

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL INFORMATION

REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

meeting date: 10 MARCH 2022
title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform members of the schemes approved for inclusion in this Committee's 2022/23 capital programme.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 All committees were asked to put forward proposals for any new capital schemes for inclusion in a five-year capital programme for 2022/23 to 2026/27. At its meeting on 6 January 2022, this Committee did not propose any new capital schemes.

2.2 In light of the uncertainty regarding local government funding beyond 2022/23 and the impending fair funding review, all new bids, across all committees were set aside until later in the 2022/23 financial year for consideration once there is more certainty around local government funding. As a result, a three-year capital programme for 2022/23 to 2024/25 is now in place.

2.5 The Council's overall capital programme for the three-year period 2022/23 to 2024/25 totals £5,563,970 for all committees. The total for this Committee is £26,420 over the three-year life of the programme. All the £26,420 relates to the 2022/23 financial year.

3 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 – APPROVED SCHEMES

3.1 For this Committee there is one scheme approved in the 2022/23 capital programme, totalling £26,420. This is shown in the table below and the detailed information for the scheme is shown in **Annex 1**.

| Cost Centre | Scheme | Budget 2022/23 £ |
|-------------|---|---------------------|
| PLANN | Introduction of Planning Portal Link to the Planning Application System and Planning System Update (<i>Budget moved from 2021/22</i>) | 26,420 |
| | Total – Planning and Development Committee | 26,420 |

3.2 It is important to note that the scheme shown above will remain on-hold until it is known whether the "Software Upgrade for Regulatory Services" capital bid (which falls under Policy and Finance Committee) has been approved, as that scheme includes a combined software system for several Council services, including Planning and Building Control services.

3.3 Approval of the "Software Upgrade for Regulatory Services" scheme will negate the need for the PLANN capital scheme shown in the table above. However, the bid for the scheme is among those set aside until later in the 2022/23 financial year.

3.4 Responsible officers will complete and update capital monitoring sheets for the scheme, which will be reported regularly to members to give an indication of progress.

4 CONCLUSION

4.1 This Committee has an approved 2022/23 capital programme of £26,420 for one scheme.

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

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Schemes Approved for the 2022/23 Capital Programme

Introduction of Planning Portal Link to the Planning Application System and Planning System Update

Service Area: Planning Services

Submitted by: John Macholc

Budget moved from 2021/22:

The planning system update element of the scheme was previously put on-hold awaiting the outcome of a planned process review in the Planning section. That planned process review had not taken place because of Covid-19 issues. In addition, a wider “Software Upgrade for Regulatory Services” capital bid had then been proposed to Budget Working Group by the Policy and Finance Committee as part of the 2022/23 to 2026/27 capital programme bid process. This bid includes a combined software system for several Council services, including Planning and Building Control services. If this capital bid is subsequently approved then there will be no requirement to complete the current planning system upgrade scheme.

Given the above, in January 2022 this Committee approved the move of the remaining £26,420 budget for the planning system upgrade scheme from 2021/22 to 2022/23.

It is important to note that the “Software Upgrade for Regulatory Services” bid was put forward as a 2025/26 capital scheme with a request for the scheme to be brought forward to 2022/23 or as soon as possible. However, given that all new capital bids for 2025/26 and 2026/27 are now set aside until later in the 2022/23 financial year for consideration once there is more certainty around local government funding, it is not known at this stage whether this new scheme bid will be approved. As a result, the current planning system upgrade scheme will remain on-hold until it is known whether or not the “Software Upgrade for Regulatory Services” bid has been approved for inclusion in the capital programme.

Capital Cost:

| 2022/23 £ |
|---------------------|
| 26,420 |