

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

Agenda Item No 8

meeting date: 22 OCTOBER 2013
 title: CAPITAL MONITORING 2013/14
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide members with information relating to the progress of the approved capital programme for the period April to September 2013 with regards schemes which fall under the responsibility of this committee.

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 In total 3 new schemes for this committee were approved by Policy & Finance Committee at their meeting in February 2013, totalling £593,000. Additional approvals totalling £234,000 have also been agreed since the start of financial year. In addition, not all planned expenditure for last year was spent by the end of the financial year and the balance of this, totalling £56,390 (which is known as slippage) has been transferred into this financial year.

2.2 The total of all of these elements makes a total planned capital spend for this Committee for the current year of £883,390, which is shown at Annex 1.

3 SCHEMES

3.1 The table below summarises 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	
	Original Estimate 2013/14	Slippage from 2012/13	Additional Approvals 2013/14	Total Approved Budget	Actual Expenditure as at end September 2013 (including commitments)
£	£	£	£	£	£
593,000	56,390	234,000	883,390	810,314	-73,076

3.2 The above figures do not include the proposed capital scheme relating to play area improvements at John Smith's Playing Fields, as discussed earlier in this meeting. If approved, the budget for this scheme will be brought in to the capital programme as an additional approval.

- 3.3 Additional external grant funding of £3,000 has been approved by 'Big Lottery' with regards the Whalley Moor scheme. The funding is in the form of a 'Sustainability Grant' which is to be used to specifically fund the on-going sustainability of the project. The budget for the Whalley Moor scheme will be increased at revised estimate to reflect the additional funding.
- 3.4 To date 92% of the annual capital programme for this Committee has been spent, which is very pleasing for the first six months of the financial year.
- 3.5 The main variations to date are:
- **CALVG – Calderstones Village Green:** *Whilst 100% of the remedial works to the bowling green have been completed, only 30% of the new pathways have been completed due to encountering soft ground. The scheme is now anticipated to be finished by the end of November 2013.*
 - **PLAYN – Play Area Improvements:** *Following a survey of play areas, priorities have been identified for this year as essential repairs valued at £10k, with the majority of the balance funding new play equipment and the replacement of the dog gate on the Henthorn site. The remainder will fund painting and routine maintenance of existing equipment, ready for next year.*

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Progress to date on the capital schemes is good, with 92% of the annual capital programme having been spent or committed.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

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For further background information please ask for Amy Johnson extension 4498.

BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

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Cost Centre	Schemes	Original Estimate 2013/14 £	Slippage from 2012/13 £	Additional Approvals 2013/14 £	Total Approved Budget £	Actual Expenditure (including commitments) £	Variation to Date £
CALVG	Calderstones Village Green		38,460		38,460	4,884	-33,576
CARPK	Car Parks Rolling Programme		390		390	392	2
CPLAY	Castle Grounds Play Area		10,440		10,440	9,774	-666
GVWYV	Replacement Vehicle PK06 VWY – Vauxhall Vivaro 2900 DTI LWB Panel Van	13,000			13,000	12,883	-117
PLAYN	Play Area Improvements	40,000			40,000	3,695	-36,305
PVEHS	Paper and Card Collection Vehicles (2 of)			24,000	24,000	23,999	-1
RETWK	Retention of Weekly Collection of Residual Waste	540,000		210,000	750,000	749,417	-583
WMOOR	Whalley Moor Woodland Paths & Nature Trail		7,100		7,100	5,270	-1,830
	Total Community Committee	593,000	56,390	234,000	883,390	810,314	-73,076

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CALVG Calderstones Village Green

Service Area: Cultural & Leisure Services

Director: John Heap (former Head of Service: Chris Hughes)

Brief Description:

Improvements to the village green at Calderstones Park.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

Start Date – Feb 2013

Original Anticipated Completion Date – Sept 2013

Latest Anticipated Completion Date – November 2013

Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual to end September (including commitments) £	Variance to end September £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	38,460	4,884	-33,576
Actual Expenditure 2012/13	3,470		
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	41,930		

Financial Implications – REVENUE

The remainder of the capital receipt will be used to cover the on-going maintenance coats

Useful Economic Life

Not Applicable

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

September 2013: Whilst 100% of the remedial works to the bowling green have been completed, only 30% of the new pathways have been completed due to encountering soft ground. The scheme is now anticipated to be finished by the end of November 2013.

July 2013: Work on the scheme has started. A programme for the completion of work has been developed and agreed – anticipated to be completed by end October 2013.

March 2013: The project was a late addition within the financial year as a result of the release of commuted sums relating to housing development. The nature of the work has meant that some elements have had to be profiled to take place during the summer to take advantage of potentially better weather.

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CARPK Car Parks Rolling Programme

Service Area: Engineering Services
Head of Service: Terry Longden

Brief Description:

To resurface and upgrade the condition of the RVBC car park in Dunsop Bridge and to provide the infrastructure to facilitate pay and display charging.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

Start Date - April 2012

Original Anticipated Completion Date – by end March 2012

Latest Anticipated Completion Date – December 2012 with release of retention December 2013.

Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual to end September (including commitments) £	Variance to end September £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	390	392	2
Actual Expenditure 2012/13	30,617		
Actual Expenditure 2011/12	8,980		
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	39,987		

Financial Implications – REVENUE

Original income generation from car park estimated at £4,000 pa. Increased use of the car park means that the anticipated annual income has risen to £6,000 p.a.

Useful Economic Life

Twenty Years

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

September 2013: The expenditure of £392 is a commitment relating to the retention payment due to be released in December 2013. This will financially complete the scheme.

July 2013: The scheme is operating successfully. The retention payment of £392 to be released in December 2013 to financially complete the scheme.

March 2013: The scheme is complete. Retention monies to be paid in 2013/14.

September 2012: The surfacing of the car park was halted in June to allow United Utilities to undertake work on their water supply main that passes through the car park - thereby avoiding a potential excavation in the new surface by United Utilities. United Utilities have recently (12 October 2012) accepted that they can work around the surfacing and hence the surfacing works are now programmed for early November.

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June 2012: Negotiations on the lease renewal are complete and the lease will be signed imminently. Surfacing of the car park and ancillary work will follow the completion of work by United Utilities on a water main crossing the site.

October 2011: Completion of this work is conditional upon the confirmation of a new twenty year lease with the landowner. A report on this is included on the agenda for this committee.

July 2011: The original agreement with the lease to facilitate the continued use of area of the Dunsop Bridge car park is no longer valid. New negotiations are ongoing. No work can commence until the new lease is confirmed.

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CPLAY Castle Field Play Area

Service Area: Cultural & Leisure Services

Director: John Heap (former Head of Service: Chris Hughes)

Brief Description:

Improvements to play facilities in the castle field play area.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

Start Date – Feb 2013

Original Anticipated Completion Date – May 2013

Latest Anticipated Completion Date – July 2013

Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual to end September (including commitments) £	Variance to end September £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	10,440	9,774	-666
Actual Expenditure 2012/13	15,851		
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	26,291		

Financial Implications – REVENUE

None Expected

Useful Economic Life

The life expectancy varies, depending upon the type of equipment purchased. Intensity of use is also a factor.

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

September 2013: No additional comments.

July 2013: Project is now complete. Lead in times for equipment resulted in slight delays

March 2013: The project has been a combination of new equipment and repairs to existing equipment/wet pour. We have had to assess the level and cost of repair work before identifying a balance for the purchase of more new equipment.

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

Service Area: Cultural & Leisure Services

Director: John Heap (former Head of Service: Chris Hughes)

Brief Description:

Replacement of grounds maintenance vehicle PK06 VWY.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

Start Date – April 2013

Anticipated Completion Date – November 2013

Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual to end September (including commitments) £	Variance to end September £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	13,000	12,883	-117
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	13,000		

Financial Implications – REVENUE

None Expected

Useful Economic Life

Dependent upon use of vehicle.

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

September 2013: Anticipated delivery date November 2013.

July 2013: Vehicle has been ordered.

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PLAYN Play Area Improvements

Service Area: Cultural & Leisure Services

Director: John Heap (former Head of Service: Chris Hughes)

Brief Description:

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

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

Start Date – April 2013

Anticipated Completion Date – March 2014

Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual to end September (including commitments) £	Variance to end September £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	40,000	3,695	-36,305
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	40,000		

Financial Implications – REVENUE

None Expected

Useful Economic Life

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

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

September 2013: Following a survey of play areas, priorities have been identified for this year as essential repairs valued at £10k, with the majority of the balance funding new play equipment and the replacement of the dog gate on the Henthorn site. The remainder will fund painting and routine maintenance of existing equipment, ready for next year.

July 2013: A condition survey has been completed to determine replacement priorities.

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PVEHS Paper and Card Collection Vehicles (2)

Service Area: Refuse Collection

Head of Service: Terry Longden

Brief Description:

Purchase of two vehicles for the household collection of paper and card.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

Start Date – June 2013

Anticipated Completion Date – August 2013

Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual to end September (including commitments) £	Variance to end September £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	24,000	23,999	-1
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	24,000		

Financial Implications – REVENUE

A revenue provision for the maintenance of these vehicles is included in the budget.

Useful Economic Life

The vehicles were manufactured in 2005 & 2006 and hence already 7 & 8 years old. The paper collection does not necessitate the use of a bin lift or a split body and hence these vehicles, whilst still somewhat complex, do not carry the additional load or have the same complexity of the triple-lifter twin-pack bodied vehicles that are used for the main refuse and recycling collections. It is not expected that the economic life of these used and already ageing vehicles will exceed another 3 years, making them 10 & 11 years old.

A report on the operation on the in-house paper and cardboard collection, including an appraisal of the vehicles after 6 months of use is to be prepared at the appropriate date.

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

September 2013: No additional comments

July 2013: Vehicles purchased from the second hand market and modified to undertake the work, including re-spray in the RVBC livery. Vehicles in service from July.

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RETWK Retention of Weekly Collection of Residual Waste

Service Area: Refuse Collection

Head of Service: Terry Longden

Brief Description:

Replacement of two refuse collection vehicles and the purchase of larger green bins to encourage residents to recycle compostable food waste within their garden waste.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

Start Date – April 2014

Anticipated Completion Date – 4th Quarter 2013/14

Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual to end September (including commitments) £	Variance to end September £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	750,000	749,417	-583
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	750,000		

Financial Implications – REVENUE

The new vehicles will be more fuel efficient, with fuel savings estimated at 15% (approx. £2,000 pa)

Useful Economic Life

This scheme is partly for the replacement 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.

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

September 2013: The detailed schedule for the roll out of the bin exchange has been confirmed. Actual deliveries will commence on the 28 October and are scheduled for completion early December.

July 2013: Vehicles procured through the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) scheme. The first vehicle is due for delivery in the 3rd week of October, and the second in the 1st week of December 2013.

Procurement of the larger green-wheeled bins was delayed as a result of the confirmation of the YPO procurement framework. Delivery of the bins is now due to commence in October 2013, to be completed November.

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WMOOR Whalley Moor – Woodland Paths and Nature Trails

Service Area: Community Development
 Director: John Heap (former Head of Service: Chris Hughes)

Brief Description:

The provision of paths, signage and public art in Whalley Moor Woodland. This scheme is fully supported by external grant funding.

Start Date, duration and key milestones:

Start Date – October 2011
 Original Anticipated Completion Date – May 2012
 Latest Anticipated Completion Date – September 2013

Financial Implications – CAPITAL

	£	Actual to end September (including commitments) £	Variance to end September £
Total Approved Budget 2013/14	7,100	5,270	-1,830
Actual Expenditure 2012/13	18,616		
Actual Expenditure 2011/12	11,419		
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	37,135		

Financial Implications – REVENUE

None given.

Useful Economic Life

Ten years.

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

September 2013: A 'Sustainability Grant' has been approved by Big Lottery which is to be used to specifically fund the sustainability of the project. This includes publicity, tools and items for future maintenance.

July 2013: Changes to the spending profile have been agreed between the Friends Group and Big Lottery, resulting in a delay to the completion of the project.

March 2013: The funding profile is based on when the grant was agreed, along with subsequent claims as the work is completed. This does not match with the Council's financial year (the Council is acting as accountable body for the project and not responsible for all its execution). The slippage requested represents the level of remaining approved funding available.

September 2012: Further expenditure to be agreed with The Friends Group with a view to complete the works by the end of March 2013.

June 2012: Installation of paths and associated landscape work is complete. Workshops with local schools to create public art pieces are currently taking place.

October 2011: This project is being achieved in conjunction with the Friends of Whalley Moor Woodland, who have secured funding through community spaces grant.