

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

20 MARCH 2013

REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 31 JANUARY 2013

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update the Committee on the progress of schemes within the Capital Programme to 31 January 2013.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that:-

- (i) the progress made on each capital scheme be noted.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 Under the Capital Programme Project Appraisal System, monitoring of actual capital expenditure against authorised expenditure is undertaken on a regular basis and reported to the Management Team in its capacity as the Council's Programme Board. Appendix A gives details of the spending against budget for all schemes within this Committee up to 31 January which is the latest available information at the agenda date.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Policy and corporate implications were addressed in setting the current year's budget. There are no further policy and corporate implications arising from this report.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The financial implications for each scheme are as set out in Appendix A

5.2 The overall position for all capital schemes falling within this Committee is as set out below.

Capital Schemes	Allocated Funding 2012/13 Budget	Authorised Funding 2012/13 (Business Case Approved)	Actual Expenditure to 31 Jan 2013	Balance to be Spent 2012/13 (Authorised funding less Actual)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Expenses	4,672	4,672	2,520	2,152
Special Expenses	24	24	0	24
HRA	1,803	1,803	558	1,245

The forecast is generally within budget with schemes progressing although expenditure has yet to be incurred which may require a carry forward of budget at the year end.

5.3 In terms of the General Fund there are four notable examples of this. The first relates to the Private Sector Loans Scheme where only two applications have been processed and the applicants were able to obtain more favourable terms elsewhere. As a result it is unlikely that any loans will be given in the near future and therefore a carry forward request may be required at the year end.

The second exception relates to Disabled Facilities Grants where a lower forecast is predicted. This is due to a combination of the high likelihood that not all of the large applications currently being processed will be completed by the end of the financial year, coupled with a significant backlog of referrals not yet received from the occupational therapists. As a result a carry forward is likely at the end of the financial year.

The third relates to Waterfield Leisure Centre redevelopment which currently shows a slight overspend of £31k subject to final agreement with the main building contractor which can be partly mitigated with a virement of £21k from the WLC project support budget, however, this will be dealt with at the year end when the final position is known.

The fourth relates to the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme where decisions are still required as to whether to join the LCC LAMS scheme or develop a Melton only scheme. Regardless of which option is adopted it seems unlikely that the scheme will be finalised before the end of the financial year and as such a carry forward will be required.

5.4 The forecast in respect of the HRA is predicting a significant under spend at the end of the financial year. This is primarily due to works identified on certain schemes, notably re-wiring and housing health and safety related schemes, being reassessed in light of the HRA Asset Management Plan which has identified a detailed 5 year capital programme and is presented elsewhere on this agenda. However, members are asked to note that for 2013/14 the HRA capital programme approved in January will be adhered to.

5.5 The Capitalisation of Housing Inspector Costs is slight overspent by £13K, due to an increase in hours in order to carry out some essential surveys to feed into the housing database.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Legal implications/powers were addressed in setting the current year's programme. There are no further legal implications arising from this report.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 Individual schemes could have links to community safety issues. These should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to those schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 Individual schemes could have links to equalities issues. These should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to those schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 These should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to those schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 Individual schemes could have links to climate change issues. These should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to those schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Consultation takes place between project managers and the Accountancy Assistant – Community Services to determine the information included in Appendix A. Reports are also prepared on a quarterly basis for the Programme Board.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 To varying degrees all wards are affected by capital schemes within this Committee

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Appendices: Appendix A - Capital Programme Progress Report – Jan 2013

Background Papers: Oracle Financial Reports
Budget Holder Comments on Performance

Reference: X: C'tte, Council & Sub-C'ttes/CSA/2012-13/20-3-13/DG-Capital
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