

**RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

INFORMATION

Agenda Item No

meeting date: 12 MARCH 2013  
 title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14  
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**1 PURPOSE**

1.1 To inform members of the new schemes which have been approved for inclusion in the capital programme for this committee for the forthcoming financial year (2013/14).

**2 BACKGROUND**

2.1 As members will be aware, this committee agreed a proposed capital programme for 2013/16 at its meeting on 15 January this year. As it stood at that time the capital programme was unaffordable. The proposals have since been reviewed by Budget Working Group and CMT to arrive at an affordable programme for 2013/14.

2.2 Following recommendation by a special meeting of Policy and Finance Committee on 12 February, Full Council will consider the five year capital programme for 2013/16 on 5 March 2013. Any changes will be reported to your meeting.

2.3 The recommended capital programme for the three year period 2013/16 totals £2,167,620 for all committees. The total for this committee is £1,232,000 over the three year life of the capital programme, £593,000 of which relates to the 2013/14 financial year.

**3 SCHEMES APPROVED FOR 2013/14**

3.1 For this Committee there are 3 schemes that have been approved for the 2013/14 financial year, totalling £593,000. Shown below is a list of the schemes that make up this total.

	Approved Budget for 2013/14 £
<u>Grounds Maintenance</u>	
Replacement Vehicle PK06 VWY - Vauxhall Vivaro 2900 DTI LWB Panel Van	13,000
Play Area Improvements	40,000
<u>Refuse Collection</u>	
Retention of Weekly Collection of Residual Waste - Purchase of Vehicles and Bins	540,000
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>593,000</b>

3.2 Detailed information on the 3 new schemes shown above is provided at Annex 1.

3.3 During the closure of our capital accounts there will inevitably be some slippage on schemes in the current year (2012/13). One of the tasks of the Budget Working Group/Capital Working Group will be to review all requests for slippage on capital schemes

within the 2012/13 capital programme. A report will be brought to this committee at a future meeting giving details of any slippage.

3.4 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 next year of £593,000, consisting of three schemes.

4.2 In addition there may be slippage on schemes in the 2012/13 capital programme.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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25 February 2013

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***Replacement Vehicle PK06 VWY – Vauxhall Vivaro 2900  
DTI LWB Panel Van***

Service Area: Grounds Maintenance

Head of Service: Chris Hughes

**Brief Description:**

The replacement of a panel van, registration PK06 VWY. This particular van fulfills two functions – as a grounds maintenance vehicle for small pedestrian mowers and a waste/dog bin collection vehicle. Previously two vehicles were used for these functions but, as part of an efficiency drive, the lease of a street cleaning vehicle was stopped.

**Overriding aim/ambition that the scheme meets:**

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area.

**Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:**

The scheme maintains current performance.

**Start Date, duration and key milestones:**

Beginning of the 2013/14 financial year

**Financial Implications – CAPITAL:**

Breakdown	2013/14 £
Equipment and Materials	13,000

**Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:**

Breakdown	£
Existing Service – no change	-

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**Useful economic life:**

No comment made.

**Impact on the environment:**

Currently using 1 vehicle instead of the 2 previously used.

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## *Play Area Improvements*

Service Area: Play Areas

Head of Service: Chris Hughes

### **Brief Description:**

Provide a fund for maintaining and improving the Council's seventeen play areas.

### **Overriding aim/ambition that the scheme meets:**

To help make people's lives safer and healthier.

### **Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:**

The scheme is vital to maintaining and improving current standards. In some instances equipment can be repaired, extending its life and therefore reducing expensive replacement costs.

### **Start Date, duration and key milestones:**

April 2013 onwards.

### **Financial Implications – CAPITAL:**

Breakdown	2013/14 £
Contractors	10,000
Equipment and Materials	20,000
Internal Staff Salaries	10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40,000</b>

### **Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:**

Breakdown	£
Existing Service – no change	-

### **Useful economic life:**

The life expectancy varies, depending on the type of equipment purchased. Location and intensity of use is also a factor.

**Impact on the environment:**

No comments made.

**ANNEX 1**

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***Retention of Weekly Collection of Residual Waste –  
Purchase of Vehicles and Bins***

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Service Area: Refuse Collection

Head of Service: Terry Longden

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**Brief Description:**

The Council has received a £750,000 grant from the Government for the retention of Weekly Residual Waste Collection. It was one of 85 local authorities who are to receive a share of £250million for recycling and refuse collection, including weekly collections of non-recyclable waste, food waste collections, reward schemes and incentive schemes.

Over 130 projects from across the UK bid for the cash, with 90 being selected to go forward.

This fully grant funded scheme seeks to purchase and deliver 15,000 x 240 litre wheeled bins, 2 specialised split bodied collection vehicles and all appropriate publicity and promotions. The budget in 2013/14 represents the first phase of this scheme.

Please Note that a further vehicle is to be purchased in 2014/15 (£210,000) bringing the total scheme to £750,000. There may be a future request for the bringing forward of the second vehicle purchase, which would be brought to committee, as savings may be achieved through such an approach.

**Overriding aim/ambition that the scheme meets:**

To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area.

**Improving service performance, efficiency and value for money:**

The use of such a specialised fleet to provide the service enables the costs per household to be the lowest of any district in Lancashire, this is despite the relatively high mileage travelled in operating the service. The project supports and continues this approach.

**Start Date, duration and key milestones:**

Start 1 April 2013 - continuing over 2014/15 - including post tender stand-still period and vehicle commissioning.

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**Financial Implications – CAPITAL:**

Breakdown	2013/14 £
Purchase and Distribution of 15,000 Wheeled Bins	330,000
Purchase of Two Slip Body Refuse Vehicles	210,000
<b>Total Scheme Costs (First Phase)</b>	<b>540,000</b>
Government Funding (DCLG)	-540,000
<b>Net Impact to the Council</b>	<b>0</b>

**Financial Implications – ANNUAL REVENUE:**

Breakdown	£
Transport Related costs (reduced fuel consumptions p.a)	-2,000
<b>Total Estimated <u>Annual</u> SAVINGS</b>	<b>-2,000</b>
Estimated Lifespan	8 Years
<b>Total Estimated <u>Lifetime</u> SAVINGS</b>	<b>-16,000</b>
Estimated disposal/wind down costs/income	-1,000
<b>NET Estimated <u>Lifetime</u> Revenue SAVING</b>	<b>-17,000</b>

**Useful economic life:**

This scheme is partly for the replacing of existing vehicles. The life of the new vehicles is anticipated to be 7 years as a front line vehicle with a further year as a cover vehicle, overall 8 years.

**Impact on the environment:**

The new vehicles will be more fuel efficient and have lower carbon emissions than the existing vehicle that it replaces (monitored through Carbon emissions PI).