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Dear Councillor

The next meeting of the **HEALTH AND HOUSING** Committee will be held at **6.30 pm** on **THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2022** in the **Council Chamber**.

I do hope you can be there.

Yours sincerely



CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 5 - 10)
3. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY, OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON REGISTRABLE INTERESTS**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interest in respect of matters contained in the agenda.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

ITEMS FOR DECISION

5. **FIRST TIME BUYERS GRANT REVIEW** (Pages 11 - 16)

Report of the Director of Economic Development and Planning enclosed.

6. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT UPDATE** (Pages 17 - 24)

Report of the Director of Economic Development and Planning enclosed.

7. **DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STRATEGIC HOUSING WORKING GROUP** (Pages 25 - 26)

Draft Terms of Reference enclosed for approval.

8. **AFFORDABLE WARMTH GRANT** (Pages 27 - 34)
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9. **COMMUNITY INTEGRATION FUNDING** (Pages 35 - 38)
Report of the Director of Economic Development and Planning enclosed.

10. **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION UPDATE** (Pages 39 - 42)
Report of the Chief Executive enclosed.

11. **REVENUE MONITORING 2022/23** (Pages 43 - 56)
Report of the Director of Resources enclosed.

12. **CAPITAL MONITORING 2022/23** (Pages 57 - 80)
Report of the Director of Resources enclosed.

13. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

- i) Merseycare NHS Foundation Trust (Pages 81 - 82)
Report of Cllr David Peat enclosed.

- ii) Lancashire County Council Health & Audit Services Scrutiny Committee (Pages 83 - 84)
Report of Cllr D Peat enclosed.

14. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

ITEMS FOR DECISION

15. **CHANGES TO THE ESTABLISHMENT - HOUSING ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT** (Pages 85 - 86)
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Report of the Director of Economic Development and Planning enclosed.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

16. **UPDATE ON GRANT APPROVALS** (Pages 87 - 90)
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17. **MINUTES OF WORKING GROUPS** (Pages 91 - 94)
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Minutes of the Strategic Housing Working Group 4 October 2022 enclosed.

Electronic agendas sent to members of Health and Housing – Councillor David Peat OBE (Chair), Councillor Jan Alcock JP, Councillor Stephen Atkinson, Councillor Anthony (Tony) Austin, Councillor Ian Brown, Councillor Rosemary (Rosie) Elms, Councillor Steve Farmer, Councillor Kerry Fletcher, Councillor Jonathan Hill, Councillor Mark Hindle, Councillor Brian Holden (Vice-Chair), Councillor Ged Mirfin, Councillor Donna O'Rourke, Councillor Mary Robinson and Councillor Richard Sherras.

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Minutes of Health and Housing

Meeting Date: Thursday, 1 September 2022, starting at 6.30 pm
Present: Councillor D Peat (Chair)

Councillors:

J Alcock	J Hill
S Atkinson	M Hindle
T Austin	B Holden
I Brown	G Mirfin
R Elms	D O'Rourke
S Farmer	R Sherras
K Fletcher	

In attendance: Chief Executive, Head of Regeneration and Housing, Acting Head of Environmental Health, Senior Accountant and Strategic Housing Officer

Also in attendance: Councillors S O'Rourke and D Berryman

249 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillor Mary Robinson.

250 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

251 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY, OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

Councillor B Holden declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 – Capital Monitoring 2022/23

252 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

253 HOMELESS STRATEGY 2022 - 2025

The Director of Economic Development and Planning submitted a report requesting Committee consider the Homeless Strategy for 2022-2025.

The report explained the draft strategy was presented to Committee in January 2022 and was discussed in detail at the Homeless Forum in June 2022. Following consultations, the strategy had been amended to reflect comments received. The main amendments shown in red were inclusion of a summary, an updated action plan around Domestic Abuse services, and information about affordable housing completions.

Members were reminded that an up-to-date Homeless Strategy is a requirement under the Homeless Act.

There was discussion at the meeting around hidden homelessness. There was an anticipated increase in homelessness due to the rising cost of living, and landlords selling rental properties. It was also suggested that education was needed around the triggers for homelessness, such as parental eviction and relationship breakdown, to try and address these issues. It was felt that residents of the Borough may not believe homelessness was an issue as rough sleeping was not prevalent however homeless households were hidden as many sofa surf. Officers confirmed that housing need would be looked at as part of the Local Plan review in order to understand housing needs across the Borough and address them through appropriate projects.

Concerns were raised over the expected increase in Domestic Violence linked with the pressures of the rising cost of living.

Committee requested that initiatives around Domestic Violence and Homelessness be moved up the agenda going forward, and that Committee receive a progress report at each cycle.

RESOLVED THAT COMMITTEE:

- Approved the Ribble Valley Homeless Strategy for 2022-2025.

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REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLES

The Chief Executive submitted a report requesting approval of additional budgets on capital schemes for the replacement of the Pest Control Van and Dog Warden Van.

The report noted that on 13 January 2022 the Committee had approved the transfer of capital budgets to 2022/2023 for:

- Replacement of Pest Control Van - £13,800
- Replacement of Dog Warden Van - £13,500

Committee had also recommended that the Policy and Finance Committee approve additional budgets of £2,200 (Pest Control Van) and £2,500 (Dog Warden Van), for 2022/2023, due to updated guide prices and additional costs for fitting out the vans.

The report detailed the considerations with regards to the replacements, and the estimates for conversion work which would meet DEFRA welfare standards. This included fitting cages, sign writing, mechanical ventilation, and hazard warning signs. The report concluded that an increase in the budget of £5,891 was therefore necessary, being £2,837 for the Pest Control van and £3,054 for the Dog Warden van.

There was lengthy discussion around exploring the option of electric vehicles, and the cost of implementation. Members were minded to explore this considering the environmental benefits. The option of leasing was discussed, however, due to the modifications required on the vehicles Officers felt this was not a practical option.

Members requested information regarding disposal values of vehicles and equipment replaced, including trade ins, in future.

RESOLVED THAT COMMITTEE:

- Submit the request to Policy & Finance Committee for additional budget for the replacement of the Pest Control and Dog Warden vehicles. Two options to be submitted:

1. Replacement with Diesel vehicles estimated cost £37,890, or
2. Replacement with Electric vehicles estimated cost £76,000.

255 REVENUE OUTTURN 2021/22

The Director of Resources submitted a report on the outturn for the financial year 2021/22 in respect of the revenue budget for this committee.

There had been a number of variations in both income and expenditure during the year that had given rise to an overall underspend of £110,363 on the net cost of services. After transfers to and from earmarked reserves there was an overall underspend of £102,361 that had been added to General Fund Balances. Details by cost centre were outlined in the report for information.

256 REVENUE MONITORING 2022/23

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing committee of the position for the period April to June 2022 of this year's revenue budget for this committee.

The comparison between actual and budgeted expenditure showed an underspend of £53,341 for the first three months of the financial year 2022/23, after allowing for transfers to/from earmarked reserves. Details of the variances were included in the report for information.

257 CAPITAL MONITORING 2022/23

The Director of Resources submitted a report for information of progress on the 2022/23 capital programme for the period to the end of June 2022 for this committee.

At the end of June 2022 £249,982 had been spent or committed which equated to 7.1% of the annual capital programme budget for this committee. Of the nine schemes in the capital programme, four schemes were expected to be completed in-year, one scheme was unlikely to be completed in-year, three schemes were on-going grants schemes, and it was unclear whether one scheme would be completed in-year.

Officers raised the following issue to provide clarification. It was possible that the S106 funding re Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge would be utilised in a different manner, therefore, for future reports it was proposed to split the approved budget of £2,048,080 as follows:

- £422,130 left as the Equity Share Option Schemes.
- £1,625,950 re-named as "Affordable Housing – Longridge" scheme.

The delay regarding the Joiners Arms Roof Renewal was noted, and it was requested that progress be reported at the next Committee.

258 HOMES FOR UKRAINE UPDATE

The Director of Economic Development and Planning submitted a report updating members about the current Homes for Ukraine position in the borough.

The report informed Committee that following a very positive response from homeowners to date there were 85 Ukrainian residents in the borough. A table was included showing the increasing numbers of sponsors and guests for all Lancashire

boroughs. It was noted that the Clitheroe Ukrainian Support project continued, a welcome pool party had been arranged at Ribblesdale pool, an Independence Day Reception was being hosted, and a trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Guests had also received passes to access the pool and gym. Families were being provided housing advice and assistance and the Council's Homes for Ukraine Assistant had commenced a full-time role.

DLUHC had written to host families to consider extending accommodation to 12 months from 6 months and responses were awaited.

It was confirmed at the meeting that sponsor accommodation was predominantly residential homes and, to date, 2 families had received assistance in moving into rental accommodation.

259 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

The Director of Economic Development and Planning submitted a report informing members of the number of affordable housing units delivered across the borough in 2021/22.

The report confirmed the number of completions for 2021/22 was 162, which surpassed the annual target of 75, and was the highest number of affordable units completed in the borough in any year.

Members discussed the split of affordable housing ownership options and affordable rent and were keen to ensure that the split reflected the needs of residents. The number of completions was highlighted as a success; however, it was noted that there was a lack of affordable units within villages.

260 MINUTES OF WORKING GROUPS

There were no minutes from Working Groups.

261 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

262 MERSEY-CARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Councillor David Peat submitted a report for information following the Council of Governors meeting on 12 July 2022 for Mersey-care NHS Foundation Trust. The report noted the target for "full retraction" from the Calderstones site in December 2023/January 2024, and that 45 residents were currently on site.

263 LANCASHIRE CC NHS AND ADULT AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor David Peat submitted a report for information following the Lancashire County Council NHS and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee on 13 July 2022. At the meeting 2 presentations had outlined strategies for Adult Social Care with the new NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board, and also Health and Well-being.

264 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That by virtue of the next item of business being exempt information under Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be now excluded from the meeting.

GRANTS UPDATE

The Director of Economic Development and Planning submitted a report for information on recent approvals for seven Disabled Facilities grants and two Ribble Valley Adaptation grants. No new First Time Buyer Energy Efficiency Grants or Landlord/tenant Capital Grants had been approved since the last committee report.

The meeting closed at 8.01 pm

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RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2022
title: FIRST TIME BUYER GRANT REVIEW
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
principal author: COLIN HIRST, HEAD OF REGENERATION AND HOUSING

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To receive information on first time buyer grants and consider amendments to the scheme.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:
 - Community Objectives – To address the housing needs of households in the borough.
 - Corporate Priorities – To ensure the Council is a well-managed authority providing efficient services based on identified customer's needs.
 - Other Considerations – None.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members will recall that the first time buyer grant was introduced in April 2022 for a trial period of 12 months following consideration of the need to review the existing landlord/tenant grant policy. This matter was considered at the meeting of this Committee on 17 March 2022, minute 753 refers.
- 2.2 The scheme was introduced following concern around the take-up of the Council's landlord/tenant grant scheme. Members were also keen to examine opportunities to widen support for both the improvement of lower cost properties and to assist first time buyers in moving into those properties.
- 2.3 The scheme was implemented in April 2022 and Members have received information on grant take-up as part of the regular grants update reporting. To date 11 grant applications have been received – 1 completed and paid out and 3 are approved and in progress. Further information is contained on the grants update report attached to this agenda. The grant scheme has generally been well received and has assisted applicants to improve their properties.

3 GRANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 As Members will note, the purpose of the grant is to assist first time buyers who are seeking to acquire their own house, but in terms of affordability, whilst they are able to access lower cost properties, they often need some fundamental renovation work. The scheme is designed to assist with that process of securing an affordable house but to assist with core improvements that will both improve the housing stock but will also help with energy efficiency, supporting the Council's climate change aspirations and helping to address other affordability issues around home energy.
- 3.2 The scheme is based upon the energy performance certificate (EPC) and can include (but not limited to) boiler improvements, new windows, insulated doors and all forms of insulation. The scheme is targeted at homes within Council Tax groups A-C with a

maximum grant of £15,000 covering half of eligible costs up to that limit of £15,000. Members will note from information provided in the grants update, that to date generally most schemes are modest in terms of the grant required.

- 3.3 As the grant is funded by way of public funds and to offer some protection of the use of those funds, a charge is registered on the property with the grant to be repaid (in full) if the property is sold or it ceases to be occupied as the main and only residence within a 5-year period of the grant commencing. If the property is sold after 5 years, the repayment reduces to 50% of the total grant, however the charge remains on the property in perpetuity.
- 3.4 The terms of the charge and repayment requirements have led to some potential applicants not wishing to pursue the grant as it is in effect, seen as a repayable loan and applicants do not want to be tied into repaying the grant or to have the charge on the property. Members will be aware that the grant was introduced for a period of 12 months for us to understand how it would operate and how it was received.
- 3.5 The charge issue appears to be affecting take-up and on reflection is inconsistent with other charge requirements that are placed on housing support grants. Consequently, it is suggested that the repayment is aligned with other Council grant schemes to see if this promotes further take-up.
- 3.6 The current grant conditions are set out in the attached grant scheme document and it is recommended that the period of the charge and repayment is limited to 10 years. Members are asked to agree the following amendment to the terms to read as follows:
- *The value of the grant award will be placed as a Local Land Charge against the property. This will remain registered with no inflation added until the point at which the property is sold. At that point the Council will be repaid the grant monies. In the event that the property is sold after a period of 5 years the grant repayment will reduce to 50% of the total grant award. **THE CHARGE WILL BE REMOVED AFTER 10 YEARS.***
- 3.7 This will make the charge period consistent with other grants. If the property is sold after 10 years or ceases to be the main property there will be no repayment requirement.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
- Resources – This grant is funded as a capital scheme and is limited by the amount of money within the grant pot. The implication of making this change is that we will secure further grant applications up to the maximum of the grant pot.
 - Technical, Environmental and Legal – if agreed, the charge placed on the property will be consistent with other forms of support grants. Existing registered charges will not be affected.
 - Political – The measures set out in this report demonstrate that the Council is a well run authority.
 - Reputation – The measures set out in this report demonstrate that the Council remains prudent with public funds yet recognises the need to keep its projects under review.
 - Equality & Diversity – The changes set out will broaden opportunities for take-up but it is considered there are no direct equal opportunity implications.

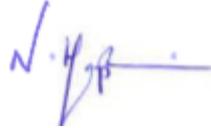
- Climate Change – Improving the take-up of the grant should assist in achieving the Council’s climate change strategy.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Note the information related to the first-time buyer grant and agree the amended wording to the grant conditions set out in paragraph 3.5 of this report.



COLIN HIRST
HEAD OF REGENERATION AND HOUSING



NICOLA HOPKINS
DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

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DISCRETIONARY PRIVATE SECTOR GRANT POLICY EXTRACT FIRST TIME BUYER GREENER HOMES GRANT

In line with the Council's climate change objectives and to address a housing issue of affordability to access the housing market RVBC have introduced a grant offer to assist young people access the housing market a first-time buyer green homes grant. This grant is made available to first time buyers purchasing a property that needs some energy efficiency improvements. A maximum grant of £15,000 per property will be made available.

An Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) must demonstrate the property is rated between D to H. The eligible works will include bring the property up to EPC rating of A to C.

WHAT TYPE OF PROPERTY IS ELIGIBLE?

- You may qualify if your property is 10 years old and is within the Council Tax Bands A to C and has an energy efficiency rating of D or lower.
- The property is located in the Ribble Valley.

WHO CAN APPLY?

You can apply for a grant if you:

- are a first time buyer; or
- intend to occupy the property in the Ribble Valley as your main residence; and
- you are over 18 years old.

WHAT TYPE OF WORK IS COVERED?

Work covered by the grant can include:

- all items identified on the EPC Certificate;
- any additional items required to make the house habitable; and
- any additional work will need to be self-funded.

WHO WILL ARRANGE THE WORK?

We do not arrange for the work to be completed or carry out the work; this is your responsibility. You will need to appoint the builder/contractor and arrange for any building regulations approval where necessary.

You may be eligible to get up to a maximum of £15,000. The size of the grant would depend on the cost of the works required and the cost of the works that are deemed to be eligible. But with eligible works you will be required to provide two full sets of estimates and the grant award will match the lowest most reasonable set of estimates, evidencing value for money.

Approval of the grant award is at the Council's discretion and is subject to availability of funding. A grant approval certificate will be awarded before any payments will be made. Payment of the grant will be to the grant applicant and will follow the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration 1997 grant guidance and all audit and financial regulations.

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

We will assess your income, and the total earnings of the household need to be less than £80,000 per annum. We will require:

- 3 months bank statements;
- 3 months wage slips;
- evidence of all savings and any other income source.

The calculation will consider your family circumstances and remains at the Council's discretion. The calculation needs to show that your income and savings mean you are not in a position to fund the cost of the works.

CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT

When you apply for the grant, you must occupy the dwelling as your main and only residence for the next 5 years. If during those first 5 years from the date of which the work is signed off by the Technical Officer, you break this agreement, you will be asked to repay the grant monies, unless there is supporting evidence as to why there were exceptional circumstances that meant you could no longer remain in the property. This would be at the Council's discretion and considered by Health and Housing Committee.

The value of the grant award will be placed as a Local Land Charge against the property. This will remain registered with no inflation added until the point at which the property is sold. At that point the Council will be repaid the grant monies. In the event that the property is sold after a period of 5 years the grant repayment will reduce to 50% of the total grant award.

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RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2022
title: DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT UPDATE
submitted by: NICOLA HOPKINS, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
principal author: COLIN HIRST, HEAD OF REGENERATION & HOUSING

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To update Members in respect of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and to agree the use of additional burdens funding.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – To ensure housing needs are met and that opportunities to improve the safety and well-being of the local community are addressed.
- Corporate Priorities – To demonstrate that the council is a well-managed authority
- Other Considerations – None

2 BACKGROUND

1.3 The Domestic Abuse Act, which came into force in April 2021, aims to make changes to better protect and strengthen the provision of support for survivors of domestic abuse, by transforming the collective response from a wide range of public service authorities including local Councils, the Police and Judiciary system as well as other relevant agencies.

1.4 The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 places a statutory duty on Local Authorities to assess the need for accommodation-based support to individuals, families and their children within its area. Safe accommodation is broader than just refuge accommodation and includes victim-survivors who live in their own homes and access to sanctuary schemes; the range of support is also broader, from immediate crisis intervention (i.e., refuges and complex needs support) through to recovery and advocacy support; and safe accommodation.

1.5 Local authorities have specific duties under Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (see extract attached at Appendix 1). The duties require that Tier 1 authorities (in our case LCC as the relevant local authority) assess the need for accommodation-based support for victims of domestic abuse in their area and ensure that suitable strategies are developed and put in place. Tier 1 authorities have the role of ensuring that coordination exists across the local authority area and that mechanisms exist to ensure the requirements of part 4 of the act are delivered and given "effect".

1.6 Tier 2 authorities are required to co-operate with the Tier 1 authorities, as far as reasonably practicable in delivering against the Act when requested to do so.

2.5 In Ribble Valley data collated through the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) that from April 2021 to March 2022 Ribble Valley CSP recorded 321 domestic abuse related crimes. This is a 4.2% increase (up 13 offences) compared to the previous year where 308 crimes were recorded. In 2021, 35% of all DA victims fell into the 'financially stretched' category which is disproportionate in comparison to the percentage of our general population of the Ribble Valley where 19% make up this category. This is

particularly important in light of the cost of living rises. DV related referrals through the Council's homelessness services also account for a significant number of cases being dealt with and there has been in recent times an increase in cases reported.

3 ACTIVITIES IN RESPONSE TO THE ACT

- 3.1 In accordance with government guidance Tier 1 and Tier 2 local authorities need to work together to establish what support is needed at safe accommodation in the local authority area. Domestic Abuse - Statutory Guidance July 2022 (319, pg. 100) and work is ongoing to ensure that the situation is monitored.
- 3.2 In response to the act LCC launched their Domestic Abuse Services in May 2022 following the publication of a draft Safe Accommodation Strategy which was prepared through an officer working group established to address the need for a Domestic Abuse Partnership Board.
- 3.3 This Board now reports through the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board which in turn reports to Lancashire Chief Executives and the Lancashire Leaders. These arrangements give effect to the Tier 1 duties in the Act in terms of governance.
- 3.4 The implementation of the Safe Accommodation Strategy will be led by the Lancashire Domestic Abuse Partnership Board (LDAPB) and overseen by the s Community Safety Partnership Board. Ribble Valley is represented on The LDAPB by an Officer from Burnley who represents the East Lancashire Districts. Appendix 2 of this report sets out in an extract from the Draft Safe Accommodation Strategy, the current implementation plan, which members are invited to comment on.
- 3.5 Each year, the strategy will be reviewed within the context of a statutory Safe Accommodation Needs Assessment and regular updates will be provided to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). The mechanism for this is evolving and members will be kept informed of any emerging issues.
- 3.6 What is important for members to consider at this stage is that the draft plan represents the basis upon which DV activities are currently being taken forward in Lancashire which includes commitments to spending additional burdens funding provided by the government to assist in the implementation of the act. Ribble Valley has received two tranches of funding comprising £33,351 and £33,379. £7566 of this funding has been used to cover additional staffing costs resulting from implementing the DV act in 2022-23. Members will also note a separate report on this agenda considering the amendment proposed to the staffing in the housing team, which will help deal with increased DV presentations.

4 ISSUES

- 4.1 As indicated in the draft strategy it will take some time to develop and refine the delivery plan to support DV needs in the area. Work is ongoing to develop the necessary action plan and further information will be brought to members including the financial implications in due course.
- 4.2 Currently there is no dedicated safe house accommodation in the borough and for survivors accommodated in accommodation which does not meet the guidance as a safe house support cannot be delivered through commissioned, funded services. The housing team area aware of this issue and are mindful of this when housing DV survivors which consideration of how to ensure any support needs are met noting that these cannot be funded from the additional burdens funding. Compliant safe accommodation may be delivered outside of the borough although Members should not that there is a general shortfall of such accommodation elsewhere in Lancashire and often the individual/ families want to remain in the Borough (schools/ jobs etc).

- 4.3 An option would be to use some of the additional burdens funding to provide a sanctuary scheme whereby additional security is provided to enable survivors to remain in their own homes if appropriate. We are exploring the opportunity to deliver this through our existing small adaptations service Homewise whom members will be familiar with which already provides support to housing services and also to crime prevention through the CSP.
- 4.4 Following discussions at the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board a meeting is planned with County Officers to consider co-commissioning where the arrangement is consistent with the terms of the DHLUC funding agreement.

5 RISK ASSESSMENT

5.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – Activities in relation to the council’s Housing functions and duties related to housing and addressing homelessness are contained within existing revenue budgets. Additional burdens resulting from the act in these areas is at present funded through the DHLUC additional burdens funding. In developing the action plan around the accommodation strategy where there are additional burdens, they can be funded from the DHLUC grant. Any additional expenditure would have to be considered within the Council’s usual budget process including the consideration of any capital schemes arising from the duty.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – The Council is required to meet its duties under part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act.
- Political – The matters addressed in this report help demonstrate that the Council is a well-managed authority.
- Reputation – It is important that the authority can demonstrate how it is responding to these duties and assisting survivors.
- Equality & Diversity – Domestic Violence can be experienced across many client groups and the Council’s response needs to ensure fair access to services when addressing its duties under the DV Act.

7 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 7.1 Note the update set out in this report and confirm if they agree to the draft actions set out in Appendix 2 of this report in relation to the draft Lancashire Accommodation Strategy.
- 7.2 Instruct the Director of Economic Development and Planning to investigate whether a sanctuary scheme for the borough would be a suitable way forward and to continue to develop a mechanism with LCC to ensure appropriate support to address identified needs can be established, reporting the outcome back to this committee for ratification before implementation.



COLIN HIRST
HEAD OF REGENERATION AND HOUSING



NICOLA HOPKINS
DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

EXTRACT OF PART 4 OF THE DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT 2021**PART 4****Local authority support**

57 Support provided by local authorities to victims of domestic abuse

- (1) Each relevant local authority in England must –
 - (a) assess, or make arrangements for the assessment of, the need for accommodation based support in its area,
 - (b) prepare and publish a strategy for the provision of such support in its area, and
 - (c) monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategy.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) –

“accommodation-based support” means support, in relation to domestic abuse, provided to victims of domestic abuse, or their children, who reside in relevant accommodation;

“relevant accommodation” means accommodation of a description specified by the Secretary of State in regulations.
- (3) A relevant local authority that publishes a strategy under this section must, in carrying out its functions, give effect to the strategy.
- (4) Before publishing a strategy under this section, a relevant local authority must consult –
 - (a) the domestic abuse local partnership board appointed by the relevant local authority under section 58,
 - (b) any local authority for an area within the relevant local authority’s area, and
 - (c) such other persons as the relevant local authority considers appropriate.
- (5) A relevant local authority that publishes a strategy under this section –
 - (a) must keep the strategy under review,
 - (b) must keep under review any effect of the strategy on the provision of other local authority support in its area,
 - (c) may alter or replace the strategy, and
 - (d) must publish any altered or replacement strategy.
- (6) In this section “other local authority support”, in relation to a local authority, means support, in relation to domestic abuse, that –
 - (a) is provided to victims of domestic abuse or their children, and
 - (b) is provided or funded by the local authority, other than accommodation-based support (within the meaning of subsection (2)).
- (7) A relevant local authority may request any local authority for an area within the relevant local authority’s area to co-operate with it in any way that the relevant local authority considers necessary for the purposes of its functions under this section.

- (8) A local authority must, so far as reasonably practicable, comply with a request made to it under subsection (7).
- (9) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about the preparation and publication of strategies under this section.
- (10) The power to make regulations under subsection (9) may, in particular, be exercised to make provision about –
 - (a) the procedure to be followed by a relevant local authority in preparing a strategy;
 - (b) matters to which a relevant local authority must have regard in preparing a strategy;
 - (c) how a relevant local authority must publish a strategy;
 - (d) the date by which a relevant local authority must first publish a strategy;
 - (e) the frequency with which a relevant local authority must review its strategy or any effect of the strategy on the provision of other local authority support in its area.
- (11) Before making regulations under this section, the Secretary of State must consult –
 - (a) the Domestic Abuse Commissioner,
 - (b) relevant local authorities, and
 - (c) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

58 Domestic abuse local partnership boards

- (1) A relevant local authority in England must appoint a domestic abuse local partnership board for the purposes of providing advice to the authority about -
 - (a) the exercise of the authority's functions under section 57, and
 - (b) the provision of other local authority support in the authority's area.
- (2) The members of the domestic abuse local partnership board must include –
 - (a) a representative of the relevant local authority;
 - (b) at least one person appearing to the authority to represent the interests of local authorities for areas within its area;
 - (c) at least one person appearing to the authority to represent the interests of victims of domestic abuse;
 - (d) at least one person appearing to the authority to represent the interests of children of domestic abuse victims;
 - (e) at least one person appearing to the authority to represent the interests of charities and other voluntary organisations that work with victims of domestic abuse in its area;
 - (f) at least one person appearing to the authority to represent the interests of persons who provide, or have functions relating to, health care services in its area;
 - (g) at least one person appearing to the authority to represent the interests of persons with functions relating to policing or criminal justice in its area.
- (3) In this section –

“health care services” means services relating to health care (within the meaning of section 9 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008);

“other local authority support” has the same meaning as in section 57.

59 Annual reports

- (1) As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year, a relevant local authority in England must submit to the Secretary of State an annual report in relation to the exercise of the authority's functions under this Part during the year.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about –
 - (a) the form of the report, and
 - (b) the content of the report.
- (3) In this section "financial year" means –
 - (a) the period beginning with the day on which this section comes into force and ending with the following 31 March, and
 - (b) each successive period of 12 months.

60 Guidance

- (1) The Secretary of State must issue guidance relating to the exercise by local authorities in England of functions under this Part.
- (2) Local authorities in England must have regard to the guidance when exercising a function to which the guidance relates.
- (3) The Secretary of State may from time to time revise any guidance issued under this section.
- (4) Before issuing or revising guidance under this section, the Secretary of State must consult –
 - (a) the Domestic Abuse Commissioner,
 - (b) local authorities, and
 - (c) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (5) Subsection (4) does not apply in relation to any revisions of guidance issued under this section if the Secretary of State considers the proposed revisions of the guidance are insubstantial.
- (6) The Secretary of State must publish –
 - (a) any guidance issued under this section, and
 - (b) any revisions of that guidance.

61 Interpretation of Part 4

In this Part –

"local authority" means –

- (a) a relevant local authority;
- (b) a district council for an area for which there is a county council;
- (c) a London borough council;
- (d) the Common Council of the City of London in its capacity as a local authority;

"relevant local authority" means –

- (a) a county council;
- (b) a district council for an area for which there is no county council;
- (c) the Greater London Authority;
- (d) the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

Extract from Draft Lancashire Safe Accommodation Strategy

How will the Safe Accommodation Strategy be delivered?

Lancashire Domestic Abuse Partnership Board (DAPB) will develop and implement a plan, that is annually refreshed and reviewed on a quarterly basis. This will identify short-term transitional arrangements and improvements as well as medium to longterm work that is required to deliver the strategy.

- 1) To address current gaps, service commissioning options for additional safe accommodation and support will be developed and delivered.
- 2) A joint financial plan will be developed and agreed via the Lancashire Domestic Abuse Partnership Board to spend tier 1 and tier 2 safe accommodation funding allocations. This will be spent on “safe accommodation” and accompanying domestic abuse support as defined by the Statutory Guidance. This will be annually refreshed and may include options to pool resources.
- 3) Awareness raising, training and communications on the safe accommodation offer will be delivered for professionals across Lancashire’s agencies.
- 4) Lancashire will raise awareness of domestic abuse and communicate safe accommodation and the broader domestic abuse offer to residents of Lancashire.
- 5) The Lancashire Domestic Abuse Partnership Board will monitor progress to deliver the strategy and report to Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board on a quarterly basis and Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) when required.

It is recognised that it will take time to design and commission additional safe accommodation provision and support, and to achieve the improvements intended. Lancashire partners will work together to identify and deliver immediate improvements to our safe accommodation offer for victim-survivors, as well as working to deliver a comprehensive responsive offer longer-term.

HEALTH and HOUSING COMMITTEE STRATEGIC HOUSING WORKING GROUP DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

General:

1. The Working Group has been constituted by the Health and Housing Committee.
2. Nominated members of the group:
Councillors: D Peat, A Brown, R Sherras, M Hindle, and M Robinson.
3. Three nominated Councillors of the group are required to be present to be quorate.
4. The Group does not have any delegated decision-making powers.
5. The Group will consult with the relevant Chairs of other service committees as appropriate.
6. Meetings will be arranged as necessary to provide a policy steer to affordable housing proposals, and to respond flexibly to strategic housing issues as they arise.
7. The minutes of any meetings will be reported to the Health and Housing Committee.
8. These terms of reference are to be reviewed annually.

Aims and objectives of the Group:

1. To aid the delivery of affordable and specialist housing in the borough.
2. To match the supply of homes in the borough with identified housing needs.
3. To promote understanding of the general housing needs of the local community, to advise the Health and Housing Committee as appropriate, and provide input into the Local Plan.
4. To support the delivery of the strategic housing objectives as agreed at the Housing Forum.
5. To ensure group members are aware of proposals for affordable housing developments in the borough
6. To provide guidance to members, on requests for advice regarding affordable housing schemes.
7. To provide an informed response to affordable housing development proposals in the borough.
8. To work in partnership with the Council's preferred registered providers and Homes England, to deliver the most needed housing in the right location.

In addition to the above, the Group will monitor the delivery of affordable and specialist housing in the borough.

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RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2022
title: AFFORDABLE WARMTH GRANT (2022/23)
submitted by: NICOLA HOPKINS, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
principal author: NICOLA HOPKINS, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update Members on an Affordable Warmth Grant which has been offered to all Lancashire District Authorities by Lancashire County Council
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:
- Community Objectives – To improve the health and wellbeing of people living and working in our area.
 - Corporate Priorities – To help make people's lives safer and healthier

2. BACKGROUND

- 1.3 In July 2022 LCC announced the £1 million Affordable Warmth Lancashire fund which will be distributed to Lancashire's district councils on a grant basis, for them to allocate the funding to assist residents on low incomes and those who are vulnerable to the effects of living in a cold home.
- 1.4 The final guidance, application form and monitoring forms were e-mailed to the Districts on 1st September with a deadline for applications of 16th September.
- 1.5 The fund is aimed at improvements such as insulation and efficient heating systems and is intended to supplement ongoing work with the district housing authorities in Lancashire on domestic energy efficiency schemes, using government and Energy Company Obligation (ECO) funding and adding value to existing delivery schemes in place such as Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL).
- 1.6 The funding is subject to Lancashire County Council approving proposals and we could apply for £ 41,315.

3. FUND

- 1.7 The fund is subject to certain eligibility criteria as follows. Households will be eligible for funding if they meet at least one of the following vulnerabilities and have a low income.
- 1.8 Vulnerabilities:
- people with a diagnosed cardiovascular conditions
 - people with a diagnosed respiratory conditions (in particular, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and childhood asthma)
 - people with diagnosed mental health conditions
 - people with diagnosed disabilities
 - older people (65 and older)
 - households with young children (up to the age of 5)

- pregnant women
- people who are terminally ill
- people with suppressed immune systems (e.g. from cancer treatment or HIV)
- people who have attended hospital due to a fall

1.9 The following vulnerable groups will be considered on referral from a professional organisation

- people who move in and out of homelessness
- people with addictions
- Recent immigrants and refugees.

1.10 Low income can be confirmed in one of the following three ways:

- Someone being in receipt of means tested benefits
- Have a total household income not in excess of £31,000
- A 'declaration' by the Local Authority or health / social care professional that affordability issues are present.

4. GRANT SCHEME

1.11 LCC expect Districts to prioritise properties that have an energy efficiency need such as properties that are likely to be EPC rating D or below, although a formal EPC rating and assessment is not required.

1.12 The funding available can be used for capital or revenue expenditure, however this funding stream is not expected to be repeated, and where possible interventions should make a long-term contribution to helping people keep their homes warm.

1.13 The guidance from LCC includes suggested interventions which this fund can be used for. These are appended at Appendix 1. Measures can be fully funded (in the case of any match funding not being available) or a contribution towards costs made at a level deemed appropriate by the district.

1.14 We are expected to target owner occupied housing, however where there is an identified need other tenures may be included. In the case of private rented all reasonable enforcement options must have been shown to have been pursued. For social housing, interventions / contributions from housing associations / other partners should be sought in the first instance.

5. DELIVERY

1.15 We will receive the grant directly (subject to approval) in advance and will be responsible for delivery and coordinating work with partners including voluntary and community sector organisations. There is the possibility of clawback of unspent and uncommitted funding at the end of March. A copy of the Grant Agreement is attached at Appendix 2.

1.16 Lancashire County Council must be referenced as the source of the funding when the grant is being promoted or publicised.

1.17 A monitoring report will be required every 3 months summarising:

- Funding spent/ committed and on what areas of intervention, numbers of jobs.
- How many households and people have been helped
- Breakdown of why households were eligible for the scheme
- Number of people benefiting from work
- Ethnic Group

- Record of any professional referrals into the scheme for example from health or social care
- If applicable summary of any match funding secured
- Confirmation of what the health and affordability need is should be recorded in the monitoring returns, any evidence should be retained locally.

6. GRANT SCHEME FOR RIBBLE VALLEY

- 1.18 LCC required Districts to complete an application form (Appendix 3) prior to 16th September 2022 to gain access to the fund.
- 1.19 In terms of applying to the fund consideration was given to the relatively small amount of our allocation, the resource implications of creating a scheme which we administer, other resources/grants which are already available in the Borough and the aims of the fund.
- 1.20 Cosy Homes for Lancashire (CHiL) is already in place to offer a range of measures for keeping homes warm across Lancashire (Green Homes Grant) and we often direct people to this grant when they contact the Council. CHiL is managed by Rhea Projects Ltd on behalf of the Lancashire Local Authorities (Blackburn with Darwen commissioned Rhea Projects Ltd).
- 1.21 It was considered that the provision of a new/ serviced boiler will result in cost saving for the property (this is not something CHiL deliver without a full EPC assessment), can be administered in house and will have a long-term contribution to heating properties which is one of the aims of this fund.
- 1.22 To ensure that we don't replicate the above Green Homes Grant the recommendation is to directly offer a grant of up to £4000 per property for the following intervention:
- Servicing, repairs and replacement boilers and heating systems and associated works, including controls and replacement of unsafe heating appliances
- 1.23 An online application process requires details of the applicant's vulnerability, income, and benefits to ensure that they meet the required criteria. The applicant would need to provide 2 quotes for the work and if they met the eligibility criteria we would approve in principal and make the payment when the works are complete.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 1.24 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
- Resources – the level of funding is limited and as such interest may exceed our funding. Applications will be assessed on a first come first served basis. If the funding runs out details of further applicants will be retained in the event of other funding streams becoming available and they will also be directed to CHiL

Staff within the Housing Team will administer this grant which will have capacity impacts however the level of funding available and the targeted nature of the offer should assist in enabling the scheme to be managed internally.

- Technical, Environmental and Legal – there is a signed grant agreement with LCC which sets out the parameters of this grant
- Political – The Council is committed to assisting our residents
- Reputation – None.

- Equality & Diversity – if it is not possible for an eligible resident to complete the form online assistance from the housing team will be provided.

8. RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 1.25 Endorse the grant scheme which is available to assist our residents based on the grant criteria from LCC



NICOLA HOPKINS
DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

Appendix 1- Suggested Interventions

Proposals may include the following interventions, but are not restricted to them:

- Servicing, repairs and replacement boilers and heating systems and associated works, including controls and replacement of unsafe heating appliances
- Repairs to and new radiators and radiator reflectors
- Gas fire services and repairs
- Draught proofing measures – windows, doors, loft hatches, electrical fittings on walls and ceilings, suspended floorboards, pipework leading outside, ceiling-to-wall joints . Thermal blinds and carpets may be included as draught proofing measures in appropriate circumstances where other long-term measures have been considered and the thermal benefit can be demonstrated – details for inclusion must be provided in the monitoring.
- Appropriate Ventilation measures
- Standard loft and cavity wall insulation
- Interventions for 'hard to treat' cavities and solid walls such as non-standard insulation solutions and external or internal wall insulation.
- Glazing improvements
- Emergency heating and dehumidifiers measures e.g. portable heaters for use whilst heating systems are repaired
- Advice on fuel poverty -advice to reduce costs through fuel switching, income maximisation, income maximisation, managing fuel bills & debts, warm home checks
- Additional and targeted work with landlords to improve properties,
- Emergency Top up fuel cards / vouchers
- Temperature and relative humidity monitors/ Carbon monoxide monitors

Grant Agreement

Applicant: Ribble Valley Borough Council

Address: Council Offices Church Walk Clitheroe

Date of Agreement: 21/09/2022

This Agreement covers the total sum of **£41,315** that the applicant has been awarded from the County Council's Affordable Warmth Fund for high impact affordable warmth interventions to individuals who are the most vulnerable to harm from cold or damp homes for winter 2022-23.

£41,315 is payable in advance, once you have confirmed your acceptance of this agreement by signing and returning it to PHAdmin@lancashire.gov.uk, please use the subject title 'Affordable Warmth 2022/23' or by post to Public Health, Lancashire County Council, Level 1 CCP, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8XB.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION

1. If the named contact, as per your application form, should change during the delivery of the project then details must be provided to Lancashire County Council

MONITORING AND PROVISION OF INFORMATION

2. You will need to ensure that the funding is used for the purposes intended as outlined in your application form and in line with the eligibility criteria set out in the AFW Grant Guidance 2022/23, in terms of expenditure and outcomes.
3. This funding must not be used to replace existing resources, or resources that the applicant or partners has a statutory obligation to provide. It may only be used to add additional resources in line with the approved application. It is understood that any costs related to statutory interventions are recovered by districts councils.
4. You must complete the Monitoring Spreadsheet that has been provided to monitor the effectiveness of the work done and to capture the learning and outcomes of the work. Please return the first completed monitoring sheets by the 13th January 2023, for all activity up to the end of December 2022, and then a further report up to the end of March by the 14th April to PHAdmin@lancashire.gov.uk, please use 'Affordable Warmth Monitoring' in the subject title.
5. You must retain all evidence to support the expenditure in your project and be able to evidence that the project has been delivered in line with your application. Original documents such as invoices, receipts and bank statements and photographs should be retained, and made available to LCC when requested.

6. Visits to the project and requests for documents may be made at any time by representatives of Lancashire County Council. We will normally expect to give you reasonable notice of any visits.
7. If you identify that any aspect of the project cannot be delivered, please inform LCC immediately, and we will endeavour to work with you to achieve an appropriate outcome.

COMMUNICATION

8. You are required to reference Lancashire County Council as the source of the funding, when the grant is being promoted or publicised.

Acceptance

I accept the terms and conditions of the Agreement as set out overleaf.

For and on behalf of Lancashire County Council

Print Name:	Clare E Platt
Signature:	
Position held in Organisation:	Head of Health Equity, Welfare & Partnerships
Date:	21/09/2022

For and on behalf of the Organisation named as 'Applicant'

Print Name:	
Signature:	
Position held in Organisation:	
Date:	

Appendix 3- Application Form

Lancashire Affordable Warmth Funding 2022-23

Name of Local Authority	Ribble Valley BC
Contact Name	Rachael Stott
Address	Council Offices Church Walk Clitheroe
Telephone Number of contact	01200 413235
Email address of contact	Rachael.stott@ribblevalley.gov.uk
Tel and Email contact for public enquires / professional referral if different to above	Housing @ribblevalley.gov.uk

Please add additional rows as required

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Detail of the activity / intervention to be provided	Estimate of Proportion of budget (£)	Why is this needed?	Who will deliver it? (identify partners)	Please outline <u>how</u> you will target the groups listed in the guidance
<p>Servicing, repairs and replacement boilers and heating systems and associated works, including controls and replacement of unsafe heating appliances</p>	<p>£41315</p>	<p>To deliver boiler repairs and servicing to assist our residents with a long term contribution to heating properties</p>	<p>In house</p>	<p>Promotional work online and in the press</p>

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2022
title: COMMUNITY INTEGRATION
submitted by: NICOLA HOPKINS, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
principal author: NICOLA HOPKINS, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

1. PURPOSE

1.1 To update Members on community integration in respect of the Ukrainian refugees living in the Ribble Valley

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – To address housing needs across the borough.
- Corporate Priorities:
 - To ensure the Council is a well-run authority.
 - To help make people's lives safer and healthier

2. BACKGROUND

1.3 Members will be familiar with the ongoing humanitarian crisis following the Russian invasion of the Ukraine. To assist, the government announced the Homes for Ukraine scheme providing an opportunity to UK residents to help support Ukraine refugees fleeing conflict to move to the UK under a sponsorship arrangement.

1.4 There are two main schemes to support refugees – the Homes for Ukraine Scheme (HFU); and the Ukraine Family Scheme. The Ukraine Family Scheme allows applicants to join family members or to extend an existing stay in the UK and is a different scheme to the HFU that the Council is assisting in delivering.

1.5 The District Council's role at present to assist in the delivery of the HFU scheme by undertaking checks on sponsor accommodation to ensure it is suitable. These checks are carried out by the Housing team following notification of sponsors' addresses by the County Council. In addition, the Borough Council is administering the "Thank-you" grants the government has introduced of £350 which provides the option for sponsors to claim a monthly support payment for as long as they have guests living in their accommodation. The Housing team are dealing with the administration of this scheme.

1.6 The government has also provided funding to local authorities to help support the additional workloads generated by the scheme; the Council will receive a payment per guest to support the additional housing related workloads, together with a per guest payment to support activities to assist with community-based support and cohesion. £1000 per guest has been provided to support community integration.

1.7 Several community support groups have been established in the area to provide community-based support for families in the Ribble Valley area.

3. COMMUNITY INTEGRATION

- 1.8 Whilst we were originally under the impression that LCC, who receive this funding from Central Government, would identify community groups suitable for assisting in community integration across the County this transpired not to be the case and this funding was subsequently passported to the districts.
- 1.9 Part of the £1000 per guest community integration funding has been utilised as follows. The Council's Homes for Ukraine Administrative Assistant has been working closely with the Ukraine community within the Borough and the support groups which have been set up to assist with the refugees integrating into the community. The Mayor hosted a lunch for the refugees and we have provided passes to our swimming pools. Additionally, a pool party has been held and we organised a trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach for our Ukrainian residents.
- 1.10 At a recent Homes for Ukraine District Meeting the Refugee Integration Team at LCC raised a potential option for fully utilising this community integration funding. The Fylde Coast Grant Scheme has been created, supported by the team at LCC, covering 3 districts Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde. This scheme enables community groups within the three areas to bid for the community integration funding to support the refugees. A similar level of assistance was offered to all the districts.
- 1.11 Following this offer discussions with the team at LCC commenced to understand whether such a scheme would be suitable for the Valley.

4. GRANT SCHEME

- 1.12 A specific grant scheme has been created for Ribble Valley which community groups will be able bid into to, the Scheme can be accessed using the link below:
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/grants/ukraine-community-grant-scheme/?page=1>
- 1.13 Whilst the specification will not be prescriptive bids which involve projects and activities that target and benefit communities where Ukrainian guests are resettled in the Valley will be encouraged. Proposed projects should also aim to benefit Sponsors and other members of the local community. Proposals that seek to meet localised needs and that educate and inform members of specific social groups will also be considered.
- 1.14 Proposals will be required to be very clear about what they are going to use the grant for and must clearly demonstrate intended outcomes. The following criteria will be used to assess the suitability of proposals:
- High quality, innovative proposals, including pilots
 - Proposals that are based on evidence and engagement with users
 - Proposals that demonstrate long term impact and potential legacies
 - Proposals which target new audiences, which are not usually introduced to refugee or asylum seeker communities
 - Proposals where members of the Ukrainian community are integral to the planning and running of events/activities
 - Value for money, defined as high impact, low spend projects
 - Match funding from bidders (or other funders)

- Experience of working with refugees (and resettled refugees in particular) is not required; however, proposals from organisations that do not have experience of working with refugees must evidence that they have the required understanding of refugees' issues and local community integration needs
- Added value, i.e. non-duplication of existing activities

1.15 It is proposed to utilise a proportion of the funding we have received (after the community integration work already undertaken, we have £12,000 remaining) for groups to bid into for the benefit of the Ukrainian community and their sponsors. Applications will be welcomed from:

- Voluntary and community organisations
- Registered charities
- Constituted groups or clubs
- Social enterprises
- Group of organisations, if led by a voluntary/community organisation or social enterprise
- Community Interest Company (with two or more directors)
- Statutory Organisations

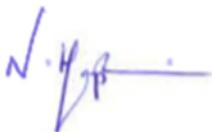
5. DELIVERY

1.16 The grant will be administered by the Integration Team at LCC who will publish the specification with a deadline for community groups to apply for the fund (available to view via the link above). We will advertise this through our social media channels and directly with the contacts the Housing Team have already established.

1.17 The submissions will be assessed by a panel which will consist of our Homes for Ukraine Administrative Assistant and our Housing Strategy Manager along with members of the LCC Integration team. An appropriate level of grant will be offered to successful bids.

8. RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

1.18 Note the Grant Scheme aimed at assisting with community integration for Ukrainian refugees living in the Valley.



NICOLA HOPKINS
DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

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RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2022
title: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION UPDATE
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
principal author: ANDREW DENT, HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide the Committee an update as to where the service is in terms of staffing levels and operational work levels.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – To improve the health and wellbeing of people living and working in our area / To provide a high-quality environment, keeping land clear of litter and refuse and reducing the incidents of dog fouling.
- Corporate Priorities - To help make people's lives safer and healthier / To protect and enhance the existing environment and quality of our area.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The last departmental report was submitted to committee on the 18 March 2021 and titled 'Review of the Work of the Environmental Section'.

This report provides up to date statistical figures of the work undertaken by environmental health staff in both financial year 2021 and financial year 2022 (to date) and the current filled and vacant employment posts.

3 ISSUES

3.1 Since the last report was drafted, the department has suffered with depleted staff numbers and this continues to date. The real impact of this is that non statutory functions such as dealing with waste related issues i.e. bins on streets, becomes secondary whilst the primary statutory functions are prioritised i.e. food inspections, statutory nuisance investigations.

However, it must be acknowledged that the service is not completely up to speed in fulfilling all its primary functions, for example, some private water supplies need risk assessing/sampling, some industrial permitted operations need inspecting.

4 STAFF UPDATE

4.1 Below is information on staffing numbers.

4.2 The following positions are filled by Council employed staff.

- Head of Environmental Health (Appointed 5 September 2022)
- Environmental Health Officer (Housing) (Previous acting head, returned to operational post 5 September 2022)
- Dog Warden
- Pest Control Officer
- P/T Environmental Health Officer (Food Safety)
- Cemetery and Grounds Maintenance Officer
- Clerical officer (job share 2 x P/T)
- Emergency Planning Officer (P/T)
- Market Officer (P/T)
- Housing Officer (half a day per week)

4.3 Locums are being employed to cover the following positions:

- Senior Environmental Health Officer (P/T Lead Food Officer).

This position is currently being advertised as a full-time lead food officer post, closing date for applications is the 28 October 2022.

- Environmental Protection (1 day a week)
- Animal Licencing (1 day a week)
- Planning and Licencing Consultations (as and when)

4.4 The current vacant posts are:

- Environmental Health Technician (Food/Health and Safety)
- Environmental Health Technician (Pollution)
- Environmental Health Officer (Pollution)

This position will be filled on the 31 October 2022 as a new officer has been appointed.

- Emergency Planning Officer (P/T)

5. **Statistical Breakdown of Environmental Health Service Requests**

Service Request Action	Financial Year 2021	Financial Year 2022 (To date)
Waste (Bins/Fly tipping, Litter)	21	21
Dog warden	200	79
Abandoned Vehicles	37	39
Pest Control Services	192	206
Air Pollution	66	30
Domestic Noise Complaints	88	44
Commercial Noise Complaints	69	46
Dust Nuisance Complaints	4	2
Artificial Light Nuisance Complaints	13	3
Accumulation Complaints	25	9
Odour Nuisance	10	8
Drainage	37	8
Public Health Funerals	0	1
Environmental Permitting	4	4
Caravan Van Sites Licencing and Complaints	135	60
Beauty Therapy/ tattoo Licencing	6	7
Animal Welfare Licensing	47	20
Licencing Consultations	173	107
Planning Consultations	187	62
Food Hygiene Visits/Inspections	304	167
Infectious Disease Notifications	109	66
Private Water Supplies	0	0
Health and Safety Interventions/Visits	30	7
Housing (Condition Inspections, Illegal Evictions etc)	56	27
TOTAL	1813	1023

6 CONCLUSION

To their credit, the current staff have done an excellent job in keeping the department buoyant over the recent years and fulfilling the majority of statutory duties.

During this time period the country has been through the Covid pandemic and as a consequence environmental health practitioners have been involved with undertaking public health functions relating to the outbreak which has further impacted resources.

The primary focus over the next 12 months is to attempt to get all the vacant Environmental Health positions filled and achieve all statutory functions.

It must be acknowledged that the current economic climate and cost of living crisis is likely to have an impact on public health and environmental health resources. For example, damp and mould growth/ excess cold housing complaints are likely to increase due tenants struggling to heat their homes; food safety complaints may increase as food operators' lower food safety standards to offset higher operational costs i.e. substitute higher cost products for lower cost products.



ANDREW DENT
HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

MARSHAL SCOTT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: 27 OCTOBER 2022
 title: REVENUE MONITORING 2022/23
 submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
 principal author: ANDREW COOK

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To report on the progress of the 2022/23 revenue budget as at the end of September 2022.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – none identified.
- Corporate Priorities - to continue to be a well-managed council providing efficient services based on identified customer need.
- Other Considerations – none identified.

2 REVENUE MONITORING 2022/23

2.1 Shown below, by cost centre, is a comparison between actual expenditure and the original estimate budget for the period to the end of September 2022. You will see an overall underspend of £201,893 on the net cost of services, after allowing for transfers to and from earmarked reserves. Please note that underspends and additional income are denoted by figures with a minus symbol.

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of September 2022 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of September 2022 £	Variance £	
AFHOU	Affordable Rent Properties	-960	-3,158	-1,286	1,872	G
APLAC	Alma Place Unit	2,570	-108	28	136	G
AWARM	Affordable Warmth	0	0	-41,315	-41,315	R
CLAIR	Clean Air	2,180	366	414	48	G
CLAND	Contaminated Land	10,030	0	0	0	G
CLCEM	Clitheroe Cemetery	43,210	-1,318	-7,079	-5,761	R
CLDCY	Closed Churchyards	6,980	5,839	6,374	535	G
CLMKT	Clitheroe Market	-44,380	-109,901	-120,477	-10,576	R
CMGHH	Community Groups - Health & Housing	7,440	0	0	0	G
COMNL	Common Land	2,480	356	526	170	G
CTBEN	Localised Council Tax Support Admin	182,610	-16,980	-22,566	-5,586	R

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of September 2022 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of September 2022 £	Variance £	
DOGWD	Dog Warden & Pest Control	134,040	12,611	10,449	-2,162	A
ENVHT	Environmental Health Services	356,550	-11,987	-15,795	-3,808	A
HFORU	Homes for Ukraine	0	0	-74,957	-74,957	R
HGBEN	Housing Benefits	182,580	287,093	273,001	-14,092	R
HOMEE	Home Energy Conservation	5,300	0	0	0	G
HOMES	Homelessness Strategy	35,310	-54,475	-59,928	-5,453	R
HSASS	Housing Associations	7,020	0	0	0	G
HSTRA	Housing Strategy	48,770	84	-117	-201	G
IMPGR	Improvement Grants	82,560	-14,818	-15,053	-235	G
JARMS	Joiners Arms	50,520	8,695	1,771	-6,924	R
SHARE	Shared Ownership Rents	-430	-1,370	-1,369	1	G
SUPPE	Supporting People	7,820	210	-33,379	-33,589	R
UCRED	Universal Credit	25,180	-820	-816	4	G
Total Health and Housing Committee		1,147,380	100,319	-101,574	-201,893	
Transfers to/(from) Earmarked Reserves						
Equipment Reserve - Joiners Arms Furniture and Equipment		-500	0	0	0	
Total after transfers to/(from) Earmarked Reserves		1,146,880	100,319	-101,574	-201,893	

Key to Variance shading	
Variance of £5,000 or more (Red)	R
Variance between £2,000 and £4,999 (Amber)	A
Variance less than £2,000 (Green)	G

- 2.2 The red variances highlight specific areas of high concern, for which budget holders are required to have an action plan. Amber variances are potential areas of high concern and green variances are areas which currently do not present any significant concern.
- 2.3 The main variances between budget and actuals on individual budget codes within cost centres have also been highlighted and explained, as follows:
- Red budget code variances (£5,000 or more) are shown with the budget holder's comments and agreed actions in Annex 1.
 - Amber budget code variances (£2,000 to £4,999) are shown with the budget holder's comments in Annex 2.

2.4 Outlined below are the main variances to the end of September 2022 that are unlikely to be rectified by the end of the financial year:

- **Homes for Ukraine/LCC-Ukrainian Housing & Community Integration Funding (-£115,500):** This is the total to date of the £3,500 per person additional funding that the Council receives from LCC to provide community integration support and homelessness/housing support to Ukrainian refugees under the DLUHC Homes for Ukraine scheme. To date funding has been received for thirty-three people. Relevant costs that the Council incurs in providing the support will be set against this funding as the year progresses.
- **Supporting People/DLUHC – Domestic Abuse Support to Victims Funding (-£33,379):** Additional New Burdens funding received in-year from DLUHC to reflect the burden on the Council in 2022/23 of working with and supporting Lancashire County Council, who now have a statutory duty to provide support to victims of domestic abuse and their children residing within safe accommodation. Some of this funding will be allocated against staff costs incurred in this area in-year.
- **Joiners Arms/Dwelling Rents (-£8,678):** Increased rent and service charges income for the year to date, which reflects almost full occupancy for all seven flats in the homelessness unit between April and September 2022, which is higher than expected, and increased service charges at the unit due to the need to recover increased electricity costs in-year. There are also higher repairs and purchases costs for the year to date that are associated with almost full occupancy.
- **Clitheroe Market/Stalls Income (-£3,804):** Higher stalls demand from traders than budgeted for in this demand-led fluctuating service area. Most of the increased income to date is from one trader hiring stalls for the first six months of the year.
- **Localised Council Tax Support Admin/Admin Grant (-£3,768):** Local Council Tax Support Administration funding received from DLUHC for 2022/23 is higher than budgeted for. The Council was not notified of the yearly funding level until after the original estimate budget was set.
- **Clitheroe Market/Pitches and Other Income (-£2,191):** Increased income to date is from two traders hiring pitches for significant time periods in-year.
- **Environmental Health Services/Private Water Samples Net Income (+£4,838):** No private water supplies risk assessment and samples work has been undertaken for the year to date, due to on-going vacancies within the Environmental Health team meaning that available staff time has been focussed on other priority areas of work for the year to date.

3 CONCLUSION

3.1 The comparison between actual expenditure and the original estimate budget for this Committee for the period to the end of September 2022 shows an underspend of £201,893 after allowing for transfers to and from earmarked reserves.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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19 October 2022

BACKGROUND PAPERS: None

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Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Red Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of September 2022 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of September 2022 £	Variance £	Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
HFGRU/ 803z Page 46	Homes for Ukraine/LCC-Ukrainian Housing & Community Integration Funding	0	0	-115,500	-115,500	R This is the total to date of the £3,500 per person funding that the Council receives from LCC to provide community integration support and homelessness/housing support to Ukrainian refugees under the DLUHC Homes for Ukraine scheme. The funding is made up of £1,000 per person for community integration support and £2,500 per person for homelessness/housing support. To date funding has been received for thirty-three people. This scheme was set up in Spring 2022, after the Original Estimate budget was set. Relevant costs that the Council incurs in providing the support will be set against this funding as the year progresses.	The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for Homes for Ukraine Housing and Community Integration Funding and any associated costs incurred.

Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Red Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of September 2022 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of September 2022 £	Variance £		Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
AWARM/ 8053z Page 47	Affordable Warmth/Affordable Warmth LCC Public Health Grt	0	0	-41,315	-41,315	R	<p>This is an additional grant allocated from LCC to help fund affordable warmth grant payments to eligible residents by the Council in Winter 2022/23, for servicing, repairs and replacement boilers and heating systems and associated works.</p> <p>This grant was not anticipated at original estimate budget stage. The Council will make grant payments in-year up to the value of the grant funding received, so there is unlikely to be a significant over-recovery of income at year-end.</p>	The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for both affordable warmth income and grant payments.
SUPPE/ 8961z	Supporting People/MHCLG - Domestic Abuse Support to Victim	0	0	-33,379	-33,379	R	<p>Additional New Burdens funding received in-year from DHULC to reflect the burden on the Council in 2022/23 of working with and supporting Lancashire County Council, who now have a statutory duty to provide support to victims of domestic abuse and their children residing within safe accommodation. The Council was not informed of this funding until after the original estimate budget was set.</p> <p>Several Housing and Economic Development staff are involved in this support work and the costs of their time input (including departmental on-costs) will be allocated against this grant income at 2022/23 year-end. The estimate for this time input at this stage is approximately £8,000.</p>	The budget will be updated at revised estimate stage to reflect this additional income and also to reflect any planned expenditure in-year under this duty.

Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Red Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of September 2022 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of September 2022 £	Variance £	Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
HGBEN/ 4652	Housing Benefits/Rent Allowance Payments	5,089,450	2,827,188	2,828,575	-22,565	R Rent Allowance payments were 0.8% lower than the £2.892m budgeted for the year to date, after adjusting for recovery of benefits overpayments and non-cash transactions. This is mainly due to a higher level of housing benefits overpayments being invoiced for recovery in-year to date than budgeted for. Lower Rent Allowance payments for the year as a whole are broadly reflected in lower Rent Allowance subsidy grant income received at year-end from the DWP (see HGBEN/8002z variance), as payments for the full year are broadly funded by subsidy grant received at year-end. As a result, there is unlikely to be a significant net underspend at year-end.	The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for Rent Allowance payments.
HGBEN/ 8804z	Housing Benefits/Recovery of Rent Allowance Payments	-27,060	64,902	40,950			
JARMS/ 8802u	Joiners Arms/Dwelling Rents	-32,320	-14,819	-23,497	-8,678	R Increased rent and service charges income for the year to date, which reflects the following: - Almost full occupancy for all seven flats in the unit between April and September 2022. These occupancy levels are higher than those experienced at the unit in recent years. - Increased service charges at the unit due to the need to recover increased electricity costs, which are much higher than the increases included in the original estimate budget. This increased service charge income will help to cover anticipated higher electricity costs at the unit in Winter 2022/23.	The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for dwelling rents and service charges income and any associated increased costs, in areas such as electricity, repairs and purchases.

Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Red Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of September 2022 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of September 2022 £	Variance £	Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
ENVHT/8417u Page 49	Environmental Health Services/Water Samples	15,760	7,892	0	-7,892	R No private water supplies risk assessments and samples work has been undertaken for the year to date, meaning there are no lab tests costs. This is due to on-going vacancies within the Environmental Health team meaning that staff time has been focussed on other priority areas of work for the year to date. This underspend partly offsets the under-recovery of private water samples income for the year to date (see ENVHT/8417u variance).	Some risk-based private water supplies work may be undertaken in the second half of 2022/23 now that the new Head of Environmental Health Services has started and there is some staff availability in this area, but this is dependent on the wider priorities for work on the Environmental Health team given there are still some staff vacancies. The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for both water samples costs and private water samples income.

Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Red Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of September 2022 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of September 2022 £	Variance £	Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
Page 50 HOMES/ 8802u	Homelessness Strategy/Dwelling Rents	0	0	-5,303	-5,303	R This is dwelling rents and service charges income for the year to date on two properties being used as homelessness temporary accommodation, which were not budgeted for at original estimate stage, as follows: - £2,832 relates to the property on Peel Street, Clitheroe. This is planned to be leased to a registered housing provider to be let for affordable rent, but CMT have approved the temporary use of the property as a homelessness unit until November 2022, because of increased demand for temporary accommodation for larger families. This increase in rent is offset by increased repairs and purchases costs for the property and by reduced rent income on the Affordable Housing cost centre, so there is no significant net over-recovery of income for this property. - £2,471 relates to the property on Wellbrow Drive, Longridge which this Committee approved in January 2022 to licence from Onward Homes and use as homelessness temporary accommodation. The increased rent income will be offset by increased licence payments and other related costs in-year. As a result, there will be no significant net over-recovery of income for this property for the year as a whole.	The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for the following: - Homelessness Strategy dwelling rents income and associated expenditure and Affordable Housing dwelling rents income for the Peel Street property. - Dwelling rents income and associated expenditure for the Wellbrow Drive property.

Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Red Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of September 2022 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of September 2022 £	Variance £		Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
HGBEN/8002z Page 51	Housing Benefits/Rent Allowances Grant	-5,066,050	-2,534,038	-2,528,892	5,146	R	Rent Allowance subsidy grant income was 0.2% lower than the £2.534m budgeted for the year to date. The reduced income is in line with the estimate prepared for the 2022/23 DWP subsidy grant initial estimate claim, which was completed after the original estimate budget was set. Rent Allowance subsidy grant received at year-end will be updated to broadly reflect the actual Rent Allowance payments for the year as a whole (see HGBEN/4652 variance). As a result, there is unlikely to be a significant under-recovery of income at year-end.	The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for Rent Allowance subsidy grant income.
HGBEN/8060z	Housing Benefits/DWP - Discretionary Housing Payments Inc	-51,420	-17,139	-11,903	5,236	R	The actual to date is the first of two payments in-year from DWP. The full-year allocation of Discretionary Housing Payments grant funding from DWP has been confirmed as £35,708, which is £15,712 less than the full-year amount budgeted for. This is because the full-year allocation was notified to the Council after the original estimate budget was set. This grant funds additional discretionary housing benefits spend in-year by the Council and the Council will make less discretionary housing benefits payments in-year to reflect the reduced funding. Thus, there will be no significant net under-recovery of income at year-end.	The budget will be updated at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for Discretionary Housing Payments grant funding and related payments in-year.

Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Red Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of September 2022 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of September 2022 £	Variance £		Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
ENVHT/ 887u Page 52	Environmental Health Services/Private Water Samples	-25,450	-12,730	0	12,730	R	No private water supplies risk assessment and samples work has been undertaken for the year to date, meaning there is no private water samples income. This is due to on-going vacancies within the Environmental Health team meaning that available staff time has been focussed on other priority areas of work for the year to date. The resulting under-recovery of income to the end of September 2022 is partly offset by reduced water sample lab test costs of £7,892 (see ENVHT/3081 variance), the net under-recovery of income to date being £4,838. In addition, lower staff costs for the Environmental Health team, due to staff vacancies, will also offset this under-recovery of income.	Some risk-based private water supplies work may be undertaken in the second half of 2022/23 now that the new Head of Environmental Health Services has started and there is some staff availability in this area, but this is dependent on the wider priorities for work on the Environmental Health team given there are still some staff vacancies. The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for private water samples income and water samples costs.
HFORU/ 4692	Homes for Ukraine/Grants to individuals - HFU Sponsor Grant	0	0	34,759	34,759	R	This is the total to date of the £350 per month "Thank You" payments to sponsors of Ukrainian refugees under the DLUHC Homes for Ukraine scheme. This scheme was set up in Spring 2022, after the Original Estimate budget was set. The "Thank You" payments are expected to be covered by grant funding received in-year from DLUHC, so there is unlikely to be a significant net overspend at year-end.	The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for Homes for Ukraine grant payments and any associated funding from DLUHC in-year.

Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Amber Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of September 2022 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of September 2022 £	Variance £		Reason for Variance
ENVHT/ 8430u	Environmental Health Services/Street Trading Licence	-7,830	-4,694	-8,613	-3,919	A	There have been several new street trading licences issued since the start of the financial year, which has resulted in increased income to date in this demand-led licence income area. The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for street trading licence income.
CLMKT/ 8225n	Clitheroe Market/Stalls	-12,540	-7,494	-11,298	-3,804	A	There has been a higher demand for stalls from traders than budgeted for in this demand-led fluctuating service area. The majority of the increased income to date is from one trader hiring stalls for the first six months of the year. The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for market stalls income.
CTBEN/ 8009z	Localised Council Tax Support Admin/Housing Benefit & CT Benefit Admin Grant	-33,390	-33,390	-37,158	-3,768	A	Higher Local Council Tax Support Administration Grant received from DLUHC for 2022/23 than budgeted for. The Council was not notified of the yearly funding level until after the original estimate budget was set. The budget will be updated at revised estimate stage to reflect this increased income.
CLCEM/ 5056	Clitheroe Cemetery/Grounds Maintenance	66,700	33,362	29,723	-3,639	A	Less grounds maintenance staff time input to the cemetery for the year to date. More time charges are expected in Autumn as more end of summer tasks are undertaken.

Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Amber Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of September 2022 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of September 2022 £	Variance £		Reason for Variance
CLCEM/ 8441u	Clitheroe Cemetery/Interment Fees	-38,150	-19,082	-21,815	-2,733	A	Increased income to date in this demand-led fluctuating service area, including increased income from several interments for non-residents of the borough. The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for interments fees income.
DOGWD/ 5056	Dog Warden & Pest Control/Grounds Maintenance	20,480	10,240	7,658	-2,582	A	Less grounds maintenance staff time input to dog bin emptying for the year to date.
ENWHT/ 8674u	Environmental Health Services/Animal Boarding Establishment Licences	-1,560	0	-2,223	-2,223	A	Increased income for the year to date from a higher number of compliance inspections to date than originally budgeted for, due to the use of a qualified inspector for this work area, along with some licence renewals being paid for earlier in-year than budgeted for. The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for animal boarding licences income.
CLMKT/ 8826n	Clitheroe Market/Pitches & Other	-3,090	-1,847	-4,038	-2,191	A	The increased income to date in this demand-led fluctuating service area is from two traders hiring pitches for significant time periods in-year. The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for pitches income.

Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Amber Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of September 2022 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of September 2022 £	Variance £		Reason for Variance
HGBEN/8007z Page 55	Housing Benefits/HRA Rent Rebate Grant	-38,380	-19,196	-17,016	2,180	A	Lower Rent Rebate subsidy grant income received to date than budgeted for. The income received was in line with the estimate prepared for the 2022/23 DWP subsidy grant initial estimate claim, which was completed after the original estimate budget was set. Rent Rebate subsidy grant received plus Homelessness Prevention Grant funding allocated to support Rent Rebate payments are updated at year-end to broadly reflect the actual Rent Rebate payments for the year as a whole. As a result, there is unlikely to be a significant under-recovery of income at year-end. The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for Rent Rebate subsidy grant income.
CLCEM/8447u	Clitheroe Cemetery/Exclusive Burial Rights	-28,310	-14,162	-10,724	3,438	A	There have been a lower number of requests for grave plots to date than budgeted for in this demand-led fluctuating income area. The budget will be reviewed at revised estimate stage to reflect the latest full-year estimate for exclusive burial rights income.

Health and Housing Committee Revenue Monitoring – Amber Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Net Budget for the Full Year £	Net Budget to the end of September 2022 £	Actual including Commitments to the end of September 2022 £	Variance £		Reason for Variance
JARMS/ 2492 Page 56	Joiners Arms/Repair & Maintenance - Buildings	13,930	6,968	10,962	3,994	A	<p>This is mainly due to costs to replace the electric card sub-meters in each flat to ensure that the KW/h rate charged on the sub-meters can be varied to reflect the KW/h rate paid by the Council at Joiners Arms. The works have cost more than initially expected because more works were required in practice than originally planned. Some additional repairs costs to date are also likely to be due to the regular full occupancy at Joiners Arms for the year to date (see JARMS/8802u variance).</p> <p>Given this, a budget virement has already been approved to increase the Joiners Arms repairs budget by £3,000 (this is reflected in the full year budget shown here) and further repairs and maintenance spend for the rest of the year will be considered by the Head of Regeneration and Housing and the Council Surveyor to ensure it can be completed within the yearly budget available at the time.</p>
HFORU/ 0100	Homes for Ukraine/Salaries	0	0	4,636	4,636	A	<p>This is salary costs to date for the new Homes For Ukraine Assistant temporary post. The post was created to co-ordinate the Council's work on the Homes For Ukraine scheme and is funded from the Homes For Ukraine Housing and Community Integration Funding received from LCC (see HFORU/8493z variance). The post is currently confirmed to run until early July 2023.</p> <p>The budget will be amended at revised estimate stage to add in the full-year estimate for this temporary post.</p>

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: 27 OCTOBER 2022
title: CAPITAL MONITORING 2022/23
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To report the progress on this Committee's 2022/23 capital programme for the period to the end of September 2022.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – none identified.
- Corporate Priorities - to continue to be a well-managed council, providing efficient services based on identified customer need.
- Other Considerations – none identified.

2 2022/23 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

2.1 Six capital schemes for this Committee's original estimate budget, totalling £782,540, were approved by the Policy and Finance Committee and Full Council at their meetings in February 2022 and March 2022 respectively. This included two new scheme budgets for 2022/23 and budgets on five schemes that had been moved from the 2021/22 capital programme to the 2022/23 capital programme.

2.2 In addition to the original estimate budget above, the following budget changes have been made so far in 2022/23:

- Two 2021/22 capital schemes were not completed by 31 March 2022 and had unspent budget available at that date. The total unspent budget of £657,620 on those schemes, known as slippage, has been moved into the 2022/23 capital programme budget, after approval by this Committee in June 2022.
- Two additional capital schemes, with budgets totalling £2,166,450, were approved by Policy and Finance Committee in March 2022. The budget of £118,370 on one of the schemes was funded by reducing the budget on another capital scheme by £118,370. The total additional new budget funding was therefore £2,048,080. **NOTE - The budget of £2,048,080 on one of the schemes was subsequently split into two separate schemes for reporting purposes, with budgets of £422,130 and £1,625,950 respectively.**
- Additional 2022/23 external funding of £48,799 was received from Onward Homes for one scheme, so the budget on that scheme was increased by £48,800.
- Additional budgets on two existing schemes, totalling £44,000, were approved by Policy and Finance Committee in September 2022.

2.3 As a result of the above, the total approved budget for this Committee's capital programme of ten schemes is £3,581,040. This is shown at Annex 1.

3 CAPITAL MONITORING 2022/23

3.1 The table below summarises this Committee's capital programme budget, expenditure to date and remaining budget, as at the end of September 2022. Annex 1 shows the full capital programme by scheme. Annex 2 shows scheme details, financial information and budget holder comments to date for each scheme.

Original Estimate 2022/23 £	Budget Moved from 2021/22 £	Slippage from 2021/22 £	Additional Approvals 2022/23 £	Total Approved Budget 2022/23 £	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of September 2022 £	Remaining Budget as at end of September 2022 £
443,000	339,540	657,620	2,140,880	3,581,040	329,515	3,251,525

3.2 At the end of September 2022 £329,515 had been spent or committed. This is 9.2% of the annual capital programme budget for this Committee.

3.3 Of the ten schemes in the capital programme at the end of September 2022, three schemes are currently expected to be completed in-year, one scheme will not be completed in-year, three schemes are unlikely to be completed in-year and three schemes are on-going grants schemes.

3.4 Progress on the schemes to date (remaining budgets shown in brackets) is as follows:

- **Disabled Facilities Grants (£816,741):** Committed expenditure at the end of September 2022 was based on twenty-four schemes approved in previous years and twenty-three schemes approved so far in 2022/23. In addition to this, there were a further thirteen applications working towards approval, three currently approved schemes where additional approval may be required to fund further work now identified and there were twenty-one referrals from Occupational Therapists that may become formal applications in the near future. Further referrals and applications are expected in-year.

The number of schemes approved and completed in-year so far is lower than officers would like. The main reason for this continues to be the limited availability of contractors to quote for work and be available to complete work promptly. At this stage, there is no certainty that the scheme budget will be fully committed by year-end. Any unspent budget at year-end will be rolled forward as slippage into 2023/24 because this scheme is financed by ring-fenced DFGs grant income from DLUHC and some funding from Onward Homes.

- **Landlord/Tenant Grants (£118,370):** There is no spend for the year to date and no schemes have been approved so far in 2022/23. This reflects reduced landlord interest in the scheme, despite the recent changes in the grant scheme rules. Given this, at this stage it is unlikely that the scheme budget will be fully committed by financial year-end.
- **Clitheroe Market Improvements (£78,600):** Meetings with market traders are ongoing and a consultant has now been appointed to consider the strategic way forward for the market improvements, at a cost of £6,000. This work has commenced and a meeting between the consultant and market traders has been arranged for 18 October 2022. Emergency Committee in August 2022 agreed that the consultant costs can be funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, subject to the Council's investment plan being agreed by Central Government. Further market improvements work funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund is also an option which could be considered by members in due course. The aim is still to complete some improvements work in 2022/23, but it is unlikely that all the improvements work would be completed in-year.

- **Replacement of Pest Control Van PK13 FJP (£37,890) and Replacement of Dog Warden Van PE64 EYC (£38,110):** In September 2022 Policy and Finance Committee approved increased budgets for both these schemes, which includes the purchase of electric replacement vans and charging point installation. This followed discussion of the way forward for the replacement vans at this Committee. The replacement vans have been ordered in October 2022. At this stage it is hoped that the purchases will be completed in this financial year, but this is subject to supplier delivery timescales.
- **Joiners Arms Roof Renewal (-£850):** The main roof works part of the scheme will start in November 2022 and at this stage it is expected that the works will be completed by Christmas 2022. The rendering part of the scheme will take place in Spring 2023, so that part of the work is likely to be completed in the 2023/24 financial year. The work on this scheme was ordered in 2021/22 at a cost of £43,050 plus an 8% increase in slate costs, meaning the scheme cost was likely to increase further. The latest estimated scheme price is £44,250, based on the increase in slate prices notified by the contractor.

The funding for the extra budget on this scheme, currently £2,050, will be identified and reported to this Committee when the 2022/23 revised estimate budget is set in January 2023 and the budget for the rendering element of the scheme is likely to be moved to the 2023/24 capital programme at that point.

- **First Time Buyers Grants (£106,214):** At the end of September 2022, there had been eleven grant applications in-year. Of these, one grant scheme is complete, three have been approved, four are being considered for approval and three are not proceeding. At this stage, it is unclear whether the scheme budget will be fully committed by year-end, but further applications are expected in-year.
- **Equity Share Option Schemes (£422,130):** The locality-based equity share option schemes will not start until a scheme policy document is presented to this Committee for agreement. The policy document is still to be finalised, including confirmation of some legal issues being considered. At this stage it is unlikely that the budget on this scheme will be fully committed by financial year-end.
- **Affordable Housing – Longridge (£1,625,950):** There has been no spend on this scheme to date, because a separate proposal for use of the Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge S106 funding will be presented to members once more information is collated. At this stage it is unlikely that the budget on this scheme will be fully committed by financial year-end.
- **Clitheroe Affordable Housing Scheme (£8,370):** Roof works and boiler replacement works have been completed in-year so far on the property at Peel Street. However, the property is still being used as a homeless unit until November 2022, because of increased demand for temporary accommodation for larger families. Following this, any final refurbishment works required can be completed and the property leased to the registered housing provider by financial year-end.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 At the end of September 2022 £329,515 had been spent or committed. This is 9.2% of the annual capital programme budget for this Committee.
- 4.2 Of the ten schemes in the capital programme at the end of September 2022, three schemes are currently expected to be completed in-year, one scheme will not be completed in-year, three schemes are unlikely to be completed in-year and three schemes are on-going grants schemes.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

Health and Housing Committee – Capital Programme 2022/23

Cost Centre	Scheme	Original Estimate 2022/23 £	Budget Moved from 2021/22 £	Slippage from 2021/22 £	Additional Approvals 2022/23 £	Total Approved Budget 2022/23 £	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of September 2022 £	Remaining Budget as at end of September 2022 £
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants	393,000		645,850	48,800	1,087,650	270,909	816,741
LANGR	Landlord/Tenant Grants	50,000	186,740		-118,370	118,370	0	118,370
CMIMP	Clitheroe Market Improvements		78,600			78,600	0	78,600
PVFJP	Replacement of Pest Control Van PK13 FJP		16,000		21,890	37,890	0	37,890
PVEYC	Replacement of Dog Warden Van PE64 EYC		16,000		22,110	38,110	0	38,110
JROOF	Joiners Arms Roof Renewal		42,200			42,200	43,050	-850
FTBGR	First Time Buyers Grants				118,370	118,370	12,156	106,214
	Equity Share Option Schemes				422,130	422,130	0	422,130
	Affordable Housing - Longridge				1,625,950	1,625,950	0	1,625,950
CLIAH	Clitheroe Affordable Housing Scheme			11,770		11,770	3,400	8,370
Total Health and Housing Committee		443,000	339,540	657,620	2,140,880	3,581,040	329,515	3,251,525

Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

Disabled Facilities Grants

Service Area: Housing and Regeneration
Head of Service: Colin Hirst

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The scheme provides grant aid to adapt homes so elderly and disabled occupants can remain in their own home. The grants can provide for minor adaptation, for example the installation of a stair lift, up to the provision of a bathroom and bedroom extension.

Revenue Implications:

Administration fees are paid to the Council for any individual Disabled Facilities Grants scheme that the Council administers. The actual administration fee income varies each year, dependent on the number and value of schemes completed in-year.

Timescale for Completion:

The Disabled Facilities Grants budget operates throughout the financial year.

Capital Cost:

	£	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of September 2022 £	Remaining Budget as at end of September 2022 £
Original Estimate 2022/23	393,000		
Slippage from 2021/22	645,850		
Additional Approvals 2022/23	48,800		
Total Approved Budget 2022/23	1,087,650	270,909	816,741
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	1,087,650		

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

September 2022: Committed expenditure at the end of September 2022 was based on twenty-four schemes approved in previous years and twenty-three schemes approved so far in 2022/23. In addition to this, there were a further thirteen applications working towards approval, three currently approved schemes where additional approval may be required to fund further work now identified and there were twenty-one referrals from Occupational Therapists that may become formal applications in the near future. Further referrals and applications are expected in-year.

The number of schemes approved and completed in-year so far is lower than officers would like. The main reason for this continues to be the limited availability of contractors to quote for work and be available to complete work promptly. At this stage, there is no certainty that the scheme budget will be fully committed by year-end. Any unspent budget at year-end will be rolled forward as slippage into 2023/24 because this scheme is financed by ring-fenced DFGs grant income from DLUHC and some funding from Onward Homes.

June 2022: Committed expenditure at the end of June 2022 was based on twenty-five schemes approved in previous years and nine schemes approved in 2022/23 by the end of June 2022. In addition to this, there were a further eighteen applications working towards approval, four currently approved schemes where additional approval may be required to fund further work now identified and there were twenty-seven referrals from Occupational Therapists that may become formal applications in the near future. Further referrals and applications are expected in-year.

The number of schemes approved and completed in-year so far is lower than officers would like. The main reason for this continues to be the limited availability of contractors to quote for work and be available to complete work promptly. At this stage, there is no certainty that the scheme budget will be fully committed by year-end. Any unspent budget at year-end will be rolled forward as slippage into 2023/24 because this scheme is financed by ring-fenced DFGs grant income from DLUHC and some funding from Onward Homes.

Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

Landlord/Tenant Grants

Service Area: Housing and Regeneration

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The scheme match funds a landlord's investment in a property in return for an affordable rental property. Conditions of the grant are nomination rights and a set rent level in line with LHA. The scheme is crucial for move-on accommodation for families in temporary accommodation as the social housing waiting list is so long. The scheme is also used to bring empty properties back into use.

Revenue Implications:

Administration fees are paid to the Council for any individual Landlord/Tenant Grants scheme that the Council administers. The actual administration fee income varies each year, dependent on the number and value of schemes completed in-year.

Timescale for Completion:

The Landlord/Tenant Grants budget operates throughout the financial year.

Capital Cost:

	£	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of September 2022 £	Remaining Budget as at end of September 2022 £
Original Estimate 2022/23	50,000		
Budget Moved from 2021/22	186,740		
Additional Approvals 2022/23	-118,370		
Total Approved Budget 2022/23	118,370	0	118,370
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	118,370		

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

September 2022: There is no spend for the year to date and no schemes have been approved so far in 2022/23. This reflects reduced landlord interest in the scheme, despite the recent changes in the grant scheme rules. Given this, at this stage it is unlikely that the scheme budget will be fully committed by financial year-end.

June 2022: There is no spend for the year to date and no schemes have been approved so far in 2022/23. This reflects reduced landlord interest in the scheme, despite the recent changes in the grant scheme rules. Given this, at this stage it is unlikely that the scheme budget will be fully committed by financial year-end.

Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

Clitheroe Market Improvements

Service Area: Clitheroe Market

Head of Service/Director: Nicola Hopkins

Brief Description of the Scheme:

This scheme budget is now focussed on officers developing plans for market improvements, after consultation with the Market traders, with plans being reported to Health and Housing Committee.

The work on the initial phase of market improvements was completed in 2020/21 and there is £78,600 budget available for a further phase of market improvements. The plans for this further phase of work were held up over the Covid-19 lockdown periods and therefore meetings with traders to discuss and consult on plans for the next phase of works only began again in late 2021. The aim now is to complete the improvement works in 2022/23.

Revenue Implications:

To be confirmed - dependent on the proposals developed for approval.

Timescale for Completion:

To be confirmed - dependent on the proposals developed for approval.

Capital Cost:

	£	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of September 2022 £	Remaining Budget as at end of September 2022 £
Original Estimate 2022/23	0		
Budget Moved from 2021/22	78,600		
Total Approved Budget 2022/23	78,600	0	78,600
Actual Expenditure 2019/20	88,139		
Actual Expenditure 2020/21	8,165		
Actual Expenditure 2021/22	0		
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	174,904		

Progress - Budget Holder comments:

September 2022: Meetings with market traders are ongoing and a consultant has now been appointed to consider the strategic way forward for the market improvements, at a cost of £6,000. This work has commenced and a meeting between the consultant and market traders has been arranged for 18 October 2022. Emergency Committee in August 2022 agreed that the consultant costs can be funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, subject to the Council's investment plan being agreed by Central Government. Further market improvements work funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund is also an option which could be considered by members in due course. The aim is still to complete some improvements work in 2022/23, but there is no certainty that all the improvements work would be completed in-year.

June 2022: Meetings with market traders are ongoing and the Health and Housing Committee agreed for officers to seek quotes from consultants to consider a strategic way forward for market improvements. Utilising the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for suitable studies and/or improvement works is also an option which will be considered by members in due course. The aim is still to complete some improvement works in 2022/23, but there is no certainty that all the improvement works would be completed in-year.

November 2021: The meetings with market traders began again (following their postponement during lockdowns), but engagement with the casual stallholder traders is also planned, so improvement plans can be developed. The aim is to complete the improvement works in 2022/23, so it is proposed that the 2021/22 revised estimate is reduced to nil and the £78,600 scheme budget is moved to 2022/23. The temporary improvements to weatherproof the backs of stalls have been completed. In addition, the Council have invested in enhanced Christmas lighting as part of the Welcome Back Fund work and facilitated a Christmas lights switch on.

September 2021: The plans for the further phase of market improvements, including the way forward for the bull-ring stalls, will be worked up by officers. This work will commence later in 2021/22 to understand how the Covid-19 pandemic has changed the usage of the market. Following consultation with the market traders, the plans will be reported to a future meeting of the Health and Housing Committee for approval before work commences. In the meantime, minor works to make the bull-ring stalls more weatherproof will be undertaken as a temporary improvement measure.

July 2021: The plans for this further phase of market improvements, including the way forward for the bull-ring stalls, will be worked up by officers. This work will commence later in 2021/22 to understand how the Covid-19 pandemic has changed the usage of the market. Following consultation with the market traders, the plans will be reported to a future meeting of the Health and Housing Committee for approval before work commences.

November 2020: The work on the initial phase of market improvements is now complete. The unspent budget from this initial phase of works, £21,600, is to be added to the budget of £57,000 already set aside for a further phase of market improvements. The plans for this further phase, including the way forward for the bull-ring stalls, will be worked up by officers in 2021. Following consultation with the market traders, the plans will be reported to a future meeting of the Health and Housing Committee for approval before work commences.

Given the above, the further phase of works will not be undertaken in 2020/21. It is recommended that the 2020/21 revised estimate for the scheme is reduced to £8,260 and that the remaining budget of £78,600 is moved to the 2021/22 financial year.

August 2020: The work on the initial phase of market improvements is now complete, save for the removal of stalls in the bull-ring and purchase of pop-up stalls element of work being put on-hold. This is because the removal of stalls in the bull-ring is being reconsidered following a recent increase in trader demand for stalls.

The unspent budget from this initial phase of works, £21,643, is to be added to the budget of £57,000 already set aside for a further phase of market improvements. The plans for this further phase, including the way forward for the bull-ring stalls, will be worked up by officers in early 2021. This will allow for consultation with the market traders following the busy Christmas period and the plans will be reported to a future meeting of the Health and Housing Committee for approval before work commences. Given this, the further phase of works will not be undertaken in 2020/21 and approval will be sought from members to move the remaining scheme budget into 2021/22 when the revised estimate capital programme is presented for approval in January 2021.

March 2020: The majority of the initial phase of market improvement works was completed in-year. The underspend was due to the cabins canopies quotes being lower than the budget set-aside, three canopy installations still to be confirmed as installed correctly, no payments being made in-year for the sign-writing and no expenditure in-year on the removal of the current stalls and purchase of pop-up stalls.

Slippage of £29,860 will be used to fund completion of the initial phase of market improvements in the first instance and then any remaining budget will be added to the £57,000 budget already moved to 2020/21 for the further phase of improvement works.

November 2019: The initial phase of work comprises erecting new uniform canopies on all cabins, hand painting fascia signs on all cabins, refurbishing the market toilets and removing all stalls in the bullring. The first batch of canopies installations are complete and the market toilets will be open to the public by Christmas 2019.

Some further work on the market toilets will take place in early 2020, alongside the work to complete the installation of all the canopies, hand paint the fascia signs, remove the stalls from the bull ring and purchase pop up stalls. The work is currently expected to be completed by the end of February 2020.

September 2019: Initial work on this scheme was approved by this Committee in September 2019. This initial phase of work comprises erecting new uniform canopies on all cabins, hand painting fascia signs on all cabins, refurbishing the market toilets and removing all stalls in the bull-ring. This work is currently being programmed in and the work is expected to be completed by early 2020.

An overall budget of £118,000 has been set aside for this initial work in 2019/20. It is currently planned to move any unspent budget on the scheme at year-end into the 2020/21 financial year and to bring a report to a future meeting of this Committee in respect of any further improvements proposed to the Market.

July 2019: Initial plans to use part of the budget on this scheme are reported to this Committee elsewhere on this agenda. If approved, this initial work will comprise erecting new uniform canopies on all cabins, hand painting fascia signs on all cabins, refurbishing the market toilets and removing all stalls in the bull-ring. The budgeted cost of this initial work is to be confirmed by this Committee and the work is expected to be completed by March 2020. It is proposed to bring a further report to this Committee in respect of any further improvements proposed to the Market.

December 2018: This scheme remains on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme. As a result, there is expected to be no expenditure on the scheme in 2018/19. It is recommended that the £175,000 budget for this scheme is moved to the 2019/20 financial year and the 2018/19 revised estimate is nil.

September 2018: No change - The scheme remains on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme.

July 2018: No change - The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme is on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme.

November/December 2017: This scheme is on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme. As a result, there is expected to be no expenditure on the scheme in 2017/18. It is recommended that the £175,000 budget for this scheme is moved to the 2018/19 financial year.

August/September 2017: No change - The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme is on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme.

July 2017: No change - The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme is on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme.

December 2016: The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme is on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme.

September 2016: The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme is on hold, awaiting the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme.

July 2016: No change to May 2016 comments.

May 2016: The Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme budget was initially approved in 2015, before the Clitheroe Market Development scheme plans were announced. The detail of the Clitheroe Market Improvements scheme will be reviewed to take into account and complement the final plans for the Clitheroe Market Development scheme. No expenditure will take place until that detail has been confirmed.

Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

Replacement of Pest Control Van PK13 FJP

Service Area: Dog Warden & Pest Control

Head of Service: Andrew Dent

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The current van is required to transport pest control staff to various sites around the borough to carry out their work. This scheme, for the replacement of the current pest control van with a like for like van, was included in the 2021/22 capital programme with a scheme budget of £13,800.

During 2021/22 it was decided that the current van was in good enough condition to continue to be used throughout the year, so the purchase of the new van was planned to take place in 2022/23. In addition, an updated guide price was obtained for a replacement van, meaning the latest cost estimate increased to £16,000, which was a £2,200 increase on the original £13,800 scheme budget. This meant the initial 2022/23 scheme budget was £16,000.

In September 2022 Policy and Finance Committee approved an increased budget of £37,890 for this scheme, which now includes the purchase of an electric replacement van and charging point installation.

Revenue Implications:

There are no additional revenue implications above those of the existing van.

Timescale for Completion:

2022/23

Capital Cost:

	£	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of September 2022 £	Remaining Budget as at end of September 2022 £
Original Estimate 2022/23	0		
Budget Moved from 2021/22	16,000		
Additional Approvals 2022/23	21,890		
Total Approved Budget 2022/23	37,890	0	37,890
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	37,890		

Progress - Budget Holder comments:

September 2022: In September 2022 Policy and Finance Committee approved an increased budget of £37,890 for this scheme, which includes the purchase of an electric replacement van and charging point installation. This followed discussion of the way forward for the van's replacement at this Committee. The replacement van has been ordered in October 2022. At this stage it is hoped that the purchase will be completed in this financial year, but this is subject to supplier delivery timescales.

June 2022: Prices have been obtained for a replacement van based on an updated specification. A report seeking approval from members on the way forward is included elsewhere on this meeting's agenda. Subject to approval by members, at this stage it is expected that the scheme will be completed in-year.

November 2021: The current van is in good enough condition to continue to be used throughout 2021/22, so the purchase of the new van will now take place in 2022/23. An updated guide price has been obtained for a replacement van. This price, plus additional costs for fitting out the van so it is fit for pest control use, mean the latest cost estimate is now £16,000, which is a £2,200 increase on the current £13,800 scheme budget.

September 2021: The current van is in good enough condition to continue to be used throughout 2021/22, so the purchase of the new van will now take place in 2022/23.

July 2021: Procurement of the new van has been put on hold in-year. This is because the Pest Control service is part of the Environmental Health Services team and available management and staff time on the team has been focussed on other priority areas of work so far this year due to on-going staff vacancies within the team and additional pressures caused by Covid-19. At this stage, it is unclear whether the van purchase will take place in-year.

Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

Replacement of Dog Warden Van PE64 EYC

Service Area: Dog Warden & Pest Control

Head of Service: Andrew Dent

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The current van is required to transport dog warden staff to various sites around the borough to carry out their work. This scheme, for the replacement of the current dog warden van with a like for like van, was included in the 2021/22 capital programme with a scheme budget of £13,500.

During 2021/22 it was decided that the current van was in good enough condition to continue to be used throughout the year, so the purchase of the new van was planned to take place in 2022/23. In addition, an updated guide price was obtained for a replacement van, meaning the latest cost estimate increased to £16,000, which was a £2,500 increase on the original £13,500 scheme budget. This meant the initial 2022/23 scheme budget was £16,000.

In September 2022 Policy and Finance Committee approved an increased budget of £38,110 for this scheme, which now includes the purchase of an electric replacement van and charging point installation.

Revenue Implications:

There are no additional revenue implications above those of the existing van.

Timescale for Completion:

2022/23

Capital Cost:

	£	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of September 2022 £	Remaining Budget as at end of September 2022 £
Original Estimate 2022/23	0		
Budget Moved from 2021/22	16,000		
Additional Approvals 2022/23	22,110		
Total Approved Budget 2022/23	38,110	0	38,110
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	38,110		

Progress - Budget Holder comments:

September 2022: In September 2022 Policy and Finance Committee approved an increased budget of £38,110 for this scheme, which includes the purchase of an electric replacement van and charging point installation. This followed discussion of the way forward for the van's replacement at this Committee. The replacement van has been ordered in October 2022. At this stage it is hoped that the purchase will be completed in this financial year, but this is subject to supplier delivery timescales.

June 2022: Prices have been obtained for a replacement van based on an updated specification. A report seeking approval from members on the way forward is included elsewhere on this meeting's agenda. Subject to approval by members, at this stage it is expected that the scheme will be completed in-year.

November 2021: The current van is in good enough condition to continue to be used throughout 2021/22, so the purchase of the new van will now take place in 2022/23. An updated guide price has been obtained for a replacement van. This price, plus additional costs for fitting out the van so it is fit for dog warden use, mean the latest cost estimate is now £16,000, which is a £2,500 increase on the current £13,500 scheme budget.

September 2021: The current van is in good enough condition to continue to be used throughout 2021/22, so the purchase of the new van will now take place in 2022/23.

July 2021: Procurement of the new van has been put on hold in-year. This is because the Dog Warden service is part of the Environmental Health Services team and available management and staff time on the team has been focussed on other priority areas of work so far this year due to on-going staff vacancies within the team and additional pressures caused by Covid-19. At this stage, it is unclear whether the van purchase will take place in-year.

Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

Joiners Arms Roof Renewal

Service Area: Housing and Regeneration

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

Brief Description of the Scheme:

This scheme is for the re-roofing of the Council's Joiners Arms homelessness unit at 90 Whalley Road. The existing coverings (main and extension roofs) will be removed and replaced because they have reached the end of their expected life span. Burlington Slate must be used where appropriate as per the requirements of RVBC's Planning department (the property is a Grade II listed building).

Other works are also included because the chimneys, associated flashings, mortar flaunching and rainwater goods are in need of repair work and rendering work is required at the rear of the property.

The scheme was subject to delay in 2021/22, initially due to difficulty in getting contractors to provide quotes and then because of the lead time for the sourcing of slate roof tiles (estimated delivery time being August 2022). The work was ordered from the preferred contractor at an initial price of £43,050 plus a future 8% uplift in slate materials costs from the supplier, meaning the scheme cost was likely to increase further.

Given this, in January 2022 this Committee approved the transfer of the original £42,200 scheme budget from 2021/22 to the 2022/23 financial year, on the basis that once the final scheme cost is confirmed then an additional budget approval will be requested.

Note - The latest cost estimate provided by the contractor is £44,250, including the 8% increase in slate costs, so additional budget approval will be requested in 2022/23.

Revenue Implications:

Lost rent income implications, only if any of the flats become uninhabitable, but work should be scheduled without the need to close any of the rooms during the scheme.

Timescale for Completion:

It is anticipated that the works will take 6-8 weeks to fully complete.

Capital Cost:

	£	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of September 2022 £	Remaining Budget as at end of September 2022 £
Original Estimate 2022/23	0		
Budget Moved from 2021/22	42,200		
Total Approved Budget 2022/23	42,200	43,050	-850
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	44,250		

Progress - Budget Holder comments:

September 2022: The main roof works part of the scheme will start in November 2022 and at this stage it is expected that the works will be completed by Christmas 2022. The rendering part of the scheme will take place in Spring 2023, so that part of the work is likely to be completed in the 2023/24 financial year. The work on this scheme was ordered in 2021/22 at a cost of £43,050 plus an 8% increase in slate costs, meaning the scheme cost was likely to increase further. The latest estimated scheme price is £44,250, based on the increase in slate prices notified by the contractor. The funding for the extra budget on this scheme, currently £2,050, will be identified and reported to this Committee when the 2022/23 revised estimate budget is set in January 2023 and the budget for the rendering element of the scheme is likely to be moved to the 2023/24 capital programme at that point.

June 2022: The scheme has been subject to delay, due to the lead time for delivery of the slate roof tiles. The contractor has not confirmed actual dates to complete the works at this stage, but has indicated he aims to be on-site in September 2022 to complete the works before Winter. The work on this scheme was ordered in 2021/22 at a cost of £43,050 plus an 8% increase in slate costs, meaning the scheme cost was likely to increase further. The latest estimated scheme price is £44,250, based on the increase in slate prices notified by the contractor. Funding for the extra budget on this scheme, currently £2,050, will be identified and reported to this Committee when the revised estimate budget is set in January 2023.

November 2021: The completion of the scheme is subject to delay due to the lead time for the slate roof tiles (estimated delivery time being August 2022) meaning this will not be complete in the current programme year. The contractor has also notified the Council of an 8% uplift in the slate materials costs from the supplier. The latest scheme cost is £43,050 plus an 8% increase in slate costs, meaning the scheme cost is likely to increase further. The work was ordered on this basis. Given this, it is proposed that the 2021/22 revised estimate is reduced to nil and the £42,200 scheme budget is moved to 2022/23. Once the final scheme cost is confirmed then an additional budget approval will be requested.

September 2021: The preferred contractor has now been selected for the roof renewal work, including the rendering work at the rear of the building. The initial price from the preferred contractor is £43,050, which is £850 above budget. In addition, there is currently a six-month delay on supply of the slate that must be used on the roof and the price of the slate will rise by 8% from early 2022, meaning the scheme cost is likely to increase further. The work has been ordered on this basis and additional budget approval will be requested at revised estimate budget stage. Given the current six-month delay on slate supply, at this stage it is unlikely that this scheme will be completed in 2021/22.

July 2021: This scheme is held up by the difficulty in identifying enough contractors prepared to quote for the works post Covid-19 lockdown. At the end of July 2021, one further contractor quote was still needed before the preferred contractor could be selected. Once the preferred contractor is selected, works completion will then be dependent on contractor timescales. Given this, it is unclear whether this scheme will be completed in-year.

Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

First Time Buyers Grants

Service Area: Housing and Regeneration

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

Brief Description of the Scheme:

This new scheme from 2022/23 will provide grants to first time buyers to improve the energy efficiency of their property, which can include a range of improvements that would be determined by the dwelling's Energy Performance Certificate.

This scheme was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in March 2022 and is funded by transferring some budget from the Landlord/Tenant Grants scheme to this scheme.

Revenue Implications:

None identified.

Timescale for Completion:

The grant scheme operates throughout the financial year.

Capital Cost:

	£	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of September 2022 £	Remaining Budget as at end of September 2022 £
Original Estimate 2022/23	0		
Additional Approvals 2022/23	118,370		
Total Approved Budget 2022/23	118,370	12,156	106,214
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	118,370		

Progress - Budget Holder comments:

September 2022: At the end of September 2022, there had been eleven grant applications in-year. Of these, one grant scheme is complete, three have been approved, four are being considered for approval and three are not proceeding. At this stage, it is unclear whether the scheme budget will be fully committed by year-end, but further applications are expected in-year.

June 2022: At the end of June 2022, there have been eight grant applications for this new scheme. One application with a value of £2,377 has been approved, five further applications are being considered for approval and two applications have been rejected. At this stage, it is unclear whether the scheme budget will be fully committed by year-end, but further applications are expected in-year.

Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

Equity Share Option Schemes

Service Area: Housing and Regeneration

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

Brief Description of the Scheme:

This new equity share option scheme from 2022/23 will help enable residents of the borough to get a first step on the housing ladder. Locality-based schemes can be approved as S106 monies become available to use in those areas. The scheme would be available to first time buyers with a local connection, a deposit is available to assist with buying the property and the value contributed would be equated to 20% of the property value and then registered as a charge. The scheme would be limited to Council Tax A-C and eligibility would restrict max income and the property being their main residence.

This scheme was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in March 2022.

Note – A large proportion of the budget approved in March 2022, £1,625,950, relates to S106 funding for Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge. A separate proposal for use of that S106 funding will be presented to members once more information is collated. In order to make it clear that the S106 funding re Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge may be utilised in a different manner to the equity share option schemes funding, the approved budget of £2,048,080 is now split as follows for reporting purposes:

- £422,130 is left as the “Equity Share Option Schemes”.
- £1,625,950 is re-named as “Affordable Housing – Longridge”.

This section of the report covers the “Equity Share Option Schemes” scheme.

Revenue Implications:

None identified.

Timescale for Completion:

Continues whilst S106 monies are available to fund the purchase of equity shares.

Capital Cost:

	£	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of September 2022 £	Remaining Budget as at end of September 2022 £
Original Estimate 2022/23	0		
Additional Approvals 2022/23	422,130		
Total Approved Budget 2022/23	422,130	0	422,130
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	422,130		

Progress - Budget Holder comments:

September 2022: The locality-based equity share option schemes will not start until a scheme policy document is presented to this Committee for agreement. The policy document is still to be finalised, including confirmation of some legal issues being considered. At this stage it is unlikely that the budget on this scheme will be fully committed by financial year-end.

June 2022: This budget was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in March 2022. There has been no spend on this scheme to date because the locality-based equity share option schemes will not start until a scheme policy document is presented to this Committee for agreement. The policy document is still to be finalised, including confirmation of some legal issues being considered.

Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

Affordable Housing - Longridge

Service Area: Housing and Regeneration

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

Brief Description of the Scheme:

An overall budget of £2,048,080 for use of Affordable Housing S106 funding was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in March 2022, including some individual locality-based equity share option schemes, totalling £422,130, and approval to spend £1,625,950 S106 funding received re Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge on affordable housing. A separate proposal for use of the S106 funding re Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge is to be presented to members once more information is collated.

Note – In order to make it clear that the S106 funding re Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge may be utilised in a different manner to the equity share option schemes funding, the approved budget of £2,048,080 is now split as follows for reporting purposes:

- £422,130 is left as the “Equity Share Option Schemes”.
- £1,625,950 is re-named as “Affordable Housing – Longridge”.

This section of the report covers the “Affordable Housing - Longridge” scheme.

Revenue Implications:

None identified.

Timescale for Completion:

Continues whilst S106 monies are available to fund the scheme.

Capital Cost:

	£	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of September 2022 £	Remaining Budget as at end of September 2022 £
Original Estimate 2022/23	0		
Additional Approvals 2022/23	1,625,950		
Total Approved Budget 2022/23	1,625,950	0	1,625,950
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	1,625,950		

Progress - Budget Holder comments:

September 2022: There has been no spend on this scheme to date, because a separate proposal for use of the Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge S106 funding will be presented to members once more information is collated. At this stage it is unlikely that the budget on this scheme will be fully committed by financial year-end.

June 2022: There has been no spend on this scheme to date, because a separate proposal for use of the Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge S106 funding will be presented to members once more information is collated. At this stage it is unlikely that the budget on this scheme will be fully committed by financial year-end.

Individual Scheme Details and Budget Holder Comments

Clitheroe Affordable Housing Scheme

Service Area: Housing and Regeneration

Head of Service: Colin Hirst

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The purchase of one property in Clitheroe to be rented out as an affordable rental unit, utilising commuted sum monies. The property will be leased to a registered provider and the Council will have 100% nomination rights and the rent will be capped at LHA rate. This scheme was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in November 2020.

NOTE – Final refurbishment budget initially slipped to 2021/22 and then to 2022/23, as the property is being used temporarily as a homeless let until November 2022.

Revenue Implications:

Annual lease income from the registered provider, set against yearly repairs and building insurance costs under the terms of the lease. Depreciation will also be charged to the cost centre each year.

Timescale for Completion:

Purchase the property in 2020/21. Refurbishment in 2022/23.

Capital Cost:

	£	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of September 2022 £	Remaining Budget as at end of September 2022 £
Original Estimate 2022/23	0		
Slippage from 2021/22	11,770		
Total Approved Budget 2022/23	11,770	3,400	8,370
Actual Expenditure 2020/21	129,067		
Actual Expenditure 2021/22	0		
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	140,837		

Progress - Budget Holder comments:

September 2022: Roof works and boiler replacement works have been completed in-year so far on the property at Peel Street. However, the property is still being used as a homeless unit until November 2022, because of increased demand for temporary accommodation for larger families. Following this, any final refurbishment works required can be completed and the property leased to the registered housing provider by financial year-end.

June 2022: Roof works and boiler replacement works have been completed in-year so far on the property at Peel Street. However, the property is still being used as a homeless unit until November 2022, because of increased demand for temporary accommodation for larger families. Following this, any final refurbishment works required can be completed and the property leased to the registered housing provider by financial year-end.

March 2022: Use as a homeless unit has continued throughout 2021/22 and into 2022/23 to cover initially for Flats 1 and 2 at Joiners Arms being out of service and most recently because of an increased demand for temporary accommodation for larger families. As a result of this the final refurbishment works on this scheme were not completed in 2021/22. The latest plan is for this property to be used as a homeless unit until November 2022, at which point the refurbishment can be completed and the property leased to the registered provider for affordable rent. Slippage of £11,770 into 2022/23 is requested to fund the final refurbishment works required.

November 2021: The property is still being temporarily used as a homeless let until the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme is completed, meaning the final refurbishment works are still to be completed. At this stage, subject to the return of flats 1 and 2 into use it is possible that this work may now be completed within the programme year.

September 2021: The property is still being temporarily used as a homeless let until the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme is completed, meaning the final refurbishment works are still to be completed. At this stage, it is unlikely that this scheme will be completed in-year, based on it being unlikely that the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme will be completed in-year.

July 2021: The scheme was put on hold in January 2021 whilst the property was temporarily used as a homeless let. This means the final refurbishment works are still to be completed. The property is still being temporarily used as a homeless let until the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme is completed. It is unclear whether this scheme will be completed in-year, based on it being unclear when the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme will be completed.

March 2021: The property was purchased in-year and some of the planned refurbishment work was completed also. However, scheme completion was put on hold in January 2021 whilst the property was temporarily used as a homeless let. The homeless let was on-going at 2020/21 financial year-end. Slippage of £11,770 into 2021/22 is requested to fund the final refurbishment works required in 2021/22.

November 2020: There was no spend by the end of November 2020, but the property was purchased in December 2020. The refurbishment works are planned for early 2021, which means the scheme is planned to be completed in-year.

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REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE BODY
CLLR DAVID PEAT

MERSEY-CARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Governors Meeting 6 September 2022

I attended a Council of Governors Meeting on 6 September 2022, which confirmed, subject to some checks, the appointment of Ms Rosie Cooper MP as Chairman Designate of Mersey-Care NHS Trust from 31st October 2022. She succeeds Mrs Beatrice Fraenkel, whose period of office will end then. Ms Cooper is to resign as an MP by that date."

Mersey-Care also provided the following update:

LSCFT has a strong interest in taking over ownership of the site once Mersey Care transfers the final learning disability service users to a new unit in Maghull in October 2023. In anticipation of these moves occurring, LSCFT have started to plan some preliminary work at Woodview, our former medium secure service building. As I have said many times, we want to see the site, which is a lovely asset, remain in NHS use into the future.

Current plans are that as the new low secure service comes online in the second half of next year, we will move to Maghull and the new LSU will fully open there in September 2023. Our Whalley services will come to an end at that time and this is when we anticipate the site transferring to Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS.

We're focused on supporting our staff, with incentives and opportunities to be part of the new service in Maghull and we are also connected with our families and carers to keep them briefed. Most importantly, service users are involved in the changes, discussing new ward names for Maghull and being prepared for how their care pathway will evolve: this must always be focussed on the very best for their recovery.

Governors Meeting 17 October 2022

This was a full agenda with the Care Quality Commission in attendance. Two material issues affecting this Borough were:

1. Response to Panorama Programme regarding Edenfield Centre in Greater Manchester Mental Health Services: Mersey-Care provide similar services and outlined increased checks and monitoring to provide assurance to the Board.
2. Calderstones Retrenchment. At 30/9 there were 44 residents (39 Low Secure and 5 Individual Care Packages). Mersey-Care are meeting Lancs and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust to ensure progress. I asked for and received assurance about patient transfer safety and caring for staff.

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REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE BODY CLLR DAVID PEAT

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH AND AUDIT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

I attended a meeting of Lancashire County Council Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee on 21st September 2022.

The main topic was the Lancashire and South Cumbria New Hospitals Programme (part of the national 48 new hospitals initiative). Rebecca Malin Programme Director, and Claire Granato Lead Allied Health Professional spoke.

The scheme involves some combination of new or rebuild hospitals for Royal Preston Hospital and Royal Lancaster Infirmary. Business cases and further consultations will follow; if all goes to plan Construction could start from 2025/26, after site identification during 2023.

There is expected to be an update in Spring 2023.

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