

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISION
REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 6

meeting date: 24 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.

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 which 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. Annex 2 shows a summary table of the financial impact for each financial year.

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 three-year programme for Health and Housing Committee is shown below:

Schemes	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	TOTAL £
Previously Approved	195,000	195,000	0	390,000
New Bids	56,000	11,000	310,000	377,000
Total of all Bids	251,000	206,000	310,000	767,000

- 3.5 The Disabled Facilities Grants scheme is part funded from grant received from the government. There is also external funding indicated (subject to confirmation) for the Clitheroe Townscape scheme bid.

Funding	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	TOTAL £
Total of all Bids	251,000	206,000	310,000	767,000
External Funding or Revenue Contributions Due	-109,000	-109,000	-176,000	-394,000
Balance to be Internally Funded	142,000	97,000	134,000	373,000

- 3.6 The level of the council's capital resources available to fund those bids that are not supported by external funding 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 £373,000.
- 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 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years for this committee. Only the Disabled Facilities Scheme bid and the Clitheroe Townscape bid have associated external funding. The Council's existing capital resources to fund schemes are currently low.

6 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 6.1 Consider the future three-year programme for 2013/14 to 2015/16 as attached 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

HH4-13/LO/AC
14 January 2013

**Health and Housing Committee
New Capital Bid Submissions**

BID 1: Replacement of Pest Control Vehicle P007 WPB

Service Area: Dog Warden

Head of Service: James Russell

Brief Description:

Replace existing dog warden vehicle on a 5 year rolling programme (current vehicle purchased April 2007).

Overriding aim/ambition that the scheme meets:

To make people's lives safer and healthier.

Government or other imperatives to the undertaking of this scheme:

Not applicable.

Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:

Improved fuel efficiency and reduced emissions.

Consultation:

Not applicable.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

April 2014.

Financial Implications – CAPITAL:

Breakdown	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £
Equipment/Materials	-	11,000	-

Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:

Breakdown	£
Existing Service – no change	-

Useful economic life:

5 years

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Additional supporting information:

Estimate is for replacement of existing vehicle with similar.

Impact on the environment:

Purchase of most cost efficient and environmentally friendly vehicle available within budget.

Risk:

- **Political:** *No comment made.*
- **Economic:** *No comment made.*
- **Sociological:** *No comment made.*
- **Technological:** *No comment made.*
- **Legal:** *No comment made.*
- **Environmental:** *No comment made.*

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BID 2: Replacement of Pest Control Vehicle PE56 EFB

Service Area: Pest Control Services

Head of Service: James Russell

Brief Description:

Replace existing pest control vehicle on a 5 year rolling programme (current vehicle purchased September 2006).

Overriding aim/ambition that the scheme meets:

To help make people's lives safer and healthier.

Government or other imperatives to the undertaking of this scheme:

Not applicable.

Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:

Improved fuel consumption and reduced emissions.

Consultation:

Not applicable.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

April 2013.

Financial Implications – CAPITAL:

Breakdown	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £
Equipment/Materials	11,000	-	-

Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:

Breakdown	£
Existing Service – no change	-

Useful economic life:

5 years.

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- **Sociological:** *No comment made.*
- **Technological:** *No comment made.*
- **Legal:** *No comment made.*
- **Environmental:** *No comment made.*

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BID 3: Clitheroe Townscape Scheme

Service Area: Regeneration Services

Head of Service: Colin Hirst & Terry Longden

Brief Description:

The bid is a council contribution to support the uplift of the Clitheroe Townscape, to include elements of the frontage of the buildings, the highway, and features of the public realm. This would be a multi-agency approach involving LCC as Highways Authority and RVBC as a co-ordinating body, with the potential to seek third party funding from the Heritage Lottery Funding and other external partners.

Overriding aim/ambition that the scheme meets:

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

Government or other imperatives to the undertaking of this scheme:

The council has an obligation under its conservation duties to keep under review and prepare schemes to enhance its conservation areas. This project will help deliver that duty. The scheme also serves to deliver key strands of the council's adopted Masterplan for Clitheroe.

Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:

This scheme will enable the delivery of key outcomes for both service areas. It will act as part of the funding package drawing in targeted support from other agencies and acting as pump priming and potential match for other funding proposals to maximise the benefit of the Council's investment.

Consultation:

The masterplan was developed with widespread public participation. Discussions with the LCC team responsible for Clitheroe have been undertaken. The scheme has been developed across council service areas. There will be ongoing opportunities to pursue other external sources of funding to either enhance or reduce the council's capital contribution.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

Programme defined by October 2014.

Anticipated design work: April 2015.

Anticipated start on site: May 2015

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Financial Implications – CAPITAL:

Breakdown	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £
Contractors	-	-	100,000
Equipment/Materials	-	-	10,000
Internal Staff Salaries	-	-	5,000
Total Capital Costs	0	0	115,000
Sources of Funding			
LCC (<i>subject to confirmation</i>)	-	-	-60,000
Regeneration Service (<i>contribution from revenue budget</i>)	-	-	-5,000
Engineering Service (<i>contribution from revenue budget</i>)	-	-	-1,000
Leisure Service (<i>contribution from revenue budget</i>)	-	-	-1,000
Total External Funding	-	-	-67,000
NET COST TO THE COUNCIL	-	-	48,000

Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:

Breakdown	£
Existing Service – no change	-

Useful economic life:

Not applicable

Additional supporting information:

The project is consistent with the LCC environment directorate commissioning plan for Ribble Valley. There will be on-going liaison with LCC over capital investment and amount of LCC funding together with other external sources of funding may change. This will be kept under review.

Impact on the environment:

The scheme is an environmental enhancement scheme. Contractors would be required to ensure sustainable methods of construction and sources of materials.

Risk:

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- **Political:** *The scheme would support the Council's corporate ambitions and priorities.*
- **Economic:** *The scheme would support the attractiveness of Clitheroe as a tourist destination and enhance the commercial attractiveness of the centre providing growth opportunities for local businesses.*
- **Sociological:** *People appreciate nice surroundings.*
- **Technological:** *Opportunities to utilise new technology in delivering the contracts.*
- **Legal:** *The scheme will support the Council's statutory duties.*
- **Environmental:** *The scheme will deliver environmental enhancements.*

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BID 4: Purchase and Repair Scheme

Service Area: Regeneration Services

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

Brief Description:

Support a registered provider to purchase and repair 3 properties in Longridge. The properties would be rented at an affordable rent and the Council will have nomination rights.

Overriding aim/ambition that the scheme meets:

To match the supply of homes in our area with the identified housing need.

Government or other imperatives to the undertaking of this scheme:

No comment made.

Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:

Addressing the affordable housing need.

Consultation:

No comment made.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

April 2013 to March 2014

Financial Implications – CAPITAL:

Breakdown	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £
Grant	45,000	-	-

Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:

Breakdown	£
Existing Service – no change	-

Useful economic life:

No comment made.

Additional supporting information:

The scheme has proved to be successful. Three properties were purchased in 2012/13.

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Impact on the environment:

All of the properties have had their energy efficiency rating approved.

Risk:

- **Political:** *Creates affordable rented accommodation.*
- **Economic:** *Assists in maintaining a balanced housing market.*
- **Sociological:** *No comment made.*
- **Technological:** *No comment made.*
- **Legal:** *No comment made.*
- **Environmental:** *No comment made.*

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BID 5: Disabled Facilities Grants

Service Area: Regeneration Services

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

Brief Description:

Mandatory grants provided to adapt homes to enable disabled occupants to remain in their own home. The maximum grant is £30,000. All grants are provided on receipt of a recommendation from an Occupational Therapist.

Overriding aim/ambition that the scheme meets:

To match the supply of homes in our area with the identified housing need.

Government or other imperatives to the undertaking of this scheme:

Mandatory requirement to assist.

Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:

Ensures occupants can stay at home and enjoy a higher quality of life.

Consultation:

Regular meetings with Occupational Therapy.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

April 2015 to March 2016.

Financial Implications – CAPITAL:

Breakdown	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £
Grant	-	-	120,000
Total Capital Costs	0	0	120,000
Sources of Funding			
DCLG (Based on current levels)	-	-	-109,000
Total External Funding	-	-	-109,000
NET COST TO THE COUNCIL	-	-	11,000

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Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:

Breakdown	£
Existing Service – no change	-

Useful economic life:

Not applicable

Additional supporting information:

No comment made.

Impact on the environment:

Any equipment that can be recycled is stored and reused.

Risk:

- **Political:** *Meeting housing need is a priority for the Council.*
- **Economic:** *No comment made.*
- **Sociological:** *No comment made.*
- **Technological:** *No comment made.*
- **Legal:** *No comment made.*
- **Environmental:** *No comment made.*

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BID 6: Landlord Tenant Grants

Service Area: Regeneration Services

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

Brief Description:

Investment in private rented properties to provide affordable rented property for households in housing need.

Overriding aim/ambition that the scheme meets:

To match the supply of homes in our area with the identified housing need.

Government or other imperatives to the undertaking of this scheme:

All private rented property must meet the HHSKS standard. Not providing the scheme would mean households would spend longer in temporary accommodation.

Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:

Increases housing options for households.

Consultation:

Landlords are consulted and invited to the Housing Forum.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

April 2015 to March 2016.

Financial Implications – CAPITAL:

Breakdown	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £
Grant	-	-	75,000

Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:

Breakdown	£
Existing Service – no change	-

Useful economic life:

Not applicable

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Additional supporting information:

The scheme provides vital additional affordable properties to rent.

Impact on the environment:

No comment made.

Risk:

- **Political:** *Affordable housing and addressing housing need is a key priority for the Council.*
- **Economic:** *Repossession and eviction rates are increasing.*
- **Sociological:** *No comment made.*
- **Technological:** *No comment made.*
- **Legal:** *No comment made.*
- **Environmental:** *No comment made.*

Health and Housing Committee
Financial Impact of the Proposed Three-Year Capital Programme

Scheme Title	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	TOTAL £
Previously Approved Bids				
Disabled Facilities Grants	120,000	120,000		240,000
Landlord/Tenant Grants	75,000	75,000		150,000
Subtotal of Previously Approved Bids	195,000	195,000	0	390,000
New Bids Received (As at Annex 1)				
Replacement of Pest Control Vehicle PO07 WPB		11,000		11,000
Replacement of Pest Control Vehicle PE56 EFB	11,000			11,000
Clitheroe Townscape Scheme			115,000	115,000
Purchase and Repair Scheme	45,000			45,000
Disabled Facilities Grants			120,000	120,000
Landlord/Tenant Grants			75,000	75,000
Subtotal of New Bids Received (As at Annex 1)	56,000	11,000	310,000	377,000
TOTAL of Bids	251,000	206,000	310,000	767,000
Confirmed External Funding or Revenue Contributions Due	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	TOTAL £
Diabled Facilities Grants - DCLG	-109,000	-109,000	-109,000	-327,000
Townscape scheme - Lancashire County Council			-60,000	-60,000
Townscape scheme - Revenue Contribution - Regeneration, Engineering, Leisure			-7,000	-7,000
TOTAL External Funding or Revenue Contributions Due	-109,000	-109,000	-176,000	-394,000
Balance to be Internally Funded	142,000	97,000	134,000	373,000