RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 16

meeting date: 5 APRIL 2016
title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17
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1   PURPOSE

1.1   To inform members of the schemes which have been approved for inclusion in the capital programme for this Committee for the 2016/17 financial year.

2   BACKGROUND

2.1   As members will be aware, this Committee agreed a proposed three year capital programme for 2016-2019 at its meeting on 27 October 2015. As it stood at that time the draft capital programme across all the committees was unaffordable. The proposals have since been reviewed by Budget Working Group and Corporate Management Team in order to arrive at an affordable programme for 2016-2019.

2.2   Following recommendation by a special meeting of Policy and Finance Committee on 9 February 2016, Full Council approved the three year capital programme for 2016-2019 on 1 March 2016.

2.3   The recommended capital programme for the three year period 2016-2019 totals £2,644,660 for all committees. The total for this Committee is £273,750 over the three year life of the programme. £100,000 of this relates to the 2016/17 financial year.

3   CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17 – APPROVED SCHEME

3.1   For this Committee there is one scheme approved in the 2016/17 capital programme, the ICT Infrastructure refresh (Storage Area Network (SAN) and also Network & Server Replacement), totalling £100,000. The detailed information for this scheme is shown in Annex 1.

3.2   During the closure of our capital accounts there may be some slippage on schemes in the current year, 2015/16. One of the tasks of the Budget Working Group will be to review any requests for slippage on capital schemes within the 2015/16 capital programme. A report will be brought to this Committee at a future meeting, giving details of any slippage.

3.3   Responsible officers will complete and update capital monitoring sheets for each scheme, which will be reported quarterly to members to give an indication of progress.

4   CONCLUSION

4.1   This Committee has a capital programme for 2016/17 of £100,000. The programme consists of one scheme, the ICT Infrastructure refresh (Storage Area Network (SAN) and also Network & Server Replacement).

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4.2   Any slippage on schemes in the 2015/16 capital programme will be added onto the 2016/17 capital programme.

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For further background information please ask for Andrew Cook.

BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

ICT Infrastructure refresh (Storage Area Network (SAN) and Network & Server Replacement)

Service Area: ICT

Head of Service: Lawson Oddie

NOTE – This scheme has been updated to take out the Virtual Desktop element of the original capital bid and reflect the reduced estimated scheme cost of £100,000, as recommended by Budget Working Group in 2015.

Brief Description:

This scheme would be a progression from the recent shorter term refresh of desktop ICT equipment (using refurbished equipment) across the Council. This was done to allow a move to more recent OS and Microsoft Office and CoreCAL under an Enterprise Agreement and to allow us to continue to be PSN compliant.

This scheme would allow for the future corporately coordinated update of ICT equipment, including desktop and network with better business continuity resilience and improved data storage to meet increased use of ICT software functionality and to also potentially allow for more flexible working practices. The solutions proposed would be the implementation of:

1. Central storage area network that will allow for the consolidation of data storage, more resilient server infrastructure and a move towards high availability of server resources.

2. Investigate the use of G-Cloud or other cloud based services to enhance the Authority's disaster/business continuity procedures.

3. Replace ageing network infrastructure (network switches etc).

Overriding aim/ambition that the scheme meets:
To be a well managed council.

Government or other imperatives to the undertaking of this scheme:
N/A

Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:
Enable the use of technologies that allow seamless disaster/business continuity, high availability of ICT resources, the provision of ICT resources for the future and enable a more flexible working environment.

Consultation:
None at this stage.

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Start date, duration and key milestones:

It would be envisaged that the scheme would be completed within the year, however there is always the option for the scheme to be phased over a couple of years, as there are discrete elements of the scheme that are not reliant on each other to be operational.

Financial Implications – CAPITAL:

Breakdown	2016/17 £
Equipment/Materials	100,000
TOTAL COST	100,000

NOTE – Initial capital bid was £160,000. This update reflects a reduction of £60,000 as the Virtual Desktop element of the original capital bid was not approved.

Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:

This would be very difficult to quantify, as the technology available in three years' time would likely offer different efficiencies than the technology available today.

Useful economic life:

5 – 7 years.

Additional supporting information:

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Impact on the environment:

Would help facilitate a greener ICT environment.

Risk:

- **Political:** *IT hardware failure could result in reputational damage for the Council if it impacts on a service area of high public profile. The method of implementation of the scheme would ensure minimal service disruption.*

- **Economic:** *Non-replacement of IT hardware presents the risk of major failure and consequential expenditure which would not be budgeted for. This would also impact on service delivery in other areas of the Council.*

- **Sociological:** *None.*

- **Technological:** *IT hardware can rapidly become obsolete through technological advances. Care will be taken to ensure that the most up to date technology is taken advantage of.*

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- **Legal:** *The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (WEEE Directive) will be followed in the disposal of obsolete hardware. There is no danger of breaching EU legislation around procurement - Contract Procedure Rules will be followed.*

- **Environmental:** *With IT hardware soon becoming out-dated, disposal of old and obsolete hardware can be an issue. The Council use an external company in the disposal of IT hardware and abide by the WEEE Directive.*

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