

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

Agenda Item No 12(a)

meeting date: 10 SEPTEMBER 2013  
 title: CAPITAL MONITORING 2013/14  
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide members with information relating to the progress of the approved capital programme for the period April to July 2013 with regards schemes which fall under the responsibility of this committee.

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 There are two schemes in place for this committee, both of which were approved as part of the 2012/13 capital programme and have slipped into the current financial year. This has resulted in a total planned capital spend for this committee for the current year of £105,570, which is shown below.

## 3 SCHEMES

3.1 The table below summarises 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 £	Slippage from 2012/13 £	Total Approved Budget £	Actual Expenditure as at end July 2013 (including commitments) £	Variance as at end July 2013 £
0	105,570	<b>105,570</b>	10	-105,560

3.2 As can be seen, there has been minimal spend on the capital schemes to date.

3.3 The main variations to date are shown below. However, full monitoring details for each scheme are shown at Annex 2:

- **SVNET – Server and Network infrastructure:** the majority of work required to upgrade the servers has been completed. Work is now to be undertaken on the replacement of switches, for which preparatory work has been undertaken over recent months. Further spend on the project will therefore soon follow.
- **ECDVI – Economic Development Initiatives:** an area of land has been identified and measures are being taken to secure the land for industrial development.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 There has been minimal spend on the projects to date, however there has been much work undertaken on the schemes which has not necessarily incurred costs.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

PF39-13/AJ/AC  
29 August 2013

For further background information please ask for Amy Johnson extension 4498.

BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

## Policy and Finance Committee – Capital Programme 2013/14

Cost Centre	Schemes	Original Estimate 2013/14 £	Slippage from 2012/13 £	Additional Approvals £	Total Approved Budget £	Actual Expenditure (including commitments) £	Variation to Date £
ECDVI	Economic Development Initiatives	0	100,000	0	100,000	0	-100,000
SVNET	Server and Network Infrastructure	0	5,570	0	5,570	10	-5,560
	<b>Total Policy and Finance Committee</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105,570</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>105,570</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-105,560</b>

## Policy and Finance Committee Individual Scheme Details

### ECDVI Economic Development Initiatives

Service Area: Regeneration  
Head of Service: Colin Hirst

#### Brief Description:

The project is to establish a general source of pump-priming and pre-investment funding to support the delivery of the Council's economic priorities. The bid particularly seeks to support our high growth sectors in the provision of land and premises or tourism infrastructure where applicable. The Council needs to be able to develop and respond to initiatives that will support delivery of business growth. In order to develop schemes, funding needs to be available to undertake works in areas such as valuation and feasibility assessments, due –diligence, initial planning and design work.

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

The project will be implemented from April 2012. Key milestones will depend upon the individual projects developed.

#### Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual Expenditure as at end July 2013 (including commitments) £	Variance as at end July 2013 £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	100,000	0	-100,000
Actual Expenditure 2012/13	0		
<b>ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST</b>	<b>100,000</b>		

#### Financial Implications – REVENUE

Unspecified – general revenue costs would be anticipated to be contained within existing budgets.

#### Useful Economic Life

Dependent upon the nature of the project

#### Progress - Budget Holder Comments

*July 2013: An area of land has been identified and measures are being taken to secure the land for industrial development.*

*March 2013: The Council is continuing pursuing the acquisition of land for employment purposes.*

*September 2012: No further progress since June 2012.*

*June 2012: Initial discussions have been held with relevant landowners. The District Valuer has been instructed to prepare valuation advice on potential sites. This advice has been received and is being given further consideration. The Asset Management Group has considered site options. An options report will be prepared once options are determined. Expenditure will be required on feasibility reports once an option is agreed and on pre –acquisition and due diligence processes.*

## Policy and Finance Committee Individual Scheme Details

### SVNET Server and Network Infrastructure

Service Area: Financial Services (ICT)  
Head of Service: Lawson Oddie

**Brief Description:**

To consolidate and replace the Council's ageing servers and network switches. At the time of replacement, greener, more efficient and up to date technology will be taken full advantage of.

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

Start Date: April 2012  
Original Anticipated Completion Date: December 2012  
Latest Anticipated completion Date: December 2013

**Financial Implications – CAPITAL**

	£	Actual Expenditure as at end July 2013 (including commitments) £	Variance as at end July 2013 £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	5,570	10	-5,560
Actual Expenditure 2012/13	19,430		
<b>ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST</b>	<b>25,000</b>		

**Financial Implications – REVENUE**

There will be some energy savings, however it is difficult to quantify with any accuracy.

**Useful Economic Life**

5 to 7 years.

**Progress - Budget Holder Comments**

*July 2013: The majority of work required to upgrade the servers has been completed. Work is now to be undertaken on the replacement of switches, for which preparatory work has been undertaken over recent months. Further spend on the project will therefore soon follow.*

*March 2013: Project part implemented. Committed to expenditure of remaining budget to complete project.*

*September 2012: It is anticipated that the scheme will be complete by December 2012.*

*June 2012: The specification has been sent out for the Host Server and we are currently awaiting return of supplier quotes. The VM Ware quotes have now been received and are currently being reviewed prior to ordering.*