

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

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title: CAPITAL MONITORING 2021/22
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To report the progress on this Committee's 2021/22 capital programme for the period to the end of July 2021.

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 2021/22 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

2.1 One capital scheme for this Committee's original estimate budget, totalling £66,750, was approved by the Special Policy and Finance Committee and Full Council at their meetings in February 2021 and March 2021 respectively. The scheme budget had been moved from the 2020/21 capital programme to the 2021/22 capital programme.

2.2 In addition to the original estimate budget, two capital schemes were not completed by 31 March 2021 and had unspent budget available at that date. The total unspent budget of £35,000 on those schemes, known as slippage, has been moved into the 2021/22 capital programme budget, after approval by this Committee in June 2021.

2.3 As a result of the above, the total approved budget for this Committee's capital programme of two schemes is £101,750. This is shown at Annex 1.

3 CAPITAL MONITORING 2021/22

3.1 The table below summarises this Committee's capital programme budget, expenditure to date and remaining budget, as at the end of July 2021. 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 2021/22 £	Budget Moved from 2020/21 £	Slippage from 2020/21 £	Total Approved Budget 2021/22 £	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of July 2021 £	Remaining Budget as at end of July 2021 £
0	66,750	35,000	101,750	0	101,750

3.2 At the end of July 2021 there had been no spend on the two schemes, as follows:

- **Economic Development Initiatives (£81,750):** There is no spend to date in-year but the Council are continually seeking to identify economic development schemes which this budget is set aside for. Members will recall that a proportion of the budget was set aside to assess a piece of land along the A59 which is subject to a separate report on this agenda.
- **Gateway Signs for Whalley, Longridge and Clitheroe (£20,000):** No spend to date on this scheme for the installation of two new welcome signs and replacement of a damaged sign at Simonstone. At this stage, it is unclear whether installation will be completed within this financial year, as this is subject to gaining the required permissions from Lancashire County Council before work can be undertaken.

4 CONCLUSION

4.1 At the end of July 2021 there had been no spend on the two schemes in this Committee's capital programme. At this stage it is unclear whether these schemes will be completed in-year.

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For further background information please ask for Andrew Cook
BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

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Cost Centre	Scheme	Original Estimate 2021/22 £	Budget Moved from 2020/21 £	Slippage from 2020/21 £	Total Approved Budget 2021/22 £	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of July 2021 £	Remaining Budget as at end of July 2021 £
ECDVI	Economic Development Initiatives	0	66,750	15,000	81,750	0	81,750
GWSGN	Gateway Signs for Whalley, Longridge and Clitheroe	0	0	20,000	20,000	0	20,000
Total Economic Development Committee		0	66,750	35,000	101,750	0	101,750

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Economic Development Initiatives (Budget Moved from 2020/21 and Slippage from 2020/21)

Service Area: Regeneration and Housing

Submitted by: Colin Hirst

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The project is to establish a general source of pump-priming and pre-investment funding to support the delivery of the Council's economic priorities. The bid particularly seeks to support our high growth sectors in the provision of land and premises or tourism infrastructure where applicable. The Council needs to be able to develop and respond to initiatives that will support delivery of business growth. In order to develop schemes, funding needs to be available to undertake works in areas such as valuation and feasibility assessments, due-diligence, initial planning and design work. As projects progress funding needs to be available to support acquisition, marketing and development. Specific funding for land or premises would be the subject of separate bids as required.

Projects include identifying options to deliver employment land, schemes to support high growth business opportunities and necessary infrastructure to support our rural business base including tourism.

Revenue Implications:

Unspecified – general revenue costs would be anticipated to be contained within existing budgets.

Timescale for Completion:

Key milestones will depend upon the individual projects developed.

Capital Cost:

	£	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of July 2021 £	Remaining Budget as at end of July 2021 £
Original Estimate 2021/22	0		
Budget Moved from 2020/21	66,750		
Slippage from 2020/21	15,000		
Total Approved Budget 2021/22	81,750	0	81,750
Actual Expenditure in 2020/21	0		
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	81,750		

Progress - Budget Holder Comments

July 2021: There is no spend to date in-year but the Council are continually seeking to identify economic development schemes which this budget is set aside for. Members will recall that a proportion of the budget was set aside to assess a piece of land along the A59 which is subject to a separate report on this agenda.

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March 2021: One appropriate scheme for funding from this capital budget, re improving employment land site access at Salthill, was identified as possibly taking place in early 2021. However, the scheme did not take place in 2020/21 because there was no further progress by the landowner before year-end. Slippage of £15,000 into 2021/22 is requested to add to the £66,750 budget already moved to 2021/22 to fund any economic development schemes that would be appropriate to fund from this capital budget in 2021/22.

December 2020: There is currently just one development initiative scheme being considered that, if given the go ahead, would incur expenditure in 2020/21. That scheme is a joint-funded site investigation and development modelling scheme for improving employment land site access at Salthill. If that scheme is approved to go ahead the Council's expenditure is estimated to be no more than £15,000 in 2020/21. Therefore, it is recommended that the 2020/21 revised estimate for the overall scheme is reduced to £15,000 and £66,750 of the overall scheme budget is moved to the 2021/22 financial year.

September 2020: There are no current schemes in progress which are likely to be funded from this economic development capital pot. Therefore, at this stage there is the possibility that not all of the budget will be committed by year-end. Officers will consider whether any of the scheme budget will be moved to 2021/22 when the revised estimate capital programme is presented for approval in January 2021.

December 2019: There are currently no development opportunities earmarked to draw on the funds from the Economic Development Initiatives scheme budget at this stage in the year. Therefore, it is recommended that the 2019/20 revised estimate for this scheme is reduced to nil and the £81,750 scheme budget is moved to the 2020/21 financial year.

September 2019: No change - There are no current schemes in progress which are likely to be funded from this economic development capital pot. Therefore, at this stage there is the possibility that not all of the budget is committed by year-end. However, a number of site opportunities are being explored and will be the subject of future reports.

July 2019: There are no current schemes in progress which are likely to be funded from this economic development capital pot. A number of site opportunities are being explored and will be the subject of future reports.

March 2019: There was no expenditure on this Committee's capital scheme in 2018/19, because no appropriate development opportunities have arisen in-year which have required funding from this capital scheme.

December 2018: A number of site opportunities are being explored in more detail, as per the report elsewhere on this agenda. At this stage, no specific scheme costs are being charged to this Economic Development Initiatives capital budget, but there is always the possibility that a valuation or assessment in-year may require expenditure in relation to acquisition at short notice.

September/October 2018: A number of site opportunities are under preliminary investigation and will be reported to this Committee in due course. It is anticipated that this capital scheme be considered to help support any emerging initiatives that arise as a result of that report.

August 2018: Development opportunities to bring forward land for employment will be reported to this Committee in due course. It is anticipated that this capital scheme be considered to help support any emerging initiatives that arise as a result of that report.

December 2017: There has been no spend on the scheme in-year, with costs for support work being charged to revenue budgets rather than capital. Development opportunities to bring forward land for employment are being reviewed and will be reported to this Committee in due course. It is anticipated that this capital scheme be considered to help support any emerging initiatives that arise as a result of that report. It is recommended that the 2017/18 revised estimate is reduced to nil and the £100,000 budget is moved to 2018/19.

July 2017: Development opportunities to bring forward land for employment are being reviewed and will be reported to this Committee. It is anticipated that this capital scheme be considered to help support any emerging initiatives that arise as a result of that report.

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December 2016: There are no appropriate economic development opportunities in progress currently which are likely to be funded from this economic development capital pot before the year-end. It is recommended that the revised estimate is reduced to nil and the £100,000 budget is moved to 2017/18.

September/October 2016: No change from July 2016 comments - There are no appropriate economic development opportunities in progress currently which are likely to be funded from this economic development capital pot.

July 2016: There are no appropriate economic development opportunities in progress currently which are likely to be funded from this economic development capital pot.

May/June 2016: The one site acquisition proposal being seriously considered will not now go ahead, as resolved by Policy and Finance Committee. There are no other appropriate economic development opportunities in progress currently which are likely to be funded from this economic development capital pot.

March 2016: One site acquisition investment was being considered in 2015/16, but no confirmation was in place for the acquisition to go ahead at year-end. Slippage of the 2015/16 underspend is requested to fund both the pump prime costs associated with the site acquisition being considered and any further economic development opportunities that may arise.

January 2016: The site acquisition approved by this Committee in October 2015 is the one economic development opportunity in progress currently that will require investment support funding from the Economic Development Initiatives budget. At this stage, the actual timing of the site acquisition and any support costs to be funded from this budget is not confirmed. Any unused budget from 2015/16 will be moved into 2016/17 as slippage.

September 2015: The District Valuer has secured initial agreement with land owners on values and details are being progressed to acquire a site. Expenditure has been drawn from other revenue budgets to fund pre-investment works so far.

July 2015: The Council has instructed the District Valuer to negotiate the purchase of some land on one scheme and we are currently awaiting the outcome of this. Expenditure has been drawn from other revenue budgets to fund pre-investment works so far.

September 2014: The Council continues to seek land for potential economic development. Expenditure has been drawn from revenue budgets to fund pre-investment works to date.

July 2014: The Council continues to seek land for potential economic development.

March 2014: Projects have not reached a stage where capital is required. Expenditure has been drawn from other revenue budgets to fund pre-investment works.

September 2013: Work on the scheme has been undertaken, however expenditure has been revenue based rather than capital.

July 2013: An area of land has been identified and measures are being taken to secure the land for industrial development.

March 2013: The Council is continuing pursuing the acquisition of land for employment purposes.

September 2012: No further progress since June 2012.

June 2012: Initial discussions have been held with relevant landowners. The District Valuer has been instructed to prepare valuation advice on potential sites. This advice has been received and is being given further consideration. The Asset Management Group has considered site options. An options report will be prepared once options are determined. Expenditure will be required on feasibility reports once an option is agreed and on pre-acquisition and due diligence processes.

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Gateway Signs for Whalley, Longridge and Clitheroe (Slippage from 2020/21)

Service Area: Tourism and Events

Submitted by: Mark Beveridge

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The Economic Development Committee has requested that a bid be submitted for gateway signs to be erected on the major roads into the three settlements. These signs are approx 1.5m high x 1m wide, they can have an iconic image which represents an area plus a tag line, such as "Welcome To..". The exact number of signs would need to be determined following a site visit by an approved contractor. The signs have to meet Highway Authority regulations which mean that some smaller roads would not be suitable for these large signs. Costs include the cost of the signs, fitting of the signs, foundations work, making good the ground and traffic management.

The £20,000 budget will be used to fund as many signs as can be accommodated within budget. Budget Working Group and Corporate Management Team recommended that an external quote be sought for this work, including installation.

Revenue Implications:

These signs would be RVBC responsibility and cleaning and maintenance would fall to the Council, approx £1,000 per annum broad estimate.

Timescale for Completion:

2019/20.

Capital Cost:

	£	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of July 2021 £	Remaining Budget as at end of July 2021 £
Original Estimate 2021/22	0		
Slippage from 2020/21	20,000		
Total Approved Budget 2021/22	20,000	0	20,000
Actual Expenditure in 2019/20	0		
Actual Expenditure in 2020/21	0		
ANTICIPATED TOTAL SCHEME COST	20,000		

Progress – Budget Holder Comments:

July 2021: No spend to date on this scheme for the installation of two new welcome signs and replacement of a damaged sign at Simonstone. At this stage, it is unclear whether installation will be completed within this financial year, as this is subject to gaining the required permissions from Lancashire County Council before work can be undertaken.

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March 2021: There was no spend in 2020/21 on this scheme because officers are still to obtain permissions from Lancashire County Council to allow installation of the signs. Slippage of £20,000 into 2021/22 is requested to fund the planned installation of the two new welcome signs and replacement of a damaged sign at Simonstone.

December 2020: No spend to date on this scheme to fund the installation of two new welcome signs and the replacement of a damaged sign at Simonstone. At this stage, it is hoped that installation will be completed within this financial year. However, this is subject to gaining the required permissions from Lancashire County Council, supplier delivery timescales and any impact from the on-going Covid-19 restrictions.

September 2020: No spend to date on this scheme. As reported to members in January 2020, the budget will be used to fund the installation of two new welcome signs and replacement of a damaged sign at Simonstone. At this stage, it is expected that installation will be completed within this financial year, but this is subject to gaining the required permissions from Lancashire County Council and supplier delivery timescales.

March 2020: The signs installation work was still to be undertaken and it is subject to gaining the required permissions from Lancashire County Council. Slippage of £20,000 into 2020/21 will fund the signs installation work in that year.

December 2019: A proposal for two Gateway Signs and replacement of one existing sign has been reported to this Committee, elsewhere on this agenda. If the proposal is approved by Committee, the aim is to complete the work by the end of March 2020, subject to gaining the required permissions from LCC and supplier delivery timescales.

September 2019: The Council is still in dialogue with Lancashire County Council (LCC) to provide site locations for LCC to assess and grant site permissions. Following this, quotes will be obtained for the signs and they can be purchased and installed. At the present time, the aim is still to complete the scheme by March 2020.

July 2019: The Council is engaged in a dialogue with Lancashire County Council (LCC) regarding the process and the permissions required which will determine the number and location of the signs. Following this, quotes will be obtained for the signs and they can be purchased and installed. The aim is to complete the scheme by March 2020, dependent on the time taken to obtain permissions from LCC.