

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

DECISION

meeting date: 10 JANUARY 2023  
title: REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23  
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES  
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### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To approve the 2022/23 revised estimate for this Committee's capital programme.

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 needs.
- Other Considerations – none identified.

### 2 2022/23 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

2.1 Fifteen capital schemes for this Committee's original estimate budget, totalling £2,280,500, were approved by the Policy and Finance Committee and Full Council at their meetings in February 2022 and March 2022 respectively. This included fourteen new schemes for 2022/23 and one scheme that had been moved from the 2021/22 capital programme to the 2022/23 capital programme.

2.2 Five capital schemes were not completed by 31 March 2022 and had some unspent budget available at that date. The total unspent budget of £153,240 on those schemes, known as slippage, was moved into the 2022/23 capital programme budget, after approval by this Committee in May 2022.

2.3 As a result of the above, the total approved budget for this Committee's capital programme of nineteen schemes was £2,433,740. This is shown at Annex 1.

### 3 REVISING THE 2022/23 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

3.1 We have now discussed each of the schemes in the capital programme with budget holders and revised the programme to reflect progress on the schemes and estimated full year expenditure. Following this review, the proposed revised estimate is £671,320 for sixteen schemes, a reduction of £1,762,420 from the total approved budget. The reasons for this are as follows:

- **Clitheroe Town Centre Car Park Scheme (-£1,230,000):** At its meeting in August 2022, this Committee approved the removal of this scheme from the capital programme, because the review of car parking spaces in Clitheroe had concluded that there was, presently, no need for extra town centre parking provision, but that LCC should continue to be lobbied to assist in making the market car park more accessible. Therefore, the 2022/23 revised estimate budget for this scheme is reduced to nil.

- **Castle Keep Lime Repointing Works and Repairs (-£307,600):** At the end of November 2022, a bat survey had been ordered and is likely to be completed in-year. Also, the external consultants that are being engaged for the pre-contract stages of this scheme have been selected and are likely to be formally appointed in early 2023, subject to final contract agreement and their work may be completed in 2022/23, subject to final contract agreement. However, given the time involved in specifying and designing this type of scheme and then tendering, it is not expected that there will be any work undertaken on the main contract works in 2022/23, Therefore, it is expected that only a small part of the scheme budget will be spent in 2022/23, estimated to be £19,700.

Given the above, it is proposed that £307,600 of the scheme budget is moved to the 2023/24 capital programme and the 2022/23 revised estimate scheme budget is reduced to £19,700.

- **Mardale Playing Pitches Drainage (-£80,440):** Pre-contract costs of £460 have been incurred to date. However, initial tender prices received for the main scheme works were significantly higher than the £80,440 remaining budget available. Given this, officers will now re-evaluate how to use this budget for Mardale playing pitches drainage, as the budget available must be spent on drainage works at this site to meet the requirements of the S106 agreement that funds this scheme. Once confirmed, the work will be put out to tender with the aim of completing the work in spring/summer 2023, after the end of the current football season. Therefore, the scheme will not be completed in this financial year. Officers will report the updated plans for this scheme to a future meeting of this Committee.

Given the above, it is proposed that £80,440 of the scheme budget is moved to the 2023/24 capital programme and the 2022/23 revised estimate scheme budget is reduced to £460.

- **Replacement of Refuse Iveco Tipper (PO60 AYK) (-£46,000):** The specification for the replacement vehicle has been confirmed and quotes are currently being obtained, prior to the vehicle being ordered. Based on information from one potential supplier and given the general situation in the new vehicle supply market, it is highly unlikely that a vehicle ordered in early 2023 would be delivered in this financial year. Therefore, it is proposed that the scheme budget of £46,000 is moved to the 2023/24 capital programme and the 2022/23 revised estimate scheme budget is reduced to nil.
- **Replacement of Pay and Display Machines (-£41,800):** The replacement machines specified and approved by this Committee in August 2022 have now been fitted and there were also minor additional costs for labels for each replacement machine. Total costs so far are £78,793. Additional signage is also required on the scheme and this will be purchased and installed in-year, at an estimated cost at this stage of approximately £3,000. Therefore, it is proposed that the 2022/23 revised estimate scheme budget is reduced by £41,800 to £82,000.
- **Replacement of High Top Transit Van PJ63 WUC (-£34,500):** Officers are working up the replacement vehicle specification with some supplier input. Once specified, quotes will be obtained and then the replacement vehicle will be ordered. Based on information from one potential supplier and given the general situation in the new vehicle supply market, it is highly unlikely that a vehicle ordered in early 2023 would be delivered in this financial year. Therefore, it is proposed that the scheme budget of £34,500 is moved to the 2023/24 capital programme and the 2022/23 revised estimate scheme budget is reduced to nil.

- **Ribblesdale Pool Filter and Tile Work (-£13,000):** Final payments for this amended scheme are expected to be made in early 2023 and at this stage it is expected that total scheme costs will be £31,000. These reduced costs are due to the replacement pool filter media and pool tiles refurbishment costs being lower than the originally planned full replacement of the pool filter and pipework costs. Therefore, it is proposed that the 2022/23 revised estimate scheme budget is reduced by £13,000 to £31,000.
- **Edisford Playing Pitches Drainage Works (-£10,900):** This scheme includes work on a cut off drain and main pitch drainage works, funded by S106 monies. The current year works on the cut off drain are now complete at a cost of £4,590 and this leaves £10,900 for main pitch drainage works. This remaining sum will likely provide for some drainage works but may not cover drainage works for the full pitch. The actual works will now be planned and the work will now take place in spring/summer 2023, after the end of the current football season.

Given the above, it is proposed that £10,900 of the scheme budget is moved to the 2023/24 capital programme and the 2022/23 revised estimate scheme budget is reduced to £4,590.

- **Underspends on vehicle and equipment completed schemes (-£1,180):** The actual spend on three completed schemes (replacement of Hustler Trimstar mowers, replacement football goals and replacement of a refuse collection vehicle) was slightly lower than the total approved budgets for these schemes.
- **Overspends on vehicle and equipment completed schemes (+£3,000):** The actual spend on two completed schemes (replacement of John Deere mower and replacement of Kubota mower) was higher than the total approved budgets for these schemes due to inflation price increases for the mowers in 2022/23.

3.2 Annex 1 shows the full capital programme by scheme, including the budget and expenditure to date. The summary position is shown below.

Original Estimate 2022/23 £	Budget Moved from 2021/22 £	Slippage from 2021/22 £	Additional Approvals 2022/23 £	Total Approved Budget 2022/23 £	Revised Estimate 2022/23 £	Budget Moved to 2023/24 £	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of November 2022 £
1,065,500	1,215,000	153,240	0	2,433,740	671,320	479,440	607,770

3.3 At the end of November 2022 £607,770 had been spent or committed. This is 90.5% of the revised capital programme for this Committee.

3.4 Of the sixteen schemes in the proposed revised capital programme:

- eight schemes are complete
- seven schemes are currently expected to be completed in-year; and
- it is unclear whether spend on one scheme will be completed in-year.

3.5 Current progress on the schemes with the largest remaining budgets (amounts shown in brackets) is as follows:

- **Play Area Improvements 2022/23 (£17,904):** This budget is for routine improvement works, based on regular playground checks and/or insurance condition surveys, and any enhanced improvement works required in-year. Work undertaken to date includes surfacing work and refurbishment of a multi-play unit at Kestor Lane play area, new springers at John Smiths play area, surfacing work at Clitheroe Castle play area and improved gate closer fittings across several play areas. Further works will be planned throughout the year and at this stage it is expected that the budget will be spent in-year.
- **Castle Keep Lime Repointing Works and Repairs (£19,250):** As referred to earlier in this report, it has been proposed that the budget relating to the main contract works on this scheme is moved to the 2023/24 capital programme to match the expected timing of the work. The remaining budget for 2022/23 includes a bat survey that has been ordered at a cost of £450 and is likely to be completed in-year and estimated costs of £19,250 for external consultants that are being engaged for the pre-contract investigation and generation of tender documents stages of this scheme. The preferred consultants have been selected and are likely to be formally appointed in early 2023, subject to final contract agreement. Their work may be completed in 2022/23, subject to final contract agreement.
- **Play Area Improvements 2021/22 (£17,940):** This budget is for specific improvement schemes at Kestor Lane play area and Clitheroe Castle play area and installation of new equipment at Highfield Road and Highmoor Park play areas. The Clitheroe Castle play area works are complete and the Kestor Lane play area works were substantially complete at the end of November 2022. The final surfacing works had been delayed due to the poor weather conditions in November and then also in December. The works are expected to be completed in early 2023.

Initial tender prices received for the works at Highfield Road and Highmoor Park were higher than the £17,940 budget available for these play areas, so a further round of quotes is to be obtained for installation of a revised set of play equipment to match the budget available. The revised estimate is set on the basis that these works will be completed in-year, but at this stage there is a chance that the time required to obtain quotes and expected delivery and installation timescales may mean that scheme completion slips into 2023/24.

## 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

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

- Resources – Approval of the revised capital programme will see a decrease of £1,762,420 in the level of financing resources needed within the 2022/23 financial year. £479,440 of these resources will be transferred to 2023/24 to finance the capital scheme budgets moved to that year.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – None.
- Political – None.
- Reputation – Sound financial planning for known capital commitments safeguards the reputation of the Council.
- Equality and Diversity – Equality and Diversity issues are examined as part of the capital bid appraisal process.

## 5 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The proposed revised estimate for this Committee's 2022/23 capital programme is £671,320, which is a £1,762,420 reduction from the previously approved capital budget.
- 5.2 It is recommended that budgets totalling £479,440 on five schemes are moved to the 2023/24 financial year.
- 5.3 At the end of November 2022 £607,770 had been spent or committed. This is 90.5% of the revised capital programme for this Committee.
- 5.4 Of the sixteen schemes in the revised capital programme, eight had been completed by the end of November 2022, seven are currently expected to be completed in-year and it is unclear whether spend on one scheme will be completed in-year.

## 6 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 6.1 Approve the 2022/23 revised estimate of £671,320 for this Committee's capital programme, as set out in Annex 1.
- 6.2 Approve the move of the following capital scheme budgets from 2022/23 to 2023/24:
- Castle Keep Lime Repointing Works and Repairs, £307,600.
  - Replacement of Refuse Iveco Tipper (PO60 AYK), £46,000.
  - Replacement of High Top Transit Van PJ63 WUC, £34,500.
  - Mardale Playing Pitches Drainage, £80,440.
  - Edisford Playing Pitches Drainage Works, £10,900.

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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 2022/23 £	Budget Moved from 2021/22 £	Slippage from 2021/22 £	Additional Approvals 2022/23 £	Total Approved Budget 2022/23 £	Revised Estimate 2022/23 £	Budget Moved to 2023/24 £	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of November 2022 £
PLAYW	Play Area Improvements 2022/23	45,000				45,000	45,000		27,096
REPWB	Replacement of Refuse Wheelie Bins 2022/23	13,000				13,000	13,000		13,006
CASKP	Castle Keep Lime Repointing Works and Repairs	327,300				327,300	19,700	307,600	450
RVAYK	Replacement of Refuse Iveco Tipper (PO60 AYK)	46,000				46,000	0	46,000	0
HTGMW	Replacement of Hustler Trimstar Mower x 2 (rvbc017 and rvbc018)	14,000				14,000	13,300		13,300
GVYVK	Replacement of John Deere Mower 4x4 (PE15 YVK)	25,000				25,000	26,500		26,500
GMKXP	Replacement of Kubota Mower PN09 KXP	25,000				25,000	26,500		26,500
FLPIP	Ribblesdale Pool Filter and Tile Work	44,000				44,000	31,000		29,035
FGOAL	Replacement Football Goals	16,000				16,000	15,680		15,679
RVHXX	Replacement of Refuse Collection Vehicle (PK63 JZP)	246,000				246,000	245,840		245,831
WVWUC	Replacement of High Top Transit Van PJ63 WUC	34,500				34,500	0	34,500	0
SDGAR	Salthill Depot Garage - Replace Roller Shutter Doors and Rewire Garage	25,000				25,000	25,000		24,148
PDMAC	Replacement of Pay and Display Machines	123,800				123,800	82,000		78,413
PDECK	Clitheroe Town Centre Car Park Scheme		1,215,000	15,000		1,230,000	0		0
MARPD	Mardale Playing Pitches Drainage	80,900				80,900	460	80,440	460
PLAYV	Play Area Improvements 2021/22			80,600		80,600	80,600		62,660

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PLAYU	Play Area Improvements 2020/21			40,000		40,000	40,000		40,000
BGCAF	Refurbishment of Bowling Green Café - Castle Grounds			2,150		2,150	2,150		102
EDPDR	Edisford Playing Pitches Drainage Works			15,490		15,490	4,590	10,900	4,590
<b>Total Community Services Committee</b>		<b>1,065,500</b>	<b>1,215,000</b>	<b>153,240</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,433,740</b>	<b>671,320</b>	<b>479,440</b>	<b>607,770</b>