

AGENDA ITEM 6

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

21 MARCH 2017

REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update the Committee on the progress of schemes within the Capital Programme to 28 February 2017.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The progress made on each capital scheme, attached as Appendix A, be noted along with the year end forecast position.

2.2 The adjusted HRA capital programme, as referred to in Appendix A is noted. It should be noted that the budgets are being adjusted between projects and the total programme has not changed.

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 28 February 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 2016/17 Budget	Authorised Funding 2016/17 (Business Case Approved)	Actual Expenditure to 28 Feb 2017	Year End Forecast	Year End Variance (-) Underspend
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Expenses	531	531	338	441	-90
HRA	3,414	3,414	1,314	1,681	-1,733

5.3 The main underspends expected are in relation to Disabled Facilities Grants and Warm Homes Grants based on the demand to date and there not being any large projects. This is however dependant upon any further applications received and the position will continue to be monitored. Any underspend, in relation to Warm Homes Grants only, will be carried forward into 2017/18 to cover the expected case load.

- 5.4 The HRA program is expected to be £1,733k underspent in 2016/17, with the main reasons as follows:
- £108k due to the time required to go through the procurement processes;
 - £410k as the majority of works in relation to the Beckmill Court Refurbishment and Regeneration not expected to start until 2017/18;
 - £70k due to re-roofing works taking longer than expected as roof-line works, such as guttering, are also being included which has delayed the process;
 - £213k is due to the non-traditional site dwellings for which there is no “one solution”. A way forward on these type of properties will be part of the Housing Asset Management Strategy refresh being presented to members at an ad hoc Committee in April 2017; and
 - £866k due to the contract for the Granby House refurbishment not being awarded and works not starting until January 2017.

Following a review of the schemes the budgets have been moved between projects, under the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods delegated authority, as outlined in Appendix A. Any unspent amounts will be carried forward into 2017/18 to allow the projects to progress, with the exception of the capitalisation of the Housing Inspector costs for which a £4k underspend is expected as a result of re-consideration of time spent on capital projects following the recent recruitments.

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 Financial Accountant 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 – Feb 2017
Background Papers: Oracle Financial Reports
Budget Holder Comments on Performance

Reference:

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