

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

DECISION

Agenda Item No 5

meeting date: 17 JANUARY 2019  
title: REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19  
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES  
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### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To approve the 2018/19 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 Two schemes for this Committee's original estimate capital programme, totalling £347,000, were approved by the Special Policy and Finance Committee and Full Council at their meetings in February 2018 and March 2018 respectively.

2.2 In addition to the original estimate budget, the following changes have been made so far in 2018/19:

- The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme, totalling £175,000, was on hold in 2017/18 and the scheme budget was moved from the 2017/18 capital programme to the 2018/19 capital programme.
- There were three 2017/18 capital housing grants schemes that were not completed by 31 March 2018 and had unspent budget available at that date. The total unspent balance on these schemes, £341,430, is known as slippage. This slippage was transferred into the 2018/19 capital programme budget, after approval by this Committee in June 2018.
- Since approval of the original estimate budget for this Committee, the Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) funding for 2018/19 from Central Government has been confirmed as £320,991. The DFGs scheme budget was initially set at £297,000 on the basis that this would be changed to reflect the confirmed DFGs funding that was received. Therefore, the DFGs 2018/19 budget was increased by an additional approval of £23,990 to £320,990.

2.3 As a result of the above, the total approved budget for this Committee's capital programme of four schemes was £887,420. This is shown at Annex 1.

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

### 3 REVISING THE 2018/19 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

3.1 We have now discussed each of the schemes in the capital programme with budget holders and revised the programme to reflect their progress and estimated full year expenditure. Following this review, the revised estimate is £747,930, a reduction of £139,490 from the total approved budget. The main reasons for this are:

- **Clitheroe Market Improvements (-£175,000):** This scheme remains on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme. As a result, there is expected to be no expenditure on the scheme in 2018/19. It is recommended that the £175,000 budget for this scheme is moved to the 2019/20 financial year and the 2018/19 revised estimate is nil.
- **Disabled Facilities Grants (+£35,510):** £35,505 extra DFGs funding for 2018/19 has been allocated to the Council directly from the MHCLG in December 2018, on top of the current yearly DFGs budget allocation. Thus, the revised estimate for DFGs is now £628,030, an increase of £35,510. The MHCLG have indicated that there is the possibility that the Council may be allocated further funding, but there is no confirmation of any further funding at this stage.

3.2 Annex 1 shows the full capital programme by scheme, including the budget and expenditure (including commitments) to date. The summary position is shown below.

Original Estimate 2018/19 £	Budget Moved from 2017/18 £	Slippage from 2017/18 £	Additional Approvals 2018/19 £	Total Approved Budget 2018/19 £	Revised Estimate 2018/19 £	Budget Moved to 2019/20 £	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end of December 2018 £
347,000	175,000	341,430	23,990	887,420	747,930	175,000	498,718

3.3 At the end of December 2018 £498,718 had been spent or committed. This is 66.7% of the revised estimate capital budget for this Committee.

3.4 The main areas of underspend on the full year budget to date are:

- **Disabled Facilities Grants (-£160,172):** Committed expenditure of £467,858 at the end of December 2018 was based on twenty schemes approved prior to this financial year and sixty two schemes approved so far in 2018/19. In addition, five currently approved schemes may require additional approvals, there are nine grant applications in progress but not approved and there are also a further twenty three referrals awaiting an application to be taken. More referrals are also expected between now and the end of the financial year.

This is a significantly higher level of referrals and grants approved this year than in previous years and, based on latest projections, the current DFGs budget for 2018/19 cannot fund the estimated extra costs of all the current scheme additional approvals, grant applications in progress and referrals awaiting an application to be taken. Therefore, the grant approval process has been amended to ensure the total of grant approval commitments in-year is confined to the yearly DFGs budget available.

- **Landlord/Tenant Grants (-£85,092):** One scheme has been approved so far. The work is near to completion and payment is expected before financial year-end. The planning permission decision is still awaited on the one other potential scheme that is currently being considered by the Housing team, involving grants for six individual flats. If approved, this scheme would use up a significant amount of the remaining 2018/19 budget.

## 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

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

- Resources – Approval of the revised capital programme will see a decrease of £139,490 in the level of financing resources needed in 2018/19 and £175,000 of capital financing resources will be moved into 2019/20.
- 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 capital programme is £747,930, which is a reduction of £139,490 from the previously approved capital budget.

5.2 The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme remains on hold and it is recommended that the £175,000 budget is moved to 2019/20 at revised estimate stage.

5.3 At the end of December 2018 £498,718 had been spent or committed. This is 66.7% of the revised estimate capital budget for this Committee.

5.4 For Disabled Facilities Grants, there have been significantly higher levels of referrals and grants approved this year than in previous years. Therefore, the grant approval process has been amended to ensure the total of grant approval commitments in-year is confined to the yearly Disabled Facilities Grants budget available.

## 6 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

6.1 Approve the 2018/19 revised estimate of £747,930 for this Committee's capital programme, as set out in Annex 1.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

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For further background information please ask for Andrew Cook.

BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

## HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE – REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018-19

Cost Centre	Scheme	Original Estimate 2018/19 £	Budget Moved from 2017/18 £	Slippage from 2017/18 £	Additional Approvals 2018/19 £	Total Approved Budget 2018/19 £	Revised Estimate 2018/19 £	Budget Moved to 2019/20 £	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end of December 2018 £
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants	297,000	0	271,530	23,990	592,520	628,030	0	467,858
LANGR	Landlord/Tenant Grants	50,000	0	49,020	0	99,020	99,020	0	13,928
CMIMP	Clitheroe Market Improvements	0	175,000	0	0	175,000	0	175,000	0
CWARM	Affordable Warmth – Capital Grants	0	0	20,880	0	20,880	20,880	0	16,932
	<b>Total Health and Housing Committee</b>	<b>347,000</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>341,430</b>	<b>23,990</b>	<b>887,420</b>	<b>747,930</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>498,718</b>