

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

meeting date: 12 JANUARY 2023
title: REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 AND FUTURE CAPITAL PROGRAMME REVIEW AND NEW BIDS
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To approve the 2022/23 revised estimate for this Committee's capital programme.
- 1.2 In addition, the outcome of the review of this Committee's future capital programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28 is reported to members.
- 1.3 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 One capital scheme for this Committee's 2022/23 original estimate budget, totalling £26,420, was approved by the Policy and Finance Committee and Full Council at their meetings in February 2022 and March 2022 respectively. The approved scheme had been moved from the 2021/22 capital programme to the 2022/23 capital programme.
- 2.2 As a result of the above, the total approved budget for this Committee's capital programme of one scheme was £26,420.

3 REVISING THE 2022/23 CAPITAL PROGRAMME

- 3.1 We have now discussed the capital programme scheme with the budget holder and revised the capital programme to reflect scheme progress and estimated full year expenditure.
- 3.2 There has been no spend on the **Introduction of Planning Portal Link to the Planning Application System and Planning System Update** scheme to date in 2022/23 and no spend is expected for the rest of the year. The scheme remains on hold, awaiting the outcome of whether a proposed wider Software Upgrade for Regulatory Services capital scheme bid will be approved as part of setting the Council's future capital programme budget for 2023/24 to 2027/28. The proposed wider scheme includes a combined software system for several Council services, including Planning and Building Control services. If this capital bid is approved then there will be no requirement to complete the planning system upgrade scheme. The 2023/24 to 2027/28 capital programme budget will be approved by Full Council in March 2023 and we will report any impact on the planning system upgrade scheme to this Committee at that point.
- 3.3 Given the above, it is proposed that the planning system upgrade scheme budget of £26,420 is moved to the 2023/24 capital programme and the 2022/23 revised estimate scheme budget is reduced to nil.

- 3.4 It should also be noted that the software supporting the current planning system is currently out of date and an update will be required in the near future. The nature of the update required will determine whether the spend is funded from revenue or from this capital scheme budget.
- 3.5 The table below shows the budget and expenditure to date on this Committee's one capital programme scheme.

Cost Centre	Scheme	Original Estimate 2022/23 £	Budget Moved from 2021/22 £	Total Approved Budget 2022/23 £	Revised Estimate 2022/23 £	Budget Moved to 2023/24 £	Actual Expenditure including commitments as at end of November 2022 £
PLANN	Introduction of Planning Portal Link to the Planning Application System and Planning System Update	0	26,420	26,420	0	26,420	0
Total Planning and Development Committee		0	26,420	26,420	0	26,420	0

- 3.6 At the end of November 2022 there was no spend on this Committee's capital programme.

4 FUTURE CAPITAL PROGRAMME REVIEW AND NEW BIDS

- 4.1 In the current cycle of meetings service committees are receiving reports on the review of the future capital programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28. This review included each Head of Service's reviews of any capital schemes already approved for 2023/24 and 2024/25, reviewing any previously submitted capital scheme bids for 2025/26 and 2026/27 and submitting any new capital scheme bids for 2027/28.

- 4.2 For this Committee there were no already approved capital schemes for 2023/24 and 2024/25, no previously submitted capital scheme bids for 2025/26 and 2026/27 and no new capital scheme bids were submitted for 2027/28. However, it should be noted that the wider Software Upgrade for Regulatory Services capital scheme bid referred to above does include a combined software system for several Council services, including Planning and Building Control services. This scheme is included in the Policy and Finance Committee's future capital programme review report. As a result, this Committee has not received a separate report on the future capital programme review and new bids.

- 4.3 However, members may wish to consider any capital bid suggestions that they may wish to make at this stage.

5 RISK ASSESSMENT

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

- Resources – Approval of the revised capital programme will see a decrease of £26,420 in the level of financing resources needed within the 2022/23 financial year. These reduced resources of £26,420 will be needed to finance the capital scheme budget moved to 2023/24.
- 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.

6 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The revised estimate for this Committee's 2022/23 capital programme is nil, which is a £26,420 reduction from the previously approved capital budget.
- 6.2 It is proposed that budget of £26,420 on one scheme is moved to the 2023/24 financial year.
- 6.3 For this Committee's future capital programme, there were no already approved capital schemes for 2023/24 and 2024/25 to review, no previously submitted capital scheme bids for 2025/26 and 2026/27 to review and no new capital scheme bids were submitted for 2027/28.

7 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 7.1 Approve the 2022/23 revised estimate of nil for this Committee's capital programme.
- 7.2 Approve the move of £26,420 capital budget from 2022/23 to 2023/24 for the Introduction of Planning Portal Link to the Planning Application System and Planning System Update scheme.

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