

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 5

meeting date: 19 MARCH 2020  
 title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21  
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### 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform members of the schemes which have been approved for inclusion in this Committee's 2020/21 capital programme.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As members will be aware, this Committee proposed a five year capital programme for 2020/21 to 2024/25 at its meeting on 7 November 2019. As it stood at that time the draft capital programme across all the committees was unaffordable and the revised estimate for 2019/20 had yet to be considered.
- 2.2 All capital bids put forward by committees have since been reviewed by Budget Working Group and Corporate Management Team in order to arrive at an affordable programme for 2020/21 to 2024/25.
- 2.3 Following recommendation by Special Policy and Finance Committee on 4 February 2020, Full Council approved the five year capital programme for 2020/21 to 2024/25 on 3 March 2020.
- 2.4 The Council's overall capital programme for the five year period 2020/21 to 2024/25 totalled £6,782,820 for all committees. The total for this Committee was £2,241,840 over the five year life of the programme. £513,940 of this related to the 2020/21 financial year.

### 3 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 – APPROVED SCHEMES

- 3.1 For this Committee there are three approved schemes in the 2020/21 capital programme, totalling £513,310. These are shown in the table below.

Cost Centre	Scheme	Budget for 2020/21 £
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants ( <i>Budget now finalised following confirmation of 2020/21 grant allocation</i> )	346,370
LANGR	Landlord/Tenant Grants ( <i>Includes £59,940 budget moved from 2019/20</i> )	109,940
CMIMP	Clitheroe Market Improvements ( <i>Budget moved from 2019/20</i> )	57,000
	<b>Total - Health and Housing Committee</b>	<b>513,310</b>

- 3.2 The Disabled Facilities Grants scheme is funded by a yearly grant allocation from central government. The scheme was included in the original estimate capital programme at an indicative value of £347,000, on the basis that the scheme budget would be re-set to match the actual Disabled Facilities Grants 2020/21 grant allocation from central government, when notified to the Council.
- 3.3 MHCLG have now notified the Council that the actual Disabled Facilities Grants 2020/21 allocation is £346,368. Thus, the Disabled Facilities Grants scheme budget is now confirmed as £346,370.
- 3.4 As a result of the above change, this Committee's 2020/21 capital programme budget is reduced by £630 to £513,310.
- 3.5 The detailed information for each scheme is shown in **Annex 1**.
- 3.6 During the closure of our capital accounts there may be some slippage on schemes in the current year, 2019/20. One of the tasks of the Budget Working Group will be to review any requests for slippage on capital schemes within the 2019/20 capital programme. A report will be brought to this Committee at a future meeting, giving details of any slippage.
- 3.7 Responsible officers will complete and update capital monitoring sheets for each scheme, which will be reported regularly to members to give an indication of progress.
- 4 CONCLUSION
- 4.1 This Committee has a capital programme for 2020/21 of three schemes, totalling £513,310.
- 4.2 Any slippage on schemes in the 2019/20 capital programme will be added onto the 2020/21 capital programme, subject to approval.

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DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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3 March 2020

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

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# Disabled Facilities Grants

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**Service Area: Housing and Regeneration**

**Submitted by: Colin Hirst**

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**Brief Description of the Scheme:**

The scheme provides grant aid to adapt homes so elderly and disabled occupants can remain in their own home. The grants can provide for minor adaptation, for example the installation of a stair lift, up to the provision of a bathroom and bedroom extension.

**Revenue Implications:**

Administration fees are paid to the Council for any individual Disabled Facilities Grants scheme that the Council administers. The actual administration fee income varies each year, dependent on the number and value of schemes completed in-year.

**Timescale for Completion:**

The Disabled Facilities Grants budget operates throughout the financial year.

**Any Risks to Completion:**

The population age of Ribble Valley occupants is increasing and therefore demand for the service will continue, but with finite resources.

The scheme is dependent on the level of funding awarded by the government.

**Capital Cost:**

<b>2020/21</b> £
346,370

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# Landlord/Tenant Grants

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**Service Area: Housing and Regeneration**

**Submitted by: Colin Hirst**

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**Brief Description of the Scheme:**

The scheme match funds a landlord's investment in a property in return for an affordable rental property. Conditions of the grant are nomination rights and a set rent level in line with LHA. The scheme is crucial for move-on accommodation for families in temporary accommodation as the social housing waiting list is so long. The scheme is also used to bring empty properties back into use.

**Revenue Implications:**

Administration fees are paid to the Council for any individual Landlord/Tenant Grants scheme that the Council administers. The actual administration fee income varies each year, dependent on the number and value of schemes completed in-year.

**Timescale for Completion:**

The Landlord/Tenant Grants budget operates throughout the financial year.

**Any Risks to Completion:**

Potential for over demand for the scheme.

**Capital Cost:**

2020/21 £
109,940

*Please Note – The £109,940 budget for 2020/21 is made up of two elements:*

- £50,000 capital scheme bid for 2020/21, included in the five year capital programme for 2020/21 to 2024/25 proposed by this Committee at its meeting on 7 November 2019.*
- In January 2020 this Committee approved the move of £59,940 of the 2019/20 Landlord/Tenant Grants scheme budget from 2019/20 to the 2020/21 financial year, because there was no certainty that the 2019/20 scheme budget would be fully committed by 2019/20 year-end.*

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# Clitheroe Market Improvements

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**Service Area: Regeneration and Clitheroe Market**

**Submitted by: Nicola Hopkins and Heather Barton**

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**Budget moved from 2019/20:**

A budget of £118,000 was approved by this Committee in September 2019 to cover the estimated costs of the initial work being undertaken on the Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme in 2019/20. This leaves £57,000 of the £175,000 original scheme budget available for further work in future.

Given the above, in January 2020 this Committee approved the move of £57,000 of the budget for this scheme from 2019/20 to the 2020/21 financial year. In addition, a report will be brought to a future meeting of this Committee in respect of the further improvements proposed to the Market.

**Capital Cost:**

2020/21 £
57,000