

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

Agenda Item No 16

meeting date: 27 OCTOBER 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 September 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 additional budget of £3,600 was funded by 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 September 2015. Annex 1 shows the full programme by scheme, including budget, expenditure and variances to the end of September 2015. There is no capital programme for the Planning and Development Committee.

Committee	BUDGET					EXPENDITURE	
	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 September 2015 £	Variance as at end of September 2015 £
Community Services	436,600	47,000	0	0	483,600	333,436	-150,164
Policy and Finance	371,400	100,000	0	0	471,400	3,015	-468,385
Health and Housing	236,000	0	30,147	2,730	268,877	131,435	-137,442
Total	1,044,000	147,000	30,147	2,730	1,223,877	467,886	-755,991

3.2 As at the end of September 2015, 38.2% of the annual capital programme has been spent or committed. It should be noted that the combined contract for the Council Offices Re-roofing and Replacement of Windows and Roof Lights schemes will be signed in October 2015. Once signed, this would mean that over 50% of the capital programme budget is committed.

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

- **PLAYP – Play Area Improvements 2015/16 (-£25,582):** A number of planned items of work will be carried out in the autumn, the main one being a significant upgrade at Mardale. 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.
- **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 early 2016.
- **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 moved to a later year, 2018/19, when the capital programme is next approved.
- **OROOF - Council Offices Re-roofing (-£164,827) and WINDW – Council Offices Replacement Windows and Roof Lights (-£88,558):** The preferred contractor has been chosen for the combined Re-roofing and Replacement Windows and Roof Lights contract. The contract will be signed in October 2015. Provisional contract sums are within the combined budget of £256,400. Work will begin in Autumn 2015 and is currently planned for completion in March 2016.
- **TNSCP – Clitheroe Townscape Scheme (-£115,000):** The series of options worked up for this scheme, in conjunction with Lancashire County Council, are being considered and further discussions are taking place with the County Council on the way forward. At this stage, it is expected that work will be completed in the 2015/16 financial year.

- **ECDVI – Economic Development Initiatives (-£100,000):** The District Valuer, on behalf of the Council, has secured initial agreement with land owners on values and details are being progressed to acquire a site. Expenditure has been drawn from other revenue budgets to fund pre-investment works so far.
- **DISCP – Disabled Facilities Grants (-£64,067):** Committed expenditure at the end of September 2015 is £108,081, based on 4 schemes approved in 2014/15 and 13 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 15 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 September 2015 is £21,200, based on 2 schemes that were approved in 2014/15 and are in progress currently. 4 new applications have been received in 2015/16 so far and 2 of these are awaiting approval, with the values to be confirmed. If all 4 applications are approved then it is likely that the majority of the £93,129 budget for 2015/16 would be committed.
- **Four mower purchase schemes** have been completed in the first part of the year, with a **combined underspend of £19,856**. 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 September 2015, 38.2% of the annual capital programme has been spent or committed. Once the combined contract for the Council Offices Re-roofing and Replacement of Windows and Roof Lights schemes is signed in October 2015, this would mean that over 50% of the capital programme budget is committed.
- 4.2 Based on current estimates of progress on each scheme, it is likely that 17 of the 19 schemes will be completed within 2015/16. Of the other 2 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.
- 4.3 At this stage, it is expected that work will be completed on the Clitheroe Townscape scheme by the end of 2015/16, subject to the outcome of current discussions with Lancashire County Council on the best way forward.
- 4.4 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.

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 September 2015 £	Variance as at end of September 2015 £
Community Committee								
PLAYP	Play Area Improvements 2015/16	40,000	0	0	0	40,000	14,418	-25,582
RBBFV	Replacement of Geesink 26t RP HGV Refuse Collection Vehicle	210,000	0	0	0	210,000	210,055	55
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	14,037	-4,963
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	6,000	0
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	46,981	-19
AWPLG	All Weather Pitch Lighting	20,000	0	0	0	20,000	0	-20,000
	Total Community Committee	436,600	47,000	0	0	483,600	333,436	-150,164

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<i>Policy and Finance Committee</i>								
OROOF	Council Offices – Re-roofing	167,500	0	0	0	167,500	2,673	-164,827
WINDW	Council Offices – Replacement Windows and Roof Lights	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
	Total Policy and Finance Committee	371,400	100,000	0	0	471,400	3,015	-468,385
<i>Health and Housing Committee</i>								
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants	161,000	0	11,148	0	172,148	108,081	-64,067
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
	Total Health and Housing Committee	236,000	0	30,147	2,730	268,877	131,435	-137,442
	OVERALL TOTAL	1,044,000	147,000	30,147	2,730	1,223,877	467,886	-755,991