

AGENDA ITEM 8

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

17 SEPTEMBER 2014

REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 31 AUGUST 2014

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update the Committee on the progress of schemes within the Capital Programme to 31 August 2014.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that:-

- (a) the progress made on each capital scheme be noted attached as Appendix A.
- (b) a virement of £60,000 be recommended from the Kitchen and Bathroom Programme into the Void Improvements scheme as outlined in paragraph 5.3 below and Appendix B for submission to the Policy, Finance and Administration Committee.

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 2014/15 Budget	Authorised Funding 2014/15 (Business Case Approved)	Actual Expenditure to 31 Aug 2014	Year End Forecast	Year End Variance (-) Underspend
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Expenses	1,060	1,020	82	1,060	0
Special Expenses	569	269	47	562	-7
HRA	4,326	4,326	-8	4,343	17

The forecast is generally in line with the budget with schemes progressing although much expenditure has yet to be incurred.

An exception to this relates to the Housing Foyer Scheme, for which a revised business plan is to be brought to this committee with another report on this agenda.

5.3 HRA Capital Programme/Housing Asset Management Plan (HAMP)

Members were provided with a HAMP update at their last meeting which showed that progress was being made on a range of re-development and regeneration projects, as these progress further reports will be presented to this committee outlining their progress.

The HRA capital programme has been developed in line with a longer term programme covering 4 years, this will enable contracts to begin early into the new financial year so that tenants see the benefits of those improvements quite early on, rather than wait for annual procurement processes. The real impact of this approach will be in 2015/16.

Officers have reviewed the current spend on the each element of the HRA capital programme and have revised some of the expected year end forecast. This is to reflect the current position of some of the improvement contracts and the spend on voids to ensure that they meet the decent homes plus standard and required improvements needed on them are undertaken at the point they are void. Therefore members are asked to amend the capital programme by moving £60,000 from the Kitchen programme into Void improvements with the proposed revised programme outlined in Appendix B.

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 2014
Appendix B- revised HRA capital programme

Background Papers: Oracle Financial Reports
Budget Holder Comments on Performance

Reference: X: Ctte,Council & SubCttes/CSA/2014-15/17-9-14/DG-Capital Prog. Monitoring-
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