

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

Agenda Item No 10

meeting date: 4 SEPTEMBER 2014  
 title: CAPITAL MONITORING 2014/15  
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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 3 new schemes were approved by Policy and Finance Committee and Full Council, together with budget on 3 schemes carried over from the previous year. This made a total planned capital spend for this Committee for the current year of £262,560, 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 £34,680. This includes negative slippage due to an overspend on the Disabled Facilities Grants scheme in 2013/14, following part of that scheme previously having been moved from 2013/14 into 2014/15.

### 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 2014/15 £	Budget moved from 2013/14 £	Slippage from 2013/14 £	Additional Approvals 2014/15 £	Total Approved Budget 2014/15 £	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end July 2014 £	Variance as at end July 2014 £
205,540	57,020	34,680	0	297,240	101,150	-196,090

3.2 To date just over 34% of the annual capital programme for this Committee has been spent or committed.

3.3 The main variations to date are:

- DISCP – Disabled Facilities Grants. In total £67,420 has been committed from the budget in approved adaptations. Further applications have been received which could lead to between 6-8 further schemes being approved.
- LANGR – Landlord/Tenant Grants. There are currently no further approved schemes being undertaken. However, 2 further applications have been received, which subject to review could lead to a further £20,000 of grant being committed.
- REPPF – Repossession Prevention Fund. There are currently no applications for the fund, and the payment made to date this year has since been repaid. However, we give advice to between five and eight households a week and this is a tool considered when appropriate circumstances are presented.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The majority of the capital programme for this committee is grant related. Expenditure is driven by the applications that are received for this funding and currently there are a low level of applications for a number of the grants that we have available. This is likely to change as the year progresses.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

## Health and Housing Committee – Capital Programme 2014/15

Cost Centre	Schemes	Original Estimate 2014/15 £	Budget moved from 2013/14 £	Slippage from 2013/14 £	Total Approved Budget 2014/15 £	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end July 2014 £	Variance as at end July 2014 £
CMEXT	Clitheroe Cemetery Extension			4,970	4,970	4,189	-781
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants	119,540	10,000	-11,340	118,200	67,420	-50,780
LANGR	Landlord & Tennant Grants	75,000	20,000	40,270	135,270	17,717	-117,553
PWPBC	Replace Pest Control Vehicle PO07 WPB	11,000			11,000	10,889	-111
REPPF	Repossession Prevention Fund		27,020	780	27,800	935	-26,865
	<b>Total Health and Housing Committee</b>	<b>205,540</b>	<b>57,020</b>	<b>34,680</b>	<b>297,240</b>	<b>101,150</b>	<b>-196,090</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 2014/15	4,970	4,189	-781
Actual Expenditure 2013/14	114,036		
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>206,210</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 2014: Only outstanding issue is the installation of initial grave 'beam' for headstones*

*October 2013: A contractor has been employed to rotovate and level the ground, following which the area will be seeded early next spring. This will complete the scheme.*

*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 2014 £	Variance to end July 2014 £
Total Approved Budget 2014/15	118,200	67,420	-50,780
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	118,200		

### Financial Implications - REVENUE

None given

### Useful Economic Life

Not applicable.

### Progress - Budget Holder Comments

*July 2014: Further applications have been received and have yet to be reviewed. This could lead to a further 6 – 8 applications being approved, depending on the outcome of the review of the applications.*

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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 2014 £	Variance to end July 2014 £
Total Approved Budget 2014/15	135,270	17,717	-117,553
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	135,270		

### Financial Implications - REVENUE

None

### Useful Economic Life

Not applicable.

### Progress - Budget Holder Comments

*July 2014: There are no more approved applications currently underway. However, two applications have been received which, subject to review, could lead to the approval of a further £20,000 of grant.*

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## PWPBC Replacement of Pest Control Vehicle PO07 WPB

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Service Area: Environmental Health Services

Head of Service: James Russell

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### Brief Description:

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

### Start Date, duration and key milestones:

April 2014

### Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end July 2014 £	Variance to end July 2014 £
Total Approved Budget 2014/15	11,000	10,889	-111
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	11,000		

### Financial Implications - REVENUE

None

### Useful Economic Life

5 years

### Progress - Budget Holder Comments

*July 2014: Currently waiting for delivery of the vehicle, which is anticipated to be September 2014.*



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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 2014 £	Variance to end July 2014 £
Total Approved Budget 2014/15	27,800	935	-26,865
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	27,800		

**Financial Implications - REVENUE**

None identified.

**Useful Economic Life**

Not applicable

**Progress - Budget Holder Comments**

*July 2014: There are currently no applications for the fund, and the payment made above has also since been repaid. However, we give advice to between five and eight households a week and this is a tool considered when appropriate circumstances are presented.*