

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

Agenda Item No 15

meeting date: 8 SEPTEMBER 2015  
title: OVERALL CAPITAL MONITORING 2015/16  
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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 2015.

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 2015. The programme was set against a background of limited capital resources and reducing revenue budgets. In total, 16 new schemes were approved for the 2015/16 financial year, along with budgets for 2 schemes that were moved from 2014/15 at the revised estimate stage. This made a total planned capital spend for the current year of £1,191,000.

2.2 Not all planned expenditure for 2014/15 was spent. For 3 schemes, the unspent balance in 2014/15 has been transferred into 2015/16 - this is known as slippage. The total of this slippage was £30,147.

2.3 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 budget of £3,600 is made up from an additional approval of £2,730, funded from Health and Housing revenue contributions, along with slippage from 2014/15 of £870.

2.4 The total of all these elements makes a current approved capital programme for the 2015/16 financial year of £1,223,877. This is shown at Annex 1.

## 3 CAPITAL MONITORING 2015/16

3.1 The table overleaf summarises the current approved programme by Committee, together with actual expenditure and variances to the end of July 2015. Annex 1 shows the full programme by scheme, including budget, expenditure and variances to the end of July 2015. There is no capital programme for the Planning and Development Committee.

BUDGET						EXPENDITURE	
Committee	Original Estimate 2015/16 £	Budget moved from 2014/15 £	Slippage from 2014/15 £	Additional Approvals 2015/16 £	Total Approved Budget 2015/16 £	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of July 2015 £	Variance as at end of July 2015 £
Community Services	436,600	47,000	0	0	483,600	60,291	-423,309
Policy and Finance	371,400	100,000	0	0	471,400	2,981	-468,419
Health and Housing	236,000	0	30,147	2,730	268,877	114,935	-153,942
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,044,000</b>	<b>147,000</b>	<b>30,147</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>1,223,877</b>	<b>178,207</b>	<b>1,045,670</b>

3.2 As at the end of July 2015, 14.6% of the annual capital programme has been spent or committed. Since the end of July, orders have been placed for the replacement Refuse Collection Vehicle scheme and the Installation of 3G Artificial Pitch scheme, see below. These commitments plus spend as at the end of July total £435,243, which is 35.6% of the annual capital programme budget.

3.3 The main variations to the end of July 2015 are:

- **RBBFV – Replacement of Geesink 26t RP HGV Refuse Collection Vehicle (-£210,000):** Tenders have now been evaluated and an order placed in August 2015 for the new Refuse Collection Vehicle with bin lifter. The capital cost of the order is £210,055. Delivery is expected by early 2016.
- **TGAPS – Installation of 3G Artificial Pitch (-£47,000):** External funding was confirmed by Sport England in July 2015, subject to both the Council and Sport England each funding 50% of the scheme costs. The scheme contractor has been chosen and an order placed in August 2015 for £46,980. The scheme is due for completion by November 2015.
- **RSHOV - Replacement of Waste Transfer Station Loader Shovel (-£75,000):** Procurement process in progress. Tenders to be received and evaluated by Autumn 2015, with delivery of the new loader shovel expected by late 2015 or early 2016.
- **PLAYP – Play Area Improvements 2015/16 (-£35,746):** A number of planned items of work will be carried out from August onwards. Further improvements may also be required following increased play area usage in the summer school holidays. Some budget will be kept unallocated until March to ensure any currently unforeseen work can be funded. The planned work on this budget relates to insurance condition surveys and work Council staff have identified.
- **AWPLG – All Weather Pitch Lighting (-£20,000):** The scheme has been put on hold because the LED technology required for this scheme will not be available at the budgeted cost in 2015/16. It is suggested that this scheme be reconsidered or moved to a later year in the three year capital programme, when the capital programme is next approved.

- **OROOF - Council Offices Re-roofing (-£164,861) and WINDW – Council Offices – Replacement Windows and Rooflights (-£88,558):** These schemes have been combined together in one contract. The contract has been put out to tender. The preferred contractor will be chosen, following tender evaluation, by September 2015. The timing of the works is to be confirmed with the preferred contractor when the contract is awarded. At this point in time, scheme completion is expected within 2015/16. Expenditure to date relates to professional staff time input, building regulations fees and building surveys.
  - **TNSCP – Clitheroe Townscape Scheme (-£115,000):** A series of options have been worked up for this scheme, in conjunction with Lancashire County Council. These options will be considered and a way forward then agreed. At this stage, it is expected that work will be completed in the 2015/16 financial year.
  - **ECDVI – Economic Development Initiatives (-£100,000):** The Council has instructed the District Valuer to negotiate the purchase of some land on one scheme and we are currently awaiting the outcome of this. Expenditure has been drawn from other revenue budgets to fund pre-investment works so far.
  - **DISCP – Disabled Facilities Grants (-£80,567):** 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 (-£71,929):** 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.
- 3.4 Four mower purchase schemes have been completed in the first part of the year, with a combined underspend of £19,801. The budget prices for these purchases were set three years ago based on estimates at that time. A more aggressive purchasing strategy adopted this time, incorporating the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation and local suppliers, has seen the Council obtain lower prices for these purchases than expected. For future years, any similar capital purchase schemes in the forward capital programme will be more closely reviewed in the annual review by the service to ensure the most realistic pricing is reflected in budgets.
- 4 CONCLUSION
- 4.1 As at the end of July 2015, 14.6% of the annual capital programme has been spent or committed. Since the end of July, orders have been placed for the replacement Refuse Collection Vehicle scheme and the Installation of 3G Artificial Pitch scheme. These commitments plus spend as at the end of July total £435,243, which is 35.6% of the annual capital programme budget.
- 4.2 Based on current estimates of progress on each scheme, it is likely that 16 of the 19 schemes will be completed within 2015/16. Of the other 3 schemes:
- The All Weather Pitch Lighting scheme is not now taking place in 2015/16.
  - Capital expenditure will take place on the Economic Development Initiatives scheme in-year if the appropriate opportunities arise.
  - The Landlord/Tenant Grants budget is currently not fully committed due to the low level of applications received to date.

- 4.3 A waiting list is being used on the Disabled Facilities Grants scheme, because latest estimates suggest that not all of the high number of applications received to date can be funded from the remaining 2015/16 budget and further applications are likely to be received between now and the end of the financial year.

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For further background information please ask for Andrew Cook.

BACKGROUND PAPERS - None

## ANNEX 1

## Overall Capital Programme 2015/16

Cost Centre	Schemes	Original Estimate 2015/16 £	Budget Moved from 2014/15 £	Slippage from 2014/15 £	Additional Approvals 2015/16 £	Total Approved Budget 2015/16 £	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of July 2015 £	Variance as at end of July 2015 £
<b>Community Committee</b>								
PLAYP	Play Area Improvements 2015/16	40,000	0	0	0	40,000	4,254	-35,746
RBBFV	Replacement of Geesink 26t RP HGV Refuse Collection Vehicle	210,000	0	0	0	210,000	0	-210,000
GNPZV	Replacement of 4x4 Tractor/Mower (PN04 NPZ)	17,000	0	0	0	17,000	12,220	-4,780
GPLOV	Replacement of Kubota Mower (PN05 PLO)	19,000	0	0	0	19,000	14,092	-4,908
RSCAG	Replace Scag Mower	9,000	0	0	0	9,000	4,887	-4,113
HGTRL	Two Heavy Goods Trailers	6,000	0	0	0	6,000	0	-6,000
TRISM	Replacement of 2 Trim Star Mowers	16,000	0	0	0	16,000	10,000	-6,000
RSHOV	Replacement of Waste Transfer Station Loader Shovel	75,000	0	0	0	75,000	0	-75,000
HYPRO	Hyprolyser Electrochlorination System at Ribblesdale Pool	15,600	0	0	0	15,600	14,838	-762
REPUV	Replacement of the UV unit at Ribblesdale Pool	9,000	0	0	0	9,000	0	-9,000
TGAPS	Installation of 3G Artificial Pitch	0	47,000	0	0	47,000	0	-47,000
AWPLG	All Weather Pitch Lighting	20,000	0	0	0	20,000	0	-20,000
	<b>Total Community Committee</b>	<b>436,600</b>	<b>47,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>483,600</b>	<b>60,291</b>	<b>-423,309</b>

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<b><i>Policy and Finance Committee</i></b>								
OROOF	Council Offices – Re-roofing	167,500	0	0	0	167,500	2,639	-164,861
WINDW	Council Offices – Replacement Windows and Rooflights	88,900	0	0	0	88,900	342	-88,558
TNSCP	Clitheroe Townscape Scheme	115,000	0	0	0	115,000	0	-115,000
ECDVI	Economic Development Initiatives	0	100,000	0	0	100,000	0	-100,000
	<b>Total Policy and Finance Committee</b>	<b>371,400</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>471,400</b>	<b>2,981</b>	<b>-468,419</b>
<b><i>Health &amp; Housing Committee</i></b>								
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants	161,000	0	11,148	0	172,148	91,581	-80,567
LANGR	Landlord/Tenant Grants	75,000	0	18,129	0	93,129	21,200	-71,929
CMEXT	Clitheroe Cemetery – Installation of Infrastructure	0	0	870	2,730	3,600	2,154	-1,446
	<b>Total Health &amp; Housing Committee</b>	<b>236,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,147</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>268,877</b>	<b>114,935</b>	<b>-153,942</b>
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