

RURAL, ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

8 MARCH 2017

REPORT OF HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 31 JANUARY 2017

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

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 31st January 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 Jan 2017	Year End Forecast	Year End Variance Underspend (-)
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
General Expenses	5,394	5,347	2,843	4,803	-591

- 5.3 The Cattle Market re-development project is the main reason for the expected variance. The levels of expected expenditure have not been met due to the project being one week behind and also the initial projections from the external project managers, in terms of profiling over the two years, being slightly over stated in 2016/17. This does not have any overall significant impact on the project or drawdown from LLEP funding. As with any large project, the timing of works, i.e. if there are any delays or works brought forward, will impact further on the profiling of the budget over the two years and this position will continue to be monitored and any further changes reported as necessary.
- 5.4 The Snow Hill Industrial Units Roofing Works project (£47k) is now not expected to commence until 2017/18 due to resource issues in 2016/17.

5.5 The remaining variance is in relation to the Partnership Scheme in Conservation project. If the council is successful in securing external funding under the Historic England's Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) programme, authorisation will be sought to transfer the sum to a wider ranging HAZ project and act as match funding for that opportunity. It is not expected that there will therefore be any expenditure in 2016/17 to accord with timetables for the process of application and the resultant programme.

5.6 The car park capital improvements £4k budget was a carry forward from the larger 2014/15 project. It is not anticipated that there are any further works required and there will therefore be no spend against this budget.

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.

9.2 Risk items in relation to the Cattle Market re-development are gradually being extinguished as the project progresses and Members have been kept up to date on the risk items at Working Group and Committee meetings. However, as with any large project, there remain risk areas which are being carefully monitored and reported on as necessary. The southern drainage scheme, expected to start in April, is one of the identified main risk areas due to the underground works.

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 the capital schemes overseen by this Committee.

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Appendices:	Appendix A – Capital Programme Progress Report – Jan 2017
Background Papers:	Oracle Financial Reports Budget Holder Comments on Performance
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