

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

Agenda Item No 8

meeting date: 12 MARCH 2014
 title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform members of the new schemes which have been approved for inclusion in the capital programme for this committee for the forthcoming financial year (2014/15).

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As members will be aware, this committee agreed a proposed capital programme for 2014/17 at its meeting on 14 January this year. As it stood at that time the capital programme was unaffordable. The proposals have since been reviewed by Budget Working Group and CMT to arrive at an affordable programme for 2014/15.
- 2.2 Following recommendation by a special meeting of Policy and Finance Committee on 11 February, Full Council will consider the five year capital programme for 2014/17 on 4 March 2014. Any changes will be reported to your meeting.
- 2.3 The recommended capital programme for the three year period 2014/17 totals £1,933,060 for all committees. The total for this committee is £741,000 over the three year life of the capital programme, £110,000 of which relates to the 2014/15 financial year.

3 SCHEMES APPROVED FOR 2014/15

- 3.1 For this committee there are 3 schemes that have been approved for the 2014/15 financial year, totalling £110,000. Shown below is a list of the schemes that make up this total.

	Approved Budget for 2014/15 £
<u>Engineering Services</u>	
Castle Field Toilets - Refurbishment Scheme	33,000
<u>Grounds Maintenance</u>	
Play Area Improvements	30,000
<u>Sports Development</u>	
Installation of 3G Artificial Pitch to replace the 3 x Tennis Court Existing Artificial Surface	47,000
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	110,000

- 3.2 Detailed information on the 3 new schemes shown above is provided at Annex 1.

- 3.3 The budget for the 'Play Area Improvements' scheme was originally approved at £40,000 as part of the 2013/16 Capital Programme (Full Council, 5 March 2013), however it has been agreed to reduce this budget to £30,000 (for 2014/15 only) to help fund the refurbishment of the Castle Field toilets.
- 3.4 A bid for external funding of £25,000 towards the 'Installation of 3G Artificial Pitch to replace the 3 x Tennis Court Existing Artificial Surface' scheme has been made to Sports England through the Inspired Facilities Programme. Final go ahead for this scheme is dependent upon this bid being successful. Notification of the outcome of this bid is anticipated early to mid March and an update will be given at your meeting.
- 3.5 During the closure of our capital accounts there will inevitably be some slippage on schemes in the current year (2013/14). One of the tasks of the Budget Working Group/Capital Working Group will be to review all requests for slippage on capital schemes within the 2013/14 capital programme. A report will be brought to this committee at a future meeting giving details of any slippage.
- 3.6 Responsible officers will complete and update capital monitoring sheets for each scheme, which will be reported quarterly to members to give an indication of progress.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 This committee has a capital programme for next year of £110,000, consisting of three schemes.
- 4.2 Final go ahead for the 'Installation of 3G Artificial Pitch to replace the 3 x Tennis Court Existing Artificial Surface' scheme is dependent upon a bid for external funding being successful.
- 4.3 In addition there may be slippage on schemes in the 2013/14 capital programme.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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27 February 2014

Castle Field Toilets – Refurbishment Scheme

Service Area: Engineering Services

Head of Service: Terry Longden

Brief Description:

The facilities are in a very poor condition and require investment to bring them up to a modern standard. The main observations from a recent inspection were as follows:

1. It was noted that vandalism including arson has been attempted in recent years. The worktops adjacent to the wash hand basin exhibit scorch marks where lighters have been used.
2. Poor lighting results in a dim environment that creates a feeling of insecurity in users
3. The flushing mechanisms are hard to use, particularly for children. This contributes to an unpleasant environment.
4. The lack of baby change facilities is not ideal, given the proximity of the children's play area.

The proposal is as follows:

Carry out repairs to external items and strip out and refurbish the castle field toilets including the doors, cubicles, partitions, taps, wash hand basins, new mirrors, lighting, toilets, urinals, associated pipe work, install baby change facilities, new flooring and re-tile walls.

Overriding aim/ambition that the scheme meets:

To be a well managed council

To help make people's lives safer and healthier

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

Government or other imperatives to the undertaking of this scheme:

CDM Regulations may be applicable.

Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974

Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:

The improvement of these facilities will result in an improved perception of the service offered from visitors and residents.

Consultation:

A recent footfall monitoring exercise established that these facilities are used an average of 300 times per day.

The refurbishment would provide the opportunity to install energy efficient lighting and reduce water usage with lower flow rated taps and toilets.

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Start date, duration and key milestones:

January 2015: Produce drawings and specifications
 May 2015: Tender and undertake programme of works
 August 2015: Completion and start of snagging list

Financial Implications – CAPITAL:

Breakdown	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	2016/17 £
Contractors	30,000	-	-
Internal Staff Salaries	3,000	-	-
TOTAL	33,000	-	-

Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:

Breakdown	£
Existing Service – no change	-

Useful economic life:

The expected useful economic life would be 20 – 25 years.

Additional supporting information:

N/A

Impact on the environment:

We will specify automatic sensors on the hand wash basins and toilets. We will specify low energy light fittings. We will specify components with a high recycled material content. We will ask the contractors to sort and recycle any waste materials.

Risk:

- Political: N/A
- Economic: N/A
- Sociological: N/A
- Technological: N/A
- Legal: *The council is coming under increasing pressure to reduce the operational impact of its properties, specifically in terms of the carbon emissions.*

Play Area Improvements

Service Area: Play Areas

Head of Service: Mark Beveridge

Brief Description:

Provide a fund for maintaining and improving the Council's seventeen play areas.

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:

The scheme will address emerging health and safety concerns over the condition of equipment within play areas.

Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:

The scheme is vital to maintaining and improving current standards. In some instances equipment can be repaired, extending its life and therefore reducing expensive replacement costs.

Consultation:

The scheme is as a result of an independent assessment of current play areas and an increase in the number of complaints relating to the removal and non-replacement of equipment and the general appearance/condition of facilities.

Start date, duration and key milestones:

April of each financial year

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Financial Implications – CAPITAL:

Breakdown	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	2016/17 £
Contractors	10,000	-	-
Equipment and Materials	20,000	-	-
Internal Staff Salaries	10,000	-	-
TOTAL	40,000	-	-
Less reduction in scheme cost to help fund the refurbishment of the Castle Field toilets (2014/15 only)	-10,000		
REVISED TOTAL	30,000		

Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:

Breakdown	£
Existing Service – no change	-

Useful economic life:

The life expectancy varies, depending on the type of equipment purchased. Location and intensity of use is also a factor.

Additional supporting information:

The bid assumes there will be no external funding to support it at this time. However, there may be Section 106 contributions from housing developments to reduce the overall net impact of the scheme in future years.

Impact on the environment:

No comments made.

Risk:

- **Political:** *Deterioration in the standard of facilities will have a detrimental effect on the reputation of the Council.*
- **Economic:** *None*
- **Sociological:** *None*
- **Technological:** *None*
- **Legal:** *None*
- **Environmental:** *None*

Installation of 3G Artificial Pitch Surface to replace the 3 x Tennis Court Existing Artificial Surface

Service Area: Cultural and Leisure Services

Head of Service: Mark Beveridge

Brief Description:

The artificial surface at Edisford is divided into 3 playing areas, and the largest of these was purposefully designed for Tennis (3 x court provision) and the artificial carpet pile and surface is conducive to Tennis essentially, though due to the decline of demand for Tennis the area is now mainly utilised for Football.

This scheme will replace the artificial pitch carpet, which has been in place for 11 years with a new 3G surface specific for Football participation. There are currently no other pitch surfaces of its kind available to the general public in Ribble Valley and evidence points to its income generating potential for Football Training and junior matches.

Overriding aim/ambition that the scheme meets:

To be a well managed council.

To help make people's lives safer and healthier

Government or other imperatives to the undertaking of this scheme:

No.

Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:

It would greatly improve the customer playing experience as the surface is widely acclaimed to be as good as real grass in playing Football. The preference of Footballers is 3G to ordinary artificial carpet and it is anticipated that the cost of hire would increase to reflect the improved experience.

Consultation:

Consultation has taken place with the Football Teams utilising the facility and the demand is strongly evidenced. The Indoor Tennis Centre operators are also aware of the fall in Tennis usage and the intention to re-designate this space for Football.

Start date, duration and key milestones:

This is dependent upon the success of the application for funding to Sport England. If successful then it would be necessary for the scheme to be complete during 2014/15 with the work ideally being undertaken in the summer months.

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New Schemes Approved for the 2014/15 Capital Programme

Financial Implications – CAPITAL:

Breakdown	2014/15 £	2015/16 £	2016/17 £
Contractors	47,000	-	-
TOTAL	47,000	-	-
Sources of External Funding			
Sport England Grant <i>(notification of outcome of bid anticipated early-mid March 2014)</i>	-25,000	-	-
NET COST TO THE COUNCIL	22,000	-	-

Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:

Breakdown	£
Premises Related Costs (maintenance)	1,000
Estimated Additional Income	-6,500
Total Estimated <u>Annual</u> SAVING	-5,500
Estimated Lifespan	15 years
Net Total Estimated <u>Lifetime</u> SAVING	-82,500

Useful economic life:

Approximately 15 years with the appropriate level of maintenance and support to help preserve the surface.

Additional supporting information:

This scheme includes the submission of an application to Sport England for a funding contribution from the Inspired Facilities Programme. The closing date for applications was 16th December 2013 and notification of the outcome of our bid is expected early to mid March 2014. Approval of this scheme is dependant upon this bid being successful.

Impact on the environment:

No comment made.

Risk:

- **Political:** *None identified.*
- **Economic:** *None identified.*
- **Sociological:** *None identified.*
- **Technological:** *A contractor to be determined with a proved record for 3G facility installation.*
- **Legal:** *No comment made.*
- **Environmental:** *No comment made.*