

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

Agenda Item No 19

meeting date: 28 OCTOBER 2014
title: OVERALL CAPITAL MONITORING 2014/15
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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 September 2014.

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 All committees considered proposals for the new capital programme at their meetings in January 2014. The programme was set against a background of limited capital resources and reducing revenue budgets.

2.2 In total 6 new schemes were approved for the 2014/15 financial year, along with budgets for 3 schemes that were moved from 2013/14 at the revised estimate time. This made a total planned capital spend for the current year of £372,560, 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 into this financial year. The schemes affected are also shown at Annex 1 and total £162,820.

2.4 The total of all these elements makes a current approved capital programme for the 2014/15 financial year of £535,380.

3 SCHEMES

3.1 The table overleaf summarises the total approved programme by Committee, together with actual expenditure to date. Annex 1 shows the full programme by scheme along with the budget and expenditure to date. There is no capital programme for the Planning and Development Committee.

BUDGET					EXPENDITURE	
Committee	Original Estimate 2014/15 £	Budget moved from 2013/14 £	Slippage from 2013/14 £	Total Approved Budget as at end of September 2014 £	Actual Expenditure as at end of September 2014 (including commitments) £	Variance as at end of September 2014 £
Community Services	110,000	0	11,710	121,710	45,194	-76,516
Policy and Finance	0	0	116,430	116,430	0	-116,430
Health and Housing	205,540	57,020	34,680	297,240	258,872	-38,368
Total	315,540	57,020	162,820	535,380	304,066	-231,314

3.2 As at the end of September 2014, 57% of the annual capital programme has been spent or committed. There are variations on several schemes. The main variations to date are as follows:

- DISCP – Disabled Facilities Grants (£53,683):** An increase in Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) recommendations received and approved has meant that the original budget is not sufficient to fund the latest 2014/15 estimated costs. The estimated overspend for 2014/15 on grants approved to the end of September is £53,683. A report has been submitted to Health and Housing Committee on 23 October seeking support for the transfer of £63,270 from the Landlord/Tenant Grant Scheme budget to the DFG budget. If this is supported, approval will be sought from Policy and Finance Committee.

The transfer would cover the estimated overspend of £53,683 and make £9,587 available for further DFGs in 2014/15. This transfer will not cover the cost of grant recommendations received to date, but not already approved, or any further recommendations that may be received in 2014/15. The Council would need to operate a waiting list for any such recommendations received.

- LANGR – Landlord/Tenant Grants (-£63,270):** Five Landlord/Tenant Grants have been approved in 2014/15. These schemes will all be completed in 2014/15. We have also made a final payment on a grant approved in 2013/14. The work in total for these programmed grants will come to a maximum of £72,000 and will deliver six affordable units. If the above request to transfer budget from this scheme to the Disabled Facility Grant scheme is approved, there would be no further budget left to provide landlord tenant grants. A waiting list would need to be operated for any further requests received in-year.
- ECDVI – Economic Development Initiatives (-£100,000):** The Council continues to seek land for potential economic development. Expenditure has been drawn from revenue budgets to fund pre-investment works.
- TGAPS – Installation of 3G Artificial Pitch (-£47,000):** The scheme will not start until external funding is confirmed. The updated September 2014 application for Sport England funding was unsuccessful. Officers will now make an updated bid in November 2014.

- **REPPF – Repossession Prevention Fund (-£27,800):** There is one household we are currently working with that may be eligible for the fund to prevent homelessness. The fund is a useful resource in the prevention of homelessness. It is a tool considered only when appropriate circumstances are presented and is funded from specific resources provided by the government a number of years ago.
- **PLAYO – Play Area Improvements (-£17,017):** A number of planned items of work will be carried out in autumn and winter. The budget also covers reactive repairs and therefore some budget will be kept unallocated until March to ensure any unforeseen work can be rectified. The planned work relates to some recent insurance condition surveys and work council staff have identified.
- **PSNCO – Public Sector Network Compliance (-£16,430):** Work has begun on internal IT pre-requisite work to support the project, which has added complications to the progression of this scheme. When this work is completed, the full project will be initiated from mid-November 2014, with an estimated completion date of March 2015. Completion will be required before our next PSN inspection.
- **PLAYN – Play Area Improvements (Slippage from 2013/14 Scheme) (-£11,710):** The costs for, and scope of work to be completed, have taken longer than expected to be agreed. Work on the Henthorn Park play area is now confirmed and the majority of the work is scheduled to be completed by November 2014.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Expenditure to the end of September 2014 equals 57% of the overall capital programme for 2014/15.
- 4.2 Capital expenditure on Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) and Landlord/Tenant Grants is driven by the applications that are received for this funding. Currently there are a high level of applications and associated costs for DFG grants that require additional funding. Transfer of funds between the Landlord/Tenant Grant Scheme budget and the DFG Scheme budget would cover the additional cost of DFG grants already approved in-year, if supported.

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For further background information please ask for Andrew Cook, extension 4498.

BACKGROUND PAPERS - None

Overall Capital Programme 2014/15

Cost Centre Schemes		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 of September 2014 £	Variation as at end of September 2014 £
Community Committee								
CFTOI	Castlefield Toilet Refurbishment	33,000				33,000	32,211	-789
PLAYN	Play Area Improvements 2013/14			11,710		11,710	0	-11,710
PLAYO	Play Area Improvements 2014/15	30,000				30,000	12,983	-17,017
TGAPS	Installation of 3G Artificial Pitch	47,000				47,000	0	-47,000
	Total Community Committee	110,000	0	11,710	0	121,710	45,194	-76,516
Policy and Finance Committee								
ECDVI	Economic Development Initiatives			100,000		100,000	0	-100,000
PSNCO	Public Sector Network Compliance			16,430		16,430	0	-16,430
	Total Policy and Finance Committee	0	0	116,430	0	116,430	0	-116,430
Health & Housing Committee								
CMEXT	Clitheroe Cemetery Extension			4,970		4,970	4,100	-870
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants	119,540	10,000	-11,340		118,200	171,883	53,683
LANGR	Landlord/Tenant Grants	75,000	20,000	40,270		135,270	72,000	-63,270
PWPBC	Replace Pest Control Vehicle PO07 WPB	11,000				11,000	10,889	-111
REPPF	Repossession Prevention fund		27,020	780		27,800	0	-27,800
	Total Health & Housing Committee	205,540	57,020	34,680	0	297,240	258,872	-38,368
	TOTAL	315,540	57,020	162,820	0	535,380	304,066	-231,314