

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No

meeting date: 29 AUGUST 2013  
 title: CAPITAL MONITORING 2013/14  
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### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Committee with information relating to the progress of the approved capital programme for this year. Slippage from the previous year is also reported.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – none identified
- Corporate Priorities - to continue to be a well-managed Council, providing efficient services based on identified customer need.
- Other Considerations – none identified.

### 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Members approved the proposals for the new capital programme for submission to Policy and Finance Committee as part of the budget setting process at its meeting in January. The programme was set against a background of limited capital resources and contracting revenue budgets.

2.2 In total 5 new schemes were approved by Policy and Finance Committee and Full Council, together with budget on 2 schemes carried over from the previous year. This made a total planned capital spend for this Committee for the current year of £441,620, which is shown at Annex 1.

2.3 In addition, not all planned expenditure for last year was spent. The balance of this, which is known as slippage, has been transferred to this financial year. The schemes affected are also shown within Annex 1 and total £38,630. There has also been a further addition to the Disabled Facilities Grant scheme of £4,717 due to our final allocation of funding from central government being higher than that used when setting the budget. There has also been an increase to the Cemetery Infrastructure scheme of £33,540 following approval at a meeting of the Emergency Committee on 23 April 2013, where increased scheme costs were discussed.

### 3 SCHEMES

3.1 The table below shows a summary of the total approved programme together with actual expenditure to date. Annex 1 shows the full programme by scheme along with the budget and expenditure to date.

BUDGET				EXPENDITURE		
Original Estimate 2013/14 £	Budget moved from 2012/13 £	Slippage from 2012/13 £	Additional Approvals 2012/13 £	Total Approved Budget £	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end July 2013 £	Variance as at end July 2013 £
240,000	201,620	38,630	38,257	518,507	223,638	-294,869

3.2 To date just over 43% of the annual capital programme for this Committee has been spent or committed. This is largely due to the commitments made on the cemetery scheme.

3.3 The main variations to date are:

- DISCP – Disabled Facilities Grants. In total £105,000 has been committed from the budget in approved adaptations. Further recommendations for two large paediatric adaptations have been received and therefore it is anticipated that the majority of the budget will be committed at the end of the financial year.
- LANGR – Landlord/Tenant Grants. The budget is fully committed and it is anticipated that all but one renovation will be complete by the end of the financial year.
- REPPF – Repossession Prevention Fund. There are a number of repossession cases that we are currently assisting with which are likely to result in payments from the fund.

#### 4 CONCLUSION

4.1 The total of actual expenditure and commitments up to the end of July for this committee is over £223,500. This is largely due to the commitments made for the infrastructure work at the Clitheroe Cemetery.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

## Health and Housing Committee – Capital Programme 2013/14

Cost Centre	Schemes	Original Estimate 2013/14 £	Budget moved from 2012/13 £	Slippage from 2012/13 £	Additional Approvals £	Total Approved Budget £	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end July 2013 £	Variance as at end July 2013 £
CMEXT	Clitheroe Cemetery Installation of Infrastructure		84,000	1,470	33,540	119,010	121,358	2,348
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants	109,000	84,330	-6,400	4,717	191,647	22,871	-168,776
LANGR	Landlord/Tenant Grants	75,000		40,690		115,690	18,710	-96,980
LPREP	Purchase and Repair Scheme	45,000				45,000	45,000	0
PEFBC	Replacement of Pest Control Vehicle PE56 EFB	11,000				11,000	11,436	436
REPPF	Repossession Prevention Fund		33,290	2,870		36,160	4,263	-31,897
	<b>Total Health and Housing Committee</b>	<b>240,000</b>	<b>201,620</b>	<b>38,630</b>	<b>38,257</b>	<b>518,507</b>	<b>223,638</b>	<b>-294,869</b>

## Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

### CMEXT Clitheroe Cemetery – Installation of Infrastructure

Service Area: Environmental Health  
Head of Service: James Russell

#### Brief Description:

Provision of initial infrastructure to Clitheroe Cemetery extension

#### Start Date, duration and key milestones:

As we obtained the land in 2010/11 it is necessary to commence structural work relatively quickly to enable the ground to recover and planting schemes to be put in place ready for when the current cemetery runs out of space.

#### Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end July 2013 £	Variance to end July 2013 £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	119,010	121,358	2,348
Actual Expenditure 2012/13	4,532		
Actual Expenditure 2011/12	948		
Actual Expenditure 2010/11	75,914		
Actual Expenditure 2009/10	5,810		
<b>ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST</b>	<b>206,214</b>		

#### Financial Implications - REVENUE

Unknown at present

#### Useful Economic Life

In excess of 60 years. The purchase of this land will ensure the long term security and provision of this service to Ribble Valley residents.

#### Progress - Budget Holder Comments

*July 2013: Included within the actual expenditure figure is a commitment of £10,685 for contingencies. To date the infrastructure has been completed within budget without use of the contingency element. It is therefore anticipated that completion of the scheme will be within approved budget.*

*Detailed discussions are now required with grounds maintenance as to developing a suitable finish and a site maintenance scheme along with associated costs for inclusion in the future revenue budget.*

*April 2013: Emergency committee agreed extra resources of £33,540 towards the scheme due to increased costs*

*January 2013: £86,000 of the £90,000 budget moved to the 2013/14 budget as the scheme is not likely to take place until then*

*September 2012: The situation is still the same as at June 2012.*

*June 2012: For this financial year the plans are to finalise the design of the project and prepare a detailed specification for the work to be carried out. There will also be the requirement to divert public footpaths this financial year. The*

*installation of necessary infrastructure works is to be scheduled for implementation during the spring/summer of 2013. A substantial part of the scheme cost will slip to next year.*

**October 2011:** *There has been no further progress in relation to the CPO since the July report. The landowner has six years to make an application for compensation after which the option lapses.*

**July 2011:** *The balance of this budget is to be held in Reserves for potential CPO purposes. English Heritage have withdrawn their objection to the Council's planning application.*

**August 2010:** *Final requisitions are with the vendors solicitors. Completion is expected September 2010.*

**March 2010:** *Legal section have written to the solicitor acting for the landowner asking for draft documents and evidence of title.*

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## DISCP Disabled Facilities Grants

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Service Area: Regeneration and Housing

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

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### Brief Description:

The scheme provides mandatory grant aid to adapt homes so that elderly and disabled occupants can remain in their home. The maximum grant is £30,000 and for adults is means tested. The grants can provide for minor adaptation for example the installation of a stair lift up to the provision of bathroom and bedroom extension.

### Start Date, duration and key milestones:

The disabled facilities grant budget operates on a financial year basis starting in April each year and concluding in March.

### Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end July 2013 £	Variance to end July 2013 £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	191,647	22,871	-168,776
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	191,647		

### Financial Implications - REVENUE

None given

### Useful Economic Life

Not applicable.

### Progress - Budget Holder Comments

*July 2013: In total £105,000 has been committed from the budget for approved adaptations. We have received further recommendations for two large paediatric adaptations and therefore it is likely that close to the total budget will be committed at the end of the year.*

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## LANGR Landlord/Tenant Grants

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Service Area: Regeneration and Housing

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

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### Brief Description:

To offer grant aid for the renovation of private sector properties with the condition that the units are affordable on completion and the Council has nomination rights. The scheme has operated successfully for over 10 years. The scheme is essential to provide affordable accommodation for move on from temporary accommodation.

### Start Date, duration and key milestones:

The grants run in line with the financial year starting in April to March. From approval of the grant the work must be completed within twelve months.

### Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end July 2013 £	Variance to end July 2013 £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	115,690	18,710	-96,980
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	115,690		

### Financial Implications - REVENUE

None

### Useful Economic Life

Not applicable.

### Progress - Budget Holder Comments

*July 2013: The budget is fully committed and renovation works have begun on all but one approved property. They are therefore scheduled to finish by the end of the financial year. Demand for this scheme has increased this year and a waiting list is beginning to develop.*

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## LPREP Purchase and Repair Scheme

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Service Area: Regeneration and Housing

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

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### 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

### Start Date, duration and key milestones:

April 2013 to March 2014

### Financial Implications - CAPITAL

	£	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end July 2013 £	Variance to end July 2013 £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	45,000	45,000	0
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	45,000		

### Financial Implications - REVENUE

None

### Useful Economic Life

No comment given

### Progress - Budget Holder Comments

*July 2013: Properties purchased, renovated and occupied. All land charges have been registered for each property and the total capital budget of £45,000 has been transferred to Adactus Housing Association.*



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## PEFBC Replacement of Pest Control Vehicle PE56 EFB

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Service Area: Environmental Health Services

Head of Service: James Russell

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### Brief Description:

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

### Start Date, duration and key milestones:

April 2013

### Financial Implications - CAPITAL

	£	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end July 2013 £	Variance to end July 2013 £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	11,000	11,436	436
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	11,000		

### Financial Implications - REVENUE

None

### Useful Economic Life

5 years

### Progress - Budget Holder Comments

*July 2013: Completed and fully operational.*

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## REPPF Repossession Prevention Fund

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Service Area: Regeneration and Housing

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

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**Brief Description:** Financial assistance through small loans to assist with mortgage/rent arrears in order to prevent repossession and allow the household to remain in their own home

**Start Date, duration and key milestones:**

The budget is available throughout the year and is used subject to demand

**Financial Implications – CAPITAL**

	£	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end July 2013 £	Variance to end July 2013 £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	36,160	4,263	-31,897
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	36,160		

**Financial Implications - REVENUE**

None identified.

**Useful Economic Life**

Not applicable

**Progress - Budget Holder Comments**

*July 2013: We are assisting a number of repossession cases which are likely to result in assistance from the fund. There is likely to be two further payments made in the next quarter.*

*January 2013: £33,290 of the 2012/13 budget was moved to the 2013/14 financial year as it is unlikely to be utilised within the year*

*September 2012: The scheme is used to prevent homelessness. A press release was made 8 November to publicise the scheme; however, there are currently no applications for the fund. However we give advice to between five and eight households a week and this is a tool considered when appropriate circumstances are presented.*

*June 2012: An application for repossession prevention has been awarded and there is one further application to fund preventing eviction, which if approved will total £6,000.*

*October 2011: As July report.*

*July 2011: This was a government funded initiative. However, take up has been less than anticipated with this budget slipped forward over the last few years.*

*August 2010: A number of households have been identified as being eligible to access the scheme. Use of the scheme is as a last resort when all other options have been exhausted.*