

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 7

meeting date: 11 JANUARY 2018
title: REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To approve the 2017/18 revised estimate for this Committee's capital programme.

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 needs.
- Other Considerations – none identified.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 No new capital schemes were planned for this Committee in the 2017/18 capital programme.

2.2 The Introduction of Planning Portal Link to the Planning Application System and Planning System Update 2016/17 scheme was not completed by 31 March 2017 and had unspent budget of £30,200 available at that date. This unspent budget, known as slippage, was transferred into the 2017/18 capital programme budget, after approval by this Committee in May 2017.

2.3 Consequently, the 2017/18 capital programme for this Committee is made up of one scheme with a total budget of £30,200.

2.4 Regular reports have been presented to this Committee on progress with the capital programme.

3 REVISING THE 2017/18 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

3.1 We have discussed the scheme progress with ICT and the Head of Planning. As reported to this Committee in October 2017, the scheme will not be fully implemented in this financial year, as it will be twelve months before the whole M3 Planning system will be migrated over to Assure.

3.2 However, some progress on Planning Portal integration and partial migration to the Assure system is being made and there may be some spend before year-end (see overleaf). Given this, the revised estimate for the scheme will remain unchanged at £30,200, to facilitate any spend in-year, and any unspent budget will be rolled forward at year-end as slippage to support spend in 2018/19.

3.3 The table below shows the capital programme scheme, including the budget and expenditure to date.

Cost Centre	Scheme	Original Estimate 2017/18 £	Slippage from 2016/17 £	Total Approved Budget 2017/18 £	Revised Estimate 2017/18 £	Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of November 2017 £
PLANN	Introduction of Planning Portal Link to the Planning Application System and Planning System Update	0	30,200	30,200	30,200	0
	Total Planning and Development Committee	0	30,200	30,200	30,200	0

3.4 At the end of November 2017 there had been no spend on the scheme. The latest position on scheme progress is as follows:

- Full Planning Portal integration is waiting for the integration of the current Planning system and National Land and Property Gazetteer. This integration is in progress and is now at testing stage. Once testing is completed, Planning Portal integration will begin.
- Given that the software supplier has confirmed it will be twelve months before the whole M3 planning system will be migrated over to Assure, ICT and the Head of Planning have agreed to proceed with partial migration and upgrade to Assure once the Planning Portal integration work has been completed. This will allow the Planning department to take advantage of some of the new functionality offered from partial migration.
- We are awaiting the software supplier to confirm the server hardware and software requirements for the updated system. After that, ICT will then provide the additional server space on the new infrastructure, which will provide more resilience to the system and tie in with the Council's current backup and recovery strategy.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – Approval of the revised capital programme will see no change to the level of financing resources needed within the 2017/18 financial year.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – None.
- Political – None.
- Reputation – Sound financial planning for known capital commitments safeguards the reputation of the Council.
- Equality and Diversity – Equality and Diversity issues are examined as part of the capital bid appraisal process.

5 CONCLUSION

5.1 The revised estimate for this Committee's 2017/18 capital programme is £30,200.

6 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 6.1 Approve the 2017/18 revised estimate of £30,200 for this Committee's capital programme, as set out at paragraph 3.2.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

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For further background information please ask for Andrew Cook.
BACKGROUND PAPERS – None