

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISION
REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 8

meeting date: 17 JANUARY 2013
 title: PROPOSED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/16
 submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To approve the proposed future three-year capital programme (2013/14-2015/16) for this committee.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 This report will review the draft programme of schemes to be carried out in the following three years (2013/14 to 2015/16) based on the bids that have been received from Heads of Service.

2.2 Schemes were previously requested at this time last year for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years. However, no bids have previously been requested for the 2015/16 financial year. No schemes have previously been submitted or approved for this committee for the 2013/16 period.

2.3 In the same manner as last financial year, all Heads of Service were asked to submit capital bids, bearing in mind the limited financial resources that are available to finance the capital programme. Heads of Service were asked to put forward schemes that were the absolute basic requirement to keep the council's services running.

3 DRAFT PROGRAMME 2013/14 TO 2015/16

3.1 Heads of Service were asked to review the current programme and submit any new scheme bids for consideration. Annex 1 shows the scheme bids for this Committee in detail and how each particular scheme links to the Council's ambitions.

3.2 It should be noted that at this stage these are only potential bids that will also require further consideration by the Budget Working Group and by Policy and Finance Committee who will want to make sure that it is affordable, both in capital and revenue terms.

3.3 Members should therefore consider the forward programme as attached and put forward any amendments you may wish to make at this stage.

3.4 A summary of the proposed three-year programme for Planning and Development Committee, based on the bids received, is shown below:

Schemes	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	TOTAL £
New Bid – MVM Software		16,000		16,000
New Bid – Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Consultancy Work		100,000		100,000
Total of all Bids	0	116,000	0	116,000

3.5 None of the bids submitted for this committee are supported by external funding. The level of the council's capital resources available to fund these bids is currently low.

3.7 It must also be noted that the bids shown here represent only those that have been submitted with regard to this committee's services. Other committees will be receiving similar reports, and all bids will finally be considered alongside each other by the Budget Working Group and Policy and Finance Committee in relation to the limited internal funding available.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – The proposals as submitted in the bid forms would require a substantial level of funding from council resources of £116,000.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – None
- Political – None
- Reputation – Sound financial planning for known capital commitments safeguards the reputation of the council
- Equality and Diversity – Equality and Diversity issues are examined as part of the capital bid appraisal process.

5 CONCLUSION

5.1 Bids were initially invited for the 2015/16 financial year, however bids have been submitted for the 2014/15 financial years for this committee. None of the schemes submitted have any associated external funding. The Council's existing capital resources to fund such schemes are currently low.

6 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

6.1 Consider the future three-year programme for 2013/14 to 2015/16 as shown at paragraph 3.4 and agree any amendments you wish to make.

6.2 Recommend to Policy and Finance Committee a future three-year capital programme for this committee's services.

HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

PD4-13/LO/AC
2 January 2013

For further background information please ask for Lawson Oddie extension 4541.

BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

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BID 1: *MVM Software*

Service Area: Planning Services

Head of Service: John Macholc

Brief Description:

Purchase of computer software to enable importation of NLPG data to the Planning system and the installation of the module.

Overriding aim/ambition that the scheme meets:

To be a well-managed council

Government or other imperatives to the undertaking of this scheme:

None

Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:

Enable the planning administration system in relation to planning applications to be more efficient with the creation of an up to date address data base.

Consultation:

None

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

Commencement would be on purchase of software and project for implementation dependent on IT support staff.

Financial Implications – CAPITAL:

Breakdown	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £
Software and Installation	-	16,000	-
Total	-	16,000	-

Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:

Breakdown	£
Maintenance Costs	875

Useful economic life:

No comment made.

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Additional supporting information:

No comment made.

Impact on the environment:

None

Risk:

- **Political:** *None.*
- **Economic:** *None.*
- **Sociological:** *None*
- **Technological:** *None*
- **Legal:** *None.*
- **Environmental:** *None.*

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BID 2: Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Consultancy Work

Service Area: Planning Services

Head of Service: John Macholc

Brief Description:

Production of document and report for Community Infrastructure Levy evidence base to support the Council in the adoption of a CIL.

Overriding aim/ambition that the scheme meets:

To sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley

Government or other imperatives to the undertaking of this scheme:

The failure to produce a CIL by April 2014 would make it more difficult to obtain planning contributions for a range of services and ultimately lead to substandard infrastructure provisions throughout the borough.

Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:

The eventual adoption of a CIL would make the system more transparent for developers and e a more efficient way of achieving financial contributions and assist in the determination of decisions on planning applications due to the less likely need for detailed 106 Agreements.

Consultation:

None

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

No comment made.

Financial Implications – CAPITAL:

Breakdown	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £
Fees (External	-	100,000	-
Net impact to the Council	-	100,000	-

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Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:

Breakdown	£
Existing Service – no change	-

Useful economic life:

No comment made.

Additional supporting information:

No comment made.

Impact on the environment:

Not applicable.

Risk:

- **Political:** *Political pressures exists in that there is now often an argument that inadequate infrastructure exists to support new development and so the creation of a levy would be subject to strict scrutiny.*
- **Economic:** *The economic situation has led to developers challenging the requests for financial contributions and any scheme would be challenged and would need to be robustly tested through any EIP. Any levy would also need to be applied and modified to reflect a changing economic situation.*
- **Sociological:** *None.*
- **Technological:** *None.*
- **Legal:** *Any changes in legislation including boundary alterations could impact on the need for CIL.*
- **Environmental:** *None*