

AGENDA ITEM 9

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

18 SEPTEMBER 2013

REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 31 AUGUST 2013

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:-

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

- 2.2 Members approve the Project Mandate for the Melton Country Park Pavilion attached as Appendix B

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 2013/14 Budget	Authorised Funding 2013/14 (Business Case Approved)	Actual Expenditure to 31 Aug 2013	Balance to be Spent 2013/14 (Authorised funding less Actual)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Expenses	1,926	1,886	171	1,715
Special Expenses	56	24	0	24
HRA	3,885	3,885	264	3,621

The forecast is generally in line with the budget with schemes progressing although expenditure has yet to be incurred. There are three exceptions to this.

The first exception relates to Disabled Facilities Grants where a lower predicted spend is forecast. This is primarily due to the significant backlog of referrals from the occupational therapists. Therefore whilst the level of grant commitment made may be in line with the budget it seems unlikely, given that applicants have up to a year to complete works, that

all related payments will be made. As a consequence a carry forward will be required at the year end.

The second exception relates to Private Sector Major Minor loans where take up has been slow. This is likely to be a consequence of the availability of grant monies and also that applicants have been able to obtain more favourable terms elsewhere. The situation will be reviewed as part of the general capital programme review which will be reported to the November meeting of this committee and the capital programme amended accordingly.

The third exception relates to the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) funding for fuel poverty and green deal where the forecast reflects the level of work to be commissioned by MBC as part of the overall DECC funding administered via Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC). The original budget set reflected the belief that each authority would administer an equal share of the available funding. In reality a greater share of the works has been commissioned by HBBC as project sponsor for the Leicestershire Authorities. The budget will be adjusted accordingly as part of the capital programme review mentioned above.

HRA Capital Programme/Housing Asset Management Plan (HAMP)

In regards to projects identified in the Housing Asset Management Plan approved by members on 28th March 2013, officers are developing the projects to a certain stage and a report will be presented to members at their meeting of 13th November 2013 seeking guidance on the way forward, this will include a 5 year capital programme for Housing improvements.

5.3 Melton Country Park Pavilion

A Melton Country Park Feasibility Report has been produced which shows potential opportunities in regards to the provision of this service. Members are asked to approve a project mandate, to enable officers to progress some of the recommendations in the report. The project Mandate is attached as Appendix B and the feasibility report is attached as Appendix B2

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 2013
Appendix B – Project Mandate – Melton Country Park Pavilion
Appendix B2 – Melton Country Park Pavilion – Feasibility Study

Background Papers: Oracle Financial Reports
Budget Holder Comments on Performance

Reference: X: Ctte,Council & SubCttes/CSA/2013-14/18-9-13/DG-Capital Prog.
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