RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 12

meeting date: 2 AUGUST 2012

title: CAPITAL MONITORING 2012/13

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Committee with information relating to the progress of the approved capital programme for this year. Slippage from the previous year is also reported.
- 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 Members approved the proposals for the new capital programme for submission to Policy and Finance Committee as part of the budget setting process at its meeting in January. The programme was set against a background of limited capital resources and contracting revenue budgets.
- 2.2 In total three new schemes were approved by Policy and Finance Committee and Full Council, together with budgets on three schemes carried over from the previous year. This made a total planned capital spend for this Committee for the current year of £407,740, which are shown at Annex 1.
- 2.3 In addition, not all planned expenditure for last year was spent. The balance of this, which is known as slippage, can be transferred to this financial year. The schemes affected are also shown within Annex 1 and total £125,870.

3 SCHEMES

3.1 The table below shows a summary of the total approved programme together with actual expenditure to date. Annex 1 shows the full programme by scheme along with the budget and expenditure to date.

	BUDGET			EXPENDITURE Actual	
Original Estimate 2012/13 £	Budget moved from 2011/12 £	Slippage from 2011/12 £	Total Approved Budget £	Expenditure as at end June 2012	Variance as at end June 2012 £
285,000	122,740	125,870	533,610	135,671	-397,939

3.2 To date just over 25% of the annual capital programme for this Committee has been spent. The majority of which is in relation to the completion of the flooding grants scheme.

- 3.3 The main variations to date are:
 - CMEXT Clitheroe Cemetery installation of infrastructure. The work anticipated to be completed this financial year is now not expected to be completed until spring/summer of next year. This year we will design the scheme, develop the specification and invite tenders for a start early next April. We will also divert public footpaths in the area. Some costs will therefore slip to the next financial year. At present this is anticipated to be in the order of £80,000.
 - LANGR Landlord/Tenant Grants. To date four applications for grant aid have been approved and a further eight are close to approval stage. When finalised this should leave capacity within the budget for one further approval this year.
 - DISCP Disabled Facilities Grants. To date eleven Disabled Facilities Grant have been approved at a total cost of £60,000. A further two maximum grant schemes of a value of £30,000 each are anticipated which will leave a balance of £82,000 for other schemes this year.
- 4 CONCLUSION
- 4.1 Expenditure to date is over £135,000, which is mainly the completion of the Flooding Grant work. Other work is proceeding as expected and the majority of the budget is expected to be spent by the end of the year.

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DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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BACKGROUND PAPERS - None

ANNEX 1
Health and Housing Committee – Capital Programme 2012/13

Cost Centre	Schemes	Original Estimate — 2012/13 £	Budget moved from 2011/12 £	Slippage £	Total Approved Budget £	Actual Expenditure £	Variation to date £
	Clitheroe Cemetery						
CMEXT	Installation of Infrastructure	90,000			90,000	0	-90,000
	Housing						
LANGR	Landlord/Tenant grants	75,000	45,000	8,490	128,490	15,184	-113,306
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants	120,000	69,180	13,590	202,770	11,647	-191,123
REPPF	Repossession Prevention Fund		8,560	3,330	11,890	5,000	-6,890
	DEFRA						
FLDGR	Flood Grants			100,460	100,460	103,840	3,380
	Total Health and Housing Committee	285,000	122,740	125,870	533,610	135,671	-397,939

Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

CMEXT Clitheroe Cemetery – Installation of Infrastructure

Service Area: Cemeteries

Head of Service: James Russell

Brief Description:

Provision of initial infrastructure to Clitheroe Cemetery extension

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

As we obtained the land in 2010/11 it is necessary to commence structural work relatively quickly to enable the ground to recover and planting schemes to be put in place ready for when the current cemetery runs out of space.

Financial Implications - CAPITAL

	£	Actual to end June £	Variance to end June £
Total Approved Budget 2012/13	90,000	0	-90,000
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	90,000		

Financial Implications - REVENUE

Unknown at present

Useful Economic Life

In excess of 60 years. The purchase of this land will ensure the long term security and provision of this service to Ribble Valley residents.

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

June 2012: For this financial year the plans are to finalise the design of the project and prepare a detailed specification for the work to be carried out. There will also be a requirement to divert public footpaths this financial year. The installation of necessary infrastructure works is to be scheduled for implementation during the spring/summer of 2013. A substantial part of the scheme cost will slip to next year.

LANGR Landlord/Tenant Grants

Service Area: Housing Services Head of Service: Colin Hirst

Brief Description:

To offer grant aid for the renovation of private sector properties with the condition that the units are affordable on completion and the Council has nomination rights. The scheme has operated successfully for over 10 years. The scheme is essential to provide affordable accommodation for move on from temporary accommodation.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

The grants run in line with the financial year starting in April to March. From approval of the grant the work must be completed within twelve months.

Financial Implications - CAPITAL

	£	Actual to end June £	Variance to end June £
Total Approved Budget 2012/13	128,490	15,184	-113,306
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	128,490		

Financial Implications - REVENUE

None

Useful Economic Life

Not applicable.

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

June 2012: Four grants have been approved to date and a further eight are close to approval stage. There is sufficient grant remaining to approve one more grant before year end. A number of small grants have been awarded which will allow a total of thirteen grants to be completed this year.

DISCP Disabled Facilities Grants

Service Area: Housing Services Head of Service: Colin Hirst

Brief Description:

The scheme provides mandatory grant aid to adapt homes so that elderly and disabled occupants can remain in their home. The maximum grant is £30,000 and for adults is means tested. The grants can provide for minor adaptation for example the installation of a stair lift up to the provision of bathroom and bedroom extension.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

The disabled facilities grant budget operates on a financial year basis starting in April each year and concluding in March.

Financial Implications - CAPITAL

	£	Actual to end June £	Variance to end June £
Total Approved Budget 2012/13	202,770	11,647	-191,123
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	202,770		

Financial Implications - REVENUE

None given

Useful Economic Life

Not applicable.

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

June 2012: To date eleven Disabled Facilities Grants have been approved totalling approximately £60,000. There are two maximum grants (£30,000) to be approved within the year.

REPPF Repossession Prevention Fund

Service Area: Housing Services Head of Service: Colin Hirst

<u>Brief Description:</u> Financial assistance through small loans to assist with mortgage/rent arrears in order to prevent repossession and allow the household to remain in their own home

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

The budget is available throughout the year and is used subject to demand

Financial Implications - CAPITAL

	£	Actual to end June £	Variance to end June £
Total Approved Budget 2012/13	11,890	5,000	-6,890
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	11,890		

Financial Implications - REVENUE

None identified.

Useful Economic Life

Not applicable

<u>Progress - Budget Holder Comments</u>

June 2012: An application for repossession prevention has been awarded and there is one further application to fund preventing eviction, which if approved will total £6,000.

FLDGR Flood Grants

Service Area: Environmental Services Head of Service: James Russell

Brief Description:

Resources have been made available by DEFRA to provide flood protection to several properties in Ribchester which are under threat of flooding form the nearby Boyce's Brook.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

Start Date – January 2012

Anticipated Completion Date – July 2012

Financial Implications - CAPITAL

	£	Actual to end June £	Variance to end June £
Total Approved Budget 2012/13	100,460	103,840	3,380
Actual Expenditure 2011/12	790		
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	101,250		

Financial Implications - REVENUE

None Given

Useful Economic Life

Not applicable

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

June 2012: Property completion inspections are scheduled for completion week commencing 16 July 2012. Following this the scheme should be completed by the end of July 2012. The Council has been awarded a further £10,000 in grant aid and there is sufficient unused grant to meet the identified overspend.