appraisal Form. Scheme: 1

1 Capital Scheme Title

Improvements to Children's Play Areas

(submitted by: John Heap)

2 Brief Description of the Scheme

The primary purpose of this budget is to fund the routine maintenance of the existing children's play areas to be used on new and replacement play equipment and associated works in parks and open spaces

3 Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	Approved budget £	Actual expenditure £	Variation £
Scheme Cost	20,000	667	19,333

4 Start date and duration of the project including key milestones

Rolling programme of improvement works for 2011/12. This is part of ongoing maintenance and improvement works.

5 Useful economic life

6 years

6 Government recommendations or guidelines to undertake this scheme (including any legislative Health and Safety requirements etc) and what would be the consequence of not doing the scheme

None

7 Link to the Council's Ambitions

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area

8 Improving efficiency or value for money

Parks and play areas are seen by the public as a key area of the council's services as evidenced by results of the Citizen Panel Surveys

9 Consultation that has taken place with local people, partners, or any other stakeholders

Consultation takes place with groups and interested parties in relation to most pieces of work undertaken

10 Minimise the Impact on the Environment
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<i>Scheme will improve the environment</i>
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11 Risk Assessment – Please detail any risks that you envisage and how they would be mitigated

Political: Other priorities may mean money spent on other projects
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Economic: Funding may reduce

Sociological: Likely to be greater demand for good quality well maintained recreational facilities
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Technological: Improved equipment will no doubt emerge over time
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Legal: If maintenance is not done there is likely to be increased legal action against the council
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Environmental: Money will be spent on improving the environment

12 Comments of responsible officer

Work continues on a planned and reactive programme.



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Capital Scheme Appraisal Form. Scheme: 2

1 Capital Scheme Title

Football pitches drainage and improvement works

(submitted by: John Heap)

2 Brief Description of the Scheme

The previous capital improvement works programme was suspended 4 years ago and not reinstated.

3 Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	Approved budget £	Actual expenditure £	Variation £
Scheme Cost	10,000	78	9,922

4 Please indicate the start date and duration of the project including key milestones.

May 2011 for a period of 3 months.

5 Useful economic life

Ten years

6 Government recommendations or guidelines to undertake this scheme (including any legislative Health and Safety requirements etc) and what would be the consequence of not doing the scheme

If work of this nature is not done the quality of the sports facilities will deteriorate over time.

7 Link to the Council's Ambitions

To make peoples lives safer and healthier.

8 Improving efficiency or value for money

Those customers paying to use the facilities will have better quality facilities to play on, find them better value for money, which will sustain income streams.

9 Consultation that has taken place with local people, partners, or any other stakeholders.

The local football club has expressed its concerns regarding the condition of the pitches and the need to carry out drainage and surface improvement works.

10 Minimising the Impact on the Environment

Not applicable.

11 Risk Assessment – Please detail any risks that you envisage and how they would be mitigated

Political: None.

Economic: None.

Sociological: Greater emphasis may be placed on playing sports and healthy lifestyles.

Technological: New technologies may be developed over time.

Legal: None.

Environmental: None.

12 Comments of responsible officer

Officers are exploring external funding sources to match fund the allocation in the capital programme that will increase the amount of work carried out. Work on other strategic documents is required however to be eligible under the funding programme.



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Capital Scheme Appraisal Form. Scheme: 3

1 Capital Scheme Title

Car parks rolling programme 2011/12
(submitted by: John Heap)

2 Brief Description of the Scheme

To continue to improve the Councils off-street car parks so as to ensure the sites are safe, clean and fit for purpose

3 Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	Approved budget £	Actual expenditure £	Variation £
Scheme Cost	40,000	91	39,909

4 Start date and duration of the project including key milestones

This is part of a rolling programme of work which will start in 2011/12

5 Useful economic life

Fifteen years.

6 Government recommendations or guidelines to undertake this scheme (including any legislative Health and Safety requirements etc) and what would be the consequence of not doing the scheme

There are recommended standards of design for car parks and they must be made safe for those who use them.

7 Link to the Council's Ambitions

To make peoples lives safer and healthier.

8 Improving efficiency or value for money

Not applicable.

9 Consultation that has taken place with local people, partners, or any other stakeholders

None at this stage.

10 Minimising the Impact on the Environment

Work will improve the local environment.

11 Risk Assessment – Please detail any risks that you envisage and how they would be mitigated

Political: Car parking supports the concept of vibrant towns and villages.

Economic: An increase in the use of public transport may mean a decline in the use of car parks.

Sociological: None.

Technological: None.

Legal: None.

Environmental: Greater pressure to reduce car usage may have an impact on car parking charges

12 Comments of responsible officer

The original agreement with the land owner for a lease to facilitate the continued use of area of the Dunsop Bridge car park is no longer valid. New negotiations are ongoing. No work can commence until the new lease is confirmed.



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Capital Scheme Appraisal Form. Scheme: 4

1 Capital Scheme Title

Replace Refuse Collection Vehicle

(submitted by John Heap:)

2 Brief Description of the Scheme

To replace refuse collection and recycling vehicle.

3 Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	Approved budget £	Actual expenditure £	Variation £
Scheme Cost	200,000	0	200,000

4 Start date and duration of the project including key milestones

Order in April 2011 for delivery six months later.

5 Useful economic life

The replacement vehicle should have a life expectancy of seven years.

6 Government recommendations or guidelines to undertake this scheme (including any legislative Health and Safety requirements etc) and consequence of not doing the scheme

Failure to replace the vehicle would increase the possibility of failing to provide the service due to breakdowns.

7 Link to the Council's Ambitions

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area.

8 Improving efficiency or value for money

The replacement would help continue to provide an efficient and effective refuse collection and recycling service.

9 Consultation that has taken place with local people, partners, or any other stakeholders

None.

10 Minimising the Impact on the Environment
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New vehicles will be more environmentally friendly as engine performance improves over time and emissions are reduced.
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11 Risk Assessment – Please detail any risks that you envisage and how they would be mitigated

Political: Greater emphasis may be placed on the need to recycle

Economic: Prices of materials recycled will vary on the global market
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Sociological: Increased desire from the public for recycling

Technological: Vehicle technology will change over time.

Legal: May be legislative change which affects the service.
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Environmental: Increased emphasis likely to be placed on recycling over time.
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12 Comments of responsible officer

The type, size and capabilities of the required replacement vehicle are clearly defined. Various options however on the build configuration which affect the “cost / risk” ratio are being closely considered. An appropriate order will be placed in the near future.
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