

AGENDA ITEM 7

RURAL, ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

31 AUGUST 2016

REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 31 JULY 2016

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the progress of schemes within the Capital Programme to 31 July 2016.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members note the progress made on each capital scheme

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 July 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 31 Jul 2016	Year End Forecast	Year End Variance Underspend (-)
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
General Expenses	5,326	5,268	486	5,309	-17

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

- Lighting on Burton Road Bridge – the expenditure on this project is not deemed capital and will therefore be charged to revenue, with the project removed from the capital programme when the capital programme is reviewed as part of the budget setting process later in the year.
- Environmental Maintenance Vehicle / Frontline Service Machine Replacement - the purchase cost of the vehicle and machine was lower than budgeted for and therefore the budget within the capital programme can be reduced accordingly by £11k when the capital programme is reviewed as part of the budget setting process later in the year.

- 5.3 It should be noted that £1.4k has been received from the sale of the mower which has been replaced. This sale proceed will increase the available balance on the Environmental Maintenance Renewal and Repair fund.
- 5.4 The cattle market re-development project is progressing well and is generally in line with anticipated project timetable. Currently, the profile of spending overall is expected to be broadly in line with the budget however, with a project of this size the timing of works, i.e. if there are any delays or works brought forward, could see a change in the profiling of the budget. If any changes materialise, a report will be brought back to the relevant committee. So far two grant claims have been submitted, and paid, to recover the costs from the LLEP totalling £404k. In addition to this, a further claim for £274k has been submitted for July.
- 5.5 It should be noted that £11,984 has been received, from the sale of various items at the cattle market as part of the re-development, which will increase the Council's capital receipts.

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 – Jul 2016

Background Papers: Oracle Financial Reports
Budget Holder Comments on Performance

Reference: X: Ctte,Council & SubCttes/REEA/2016-17/31-8-16/DG-Capital Prog. Monitoring-Jul 2016