

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 9

meeting date: 3 SEPTEMBER 2015
title: CAPITAL MONITORING 2015/16
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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 2015/16, as at the end of July 2015. Slippage from 2014/15 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 2015/16 capital programme for submission to Policy and Finance Committee as part of the budget setting process, at its meeting in January 2015. The programme was set against a background of limited capital resources and reducing revenue budgets.

2.2 In total, 2 new Health and Housing Committee schemes were approved by Policy and Finance Committee and Full Council. This made a total planned capital spend for this Committee for the current year of £236,000, which is shown at Annex 1.

2.3 In addition, other changes have been made to the Original Estimate. Firstly, not all planned expenditure for 2014/15 was spent. The balance of this, which is known as slippage, has been transferred to this financial year. This totals £30,147. This is shown at Annex 1.

2.4 Secondly, an additional approval was gained from Policy and Finance Committee in June 2015 to complete the Cemetery Extension Installation of Infrastructure scheme in 2015/16 by installation of the initial headstone foundation beams. The additional budget of £3,600 was funded by additional approval of £2,730, funded from Health and Housing revenue contributions, along with slippage from 2014/15 of £870. This is shown at Annex 1.

2.5 It should also be noted that the final grant allocation for Disabled Facilities Grants was confirmed in April 2015, as £160,895. This was £105 less than the estimated allocation at Original Estimate. This will mean a reduction to the approved budget for Disabled Facilities Grants of £105, when the estimate is revised later in the year.

3 CAPITAL MONITORING 2015/16

3.1 The table below shows a summary of the total approved programme together with actual expenditure and commitments as at the end of July 2015. Annex 1 shows the full programme by scheme along with the budget, expenditure and commitments to date. Annex 2 shows the budget, expenditure and progress made in-year on each scheme.

BUDGET			EXPENDITURE		
Original Estimate 2015/16 £	Slippage from 2014/15 £	Additional Approvals 2015/16 £	Total Approved Budget 2015/16 £	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end of July 2015 £	Variance as at end of July 2015 £
236,000	30,147	2,730	268,877	114,935	-153,942

3.2 As at the end of July 2015, 42.7% 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:** Committed expenditure at the end of July 2015 is £91,581, based on 4 schemes approved in 2014/15 and 8 schemes approved so far in 2015/16. The budget for the year, £172,148, is likely to be fully committed because there are a further 18 applications either being currently considered for approval or on the waiting list. A waiting list is being used because latest estimates suggest that not all these schemes can be funded from the remaining 2015/16 budget.
- **LANGR – Landlord/Tenant Grants:** Committed expenditure at the end of July 2015 is £21,200, based on two schemes that were approved in 2014/15 and are in progress currently. One new application has been received in 2015/16 so far. This is awaiting approval, with the value to be confirmed. There is budget available to support approval of any further applications received in-year.

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. The Disabled Facilities Grants budget is likely to be fully committed for the year, due to the high level of applications received and the cost of these. The Landlord/Tenant Grants budget is not fully committed due to the low level of applications received to date.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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For further information please ask for Andrew Cook.

BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

Health and Housing Committee – Capital Programme 2015/16

Cost Centre	Schemes	Original Estimate 2015/16 £	Slippage from 2014/15 £	Additional Approvals in 2015/16 £	Total Approved Budget 2015/16 £	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end of July 2015 £	Variance as at end of July 2015 £
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants	161,000	11,148	0	172,148	91,581	-80,567
LANGR	Landlord/Tenant Grants	75,000	18,129	0	93,129	21,200	-71,929
CMEXT	Clitheroe Cemetery – Installation of Infrastructure	0	870	2,730	3,600	2,154	-1,446
	Total Health and Housing Committee	236,000	30,147	2,730	268,877	114,935	-153,942

Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

DISCP Disabled Facilities Grants

Service Area: Regeneration and Housing

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

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, ie. April - March each year.

Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end of July 2015 £	Variance as at end July of 2015 £
Original Estimate 2015/16	161,000		
Slippage from 2014/15	11,148		
Total Approved Budget 2015/16	172,148	91,581	-80,567
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	172,148		

Financial Implications - REVENUE

None given.

Useful Economic Life

Not applicable.

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

July/August 2015: Committed expenditure at the end of July 2015 is £91,581, based on 4 schemes approved in 2014/15 and 8 schemes approved so far in 2015/16. There are a further 18 applications either being currently considered for approval or on the waiting list. Not all these schemes can be funded from the remaining 2015/16 budget.

LANGR Landlord/Tenant Grants

Service Area: Regeneration and Housing

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

Brief Description:

The scheme match funds a landlord's investment in a property in return for an affordable rental property. Conditions of the grant are nomination rights and a set rent level in line with LHA. The scheme is crucial for move on accommodation for families in the hostel as the social housing waiting list is so long. The scheme is also used to bring empty properties back into use.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

The grants run in line with the financial year, i.e. April to March.

Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end of July 2015 £	Variance as at end of July 2015 £
Original Estimate 2015/16	75,000		
Slippage from 2014/15	18,129		
Total Approved Budget 2015/16	93,129	21,200	-71,929
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	93,129		

Financial Implications - REVENUE

None.

Useful Economic Life

Not applicable.

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

July 2015: Two schemes that were approved in 2014/15 are in progress as at the end of July 2015. One new application has been received in 2015/16 so far and this is awaiting approval, with the value to be confirmed.

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 of July 2015 £	Variance as at end of July 2015 £
Original Estimate 2015/16	0		
Slippage from 2014/15	870		
Additional Approvals in 2015/16	2,730		
Total Approved Budget 2015/16	3,600	2,154	-1,446
Actual Expenditure 2014/15	4,100		
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		
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	208,940		

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 2015: Additional approval gained from Policy and Finance Committee in June 2015 to complete this scheme in 2015/16 by installation of the initial headstone foundation beams. These beams have now been fitted.

September 2014: The situation is still the same as at July 2014.

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.