

PEOPLE COMMITTEE

19 MARCH 2019

REPORT OF DIRECTOR FOR CORPORATE SERVICES

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 31 JANUARY 2019

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To update the Committee on the progress of schemes within Capital Programme to 31 January 2019.

2.0.1 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members note the progress made on the capital schemes for 2018-19 and year-end forecast as attached at Appendix A.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 Capital Programme Monitoring

3.1.1 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 Senior Leadership Team. Appendix A gives details of the spending against budget for all schemes within this Committee up to 31 January which is the latest available information at the agenda date.

3.1.2 The overall position for all capital schemes falling within this Committee is as set out below:

	Allocated Funding 2018/19 Budget	Authorised Funding 2018/19 (Business Case Approved)	Actual Expenditure to 31 January	Year End Forecast	Year End Variance (-) Underspend
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
General Fund	413	413	204	418	5

3.1.3 To date expenditure of £204k has been incurred from the Disabled Facilities Grant of £409k. The work is undertaken by the Lightbulb Team at Blaby District Council. It should be noted that any underspend will need to be paid back or permission from Government to carry this forward.

3.1.4 Warm Homes Grant expenditure is projected to be £9k against a budget of £4k. The additional spend will be funded by Disabled Facilities Grant and the capital programme for future years has been updated accordingly.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Policy and corporate implications in relation to the current capital programme were addressed in setting the current year's budget. Any policy and corporate implications for the proposed capital programme should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to these schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The financial and resource implications for the proposed capital programme have been addressed within section 3.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The general power under Article 3 of the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002 enables housing authorities to give discretionary assistance, in any form, (e.g. grant, loan, equity release) for adaptations. There is no restriction on the amount of assistance that a local authority may provide for housing adaptations; discretionary assistance may be given in addition to, or as an alternative to, mandatory DFG. For the proposed capital programme individual schemes could have links to legal issues. These should be covered in any associated reports and forms linked to these schemes as they progress through the decision making process.

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 There will be risks associated with each of the individual projects and these should be considered as the schemes progress through the decision making process. There is also the risk that the Council is unable to fund all of the schemes in the Capital Programme and therefore public expectations may not be met.

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 to be included in Appendix A. In addition, the capital programmes reports are submitted to the Council's Programme Board. The extent to which consultation has been undertaken on individual schemes is set out in the associated project mandates.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 To varying degrees all wards are affected by capital schemes within this Committee

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Appendix: Appendix A - General Capital Programme Progress Report – January 2019
Background Papers: Oracle Financial Reports
Budget Holder Comments on Performance
Reference: X:\Cttee, Council & Sub Cttees\People\2018.19\190319\DG- Capital Prog. Monitoring- Apr 18 to Jan 2019