

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

19 SEPTEMBER 2012

REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 31 AUGUST 2012

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update the Committee on the progress of schemes within the Capital Programme to 31 August 2012.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that:-

- (a) the progress made on each capital scheme be noted.
- (b) The increases in the approved levels of spending as set out in paragraphs 5.3 and 5.4 be submitted to the Policy, Finance and Administration committee for approval.

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 August 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 Aug 2012	Balance to be Spent 2012/13 (Authorised funding less Actual)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Expenses	3,078	3,078	516	2,562
Special Expenses	18	0	0	0
HRA	1,803	1,803	170	1,633

The forecast is generally in line with the budget with schemes progressing although expenditure has yet to be incurred. The exception to this relates to the Private Sector Loans Scheme where, based on current demand, a lower expectation is forecast due to the current availability of grant funding secured in 2011/12. As a result of this a carry forward request is likely at the end of the year if take up remains low.

The forecast in respect of HRA spending shows there are a number of schemes where a year end variation is currently predicted. The forecast to date reflects the current known situation but there may be a need to respond to unidentified problems and issues as they occur during the remainder of the financial year which might adjust the predictions made on any scheme.

5.3 The Tenants Forum Executive Committee has agreed to commission a borough wide energy survey costing approximately £18,000 of which a £10,000 contribution can be met from residual grant monies from Decent Homes Grants. Since Government Office East Midlands (GOEM) which gave the original grant monies no longer exists and the objectives of the survey are broadly in line with those related to Decent Homes, it is requested that members approve for submission to Policy, Finance and Administration Committee an increase in the Warm Homes Grant budget of £10,000 to meet the costs of the survey to be met from the residual grant.

5.4 During 2011/12 the Council made a successful bid for grant monies being made available by NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland towards adaptations in respect of both public and private sector properties. The grant awarded to us totalled £100,000 and it is requested that members approve for submission to Policy, Finance and Administration Committee an increase of £100,000 to the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) Budget to reflect increased spending to be met from the grant.

The forecast column of Appendix A for DFG's of £320k reflects the predicted spend which is likely to be lower than the requested final budget as applicants have up to 12 months from a commitment being made to complete works. As a result there is an expectation of a carry forward at the end of the year representing amounts where a commitment has been made but where the associated works are not completed.

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 – Aug 2012

Background Papers: Oracle Financial Reports
Budget Holder Comments on Performance

Reference: X: C'tte, Council & Sub-C'ttes/CSA/2012-13/19-9-12/DG-Capital
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