

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 12

meeting date: 8 NOVEMBER 2018  
title: CAPITAL MONITORING 2018/19  
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### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide this Committee with information relating to the progress of the approved 2018/19 capital programme, for the period to the end of September 2018.

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 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 is £887,420. This is shown at Annex 1.

### 3 CAPITAL MONITORING 2018/19

3.1 The table overleaf summarises this Committee's capital programme budget, expenditure to date and variance, as at the end of September 2018. Annex 1 shows the full capital programme by scheme. Annex 2 shows scheme details, financial information and budget holder comments to date for each scheme.

BUDGET					EXPENDITURE	
Original Estimate 2018/19 £	Budget Moved from 2017/18 £	Slippage from 2017/18 £	Additional Approvals 2018/19 £	Total Approved Budget 2018/19 £	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end of September 2018 £	Variance as at end of September 2018 £
347,000	175,000	341,430	23,990	887,420	359,658	-527,762

3.2 At the end of September 2018 £359,658 had been spent or committed. This is 40.5% of the annual capital programme budget for this Committee.

3.3 The main reasons for the underspend on the full year budget to date are:

- **Disabled Facilities Grants (-£260,399):** Committed expenditure at the end of September 2018 was based on twenty schemes approved prior to this financial year and forty nine schemes approved so far in 2018/19. There were a further fourteen applications working towards approval. There is a higher level of referrals and grants approved so far in 2018/19 than in previous years. Further referrals and applications are expected in-year and there are some currently approved schemes that will require additional approvals also.
- **Landlord/Tenant Grants (-£85,092):** One scheme has been approved so far and works are estimated to be completed in Autumn 2018. The planning permission decision is still awaited on the one 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.
- **Affordable Warmth – Capital Grants (-£7,271):** Committed expenditure at the end of September 2018 was based on five grants approved in 2017/18 and thirteen grants approved so far in 2018/19. Other applications are currently being considered. It is expected that the rest of the unspent budget will be committed over the winter months.
- **Clitheroe Market Improvements (-£175,000):** The scheme remains on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme.

#### 4 CONCLUSION

4.1 At the end of September 2018 £359,658 had been spent or committed. This is 40.5% of the annual capital programme budget for this Committee.

4.2 Spend and commitments made against the ring-fenced budgets for the three Housing capital grant schemes is on-going in-year.

4.3 The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme is on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

## Health and Housing Committee – 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 £	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end of September 2018 £	Variance as at end of September 2018 £
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants	297,000	0	271,530	23,990	592,520	332,121	-260,399
LANGR	Landlord/Tenant Grants	50,000	0	49,020	0	99,020	13,928	-85,092
CMIMP	Clitheroe Market Improvements	0	175,000	0	0	175,000	0	-175,000
CWARM	Affordable Warmth – Capital Grants	0	0	20,880	0	20,880	13,609	-7,271
	<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>359,658</b>	<b>-527,762</b>

## Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

### Disabled Facilities Grants

Service Area: Housing and Regeneration

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

**Brief Description of the Scheme:**

The scheme provides mandatory 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:**

None.

**Timescale for Completion:**

The Disabled Facilities Grants budget operates throughout the financial year.

**Capital Cost:**

	£	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end of September 2018 £	Variance as at end of September 2018 £
Original Estimate 2018/19	297,000		
Additional Approval 2018/19	23,990		
Slippage from 2017/18	271,530		
Total Approved Budget 2018/19	592,520	332,121	-260,399
<b>ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST</b>	<b>592,520</b>		

**Progress - Budget Holder Comments**

*September 2018: Committed expenditure at the end of September 2018 was based on twenty schemes approved prior to this financial year and forty nine schemes approved so far in 2018/19. There were a further fourteen applications working towards approval. There is a higher level of referrals and grants approved so far in 2018/19 than in previous years. Further referrals and applications are expected in-year and there are some currently approved schemes that will require additional approvals also.*

*July 2018: Committed expenditure at the end of July 2018 was £248,357, based on twenty schemes approved prior to this financial year and twenty nine schemes approved so far in 2018/19. There were a further twenty five applications working towards approval. There is a higher level of referrals and grants approved so far in 2018/19 than in previous years. Further referrals and applications are expected in-year.*

## Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

### Landlord/Tenant Grants

Service Area: Housing and Regeneration

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

**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:**

None.

**Timescale for Completion:**

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

**Capital Cost:**

	£	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end of September 2018 £	Variance as at end of September 2018 £
Original Estimate 2018/19	50,000		
Slippage from 2017/18	49,020		
Total Approved Budget 2018/19	99,020	13,928	-85,092
<b>ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST</b>	<b>99,020</b>		

**Progress - Budget Holder Comments**

*September 2018: One scheme has been approved so far and works are estimated to be completed in Autumn 2018. The planning permission decision is still awaited on the one 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.*

*July 2018: One scheme has been approved so far and works are in progress on this scheme. One potential scheme 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, but a formal application can only be made on this scheme if it is granted planning permission.*

## Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

### Clitheroe Market Improvements

Service Area: Housing and Regeneration

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

**Brief Description of the Scheme:**

The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme was initially approved in 2015, before the proposed Clitheroe Market re-development plans were announced. The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme has been moved from the 2017/18 capital programme in to the 2018/19 capital programme in line with current proposals for the market redevelopment scheme.

Plans for the scheme budget will be reported to members at a future Health and Housing Committee meeting.

**Revenue Implications:**

Not known at this stage.

**Timescale for Completion:**

Not known at this stage.

**Capital Cost:**

	£	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end of September 2018 £	Variance as at end of September 2018 £
Original Estimate 2018/19	0		
Budget Moved from 2017/18	175,000		
Total Approved Budget 2018/19	175,000	0	-175,000
<b>ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST</b>	<b>175,000</b>		

**Progress - Budget Holder comments:**

*September 2018: No change - The scheme remains on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme.*

*July 2018: No change - The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme is on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme.*

*November/December 2017: This scheme is 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 2017/18. It is recommended that the £175,000 budget for this scheme is moved to the 2018/19 financial year.*

*August/September 2017: No change - The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme is on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme.*

*July 2017: No change - The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme is on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme.*

*December 2016: The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme is on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme.*

*September 2016: The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme is on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme.*

*July 2016: No change to May 2016 comments.*

*May 2016: The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme budget was initially approved in 2015, before the Clitheroe Market Development scheme plans were announced. The detail of the Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme will be reviewed to take into account and complement the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme. No expenditure will take place until that detail has been confirmed.*

## Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

### Affordable Warmth – Capital Grants

Service Area: Housing and Regeneration  
Head of Service: Colin Hirst

**Brief Description of the Scheme:**

A grant scheme funded by Lancashire County Council in 2016/17 and 2017/18, to allow the Council to provide sustainable heating and insulation grants to eligible applicants. The funding provided can only be spent for this purpose. Some budget from 2017/18 was unspent and has been carried forward into the 2018/19 capital programme as slippage.

**Revenue Implications:**

None

**Timescale for Completion:**

Throughout the financial year – April to March

**Capital Cost:**

	£	Actual Expenditure and Commitments as at end of September 2018 £	Variance as at end of September 2018 £
Original Estimate 2018/19	0		
Slippage from 2017/18	20,880		
Total Approved Budget 2018/19	20,880	13,609	-7,271
<b>ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST</b>	<b>20,880</b>		

**Progress - Budget Holder comments:**

*September 2018: Committed expenditure at the end of September 2018 was based on five grants approved in 2017/18 and thirteen grants approved so far in 2018/19. Other applications are currently being considered. It is expected that the rest of the unspent budget will be committed over the winter months.*

*July 2018: Committed expenditure at the end of July 2018 was £7,434, based on five grants approved in 2017/18 and nine grants approved so far in 2018/19. Other applications are currently being considered. It is expected that the rest of the unspent budget will be committed over the winter months.*