

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

meeting date: 14 MARCH 2023
title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform members of the schemes approved for inclusion in this Committee's 2023/24 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 2023/24 to 2027/28. At its meeting on 10 January 2023, members considered schemes that had been put forward for this Committee.

2.2 In addition to the above, at its meeting on 10 January 2023, this Committee also considered the progress on the schemes in the 2022/23 capital programme and approved the move of several capital scheme budgets from 2022/23 to 2023/24.

2.3 Following recommendation by Special Policy and Finance Committee on 14 February 2023, it is anticipated that Full Council will have approved the five-year capital programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28 on 7 March 2023. Officers will provide confirmation of Full Council's decision at this Committee's 14 March 2023 meeting.

2.4 The Council's overall capital programme for the five-year period 2023/24 to 2027/28 totals £10,126,410 for all committees. The total for this Committee is £4,350,590 over the five-year life of the programme. Of this, £1,095,750 relates to the 2023/24 financial year.

3 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 – APPROVED SCHEMES

3.1 For this Committee there are fourteen approved schemes in the 2023/24 capital programme, totalling £1,095,750. These are shown in the table below.

Cost Centre	Scheme	Budget for 2023/24 £
PLYRP	Play Areas Refurbishment Programme 2023/24	108,600
REPWB	Replacement of Refuse Wheelie Bins 2023/24	14,000
RPKYK	Replacement of Refuse Collection Vehicle VN12 KYK	246,200
GMHYJ	Replacement of Kubota Mower PO15 HYJ	30,000
SPCRF	Sabden Public Conveniences Refurbishment	35,600

Cost Centre	Scheme	Budget for 2023/24 £
RRUPS	Roof Renewal and Upgrade to Parks Store Building in Castle Grounds	69,400
LDASR	Longridge Depot "Ambulance" Shed Refurbishment	47,500
CBAYS	Replacement of Concrete Bays to Rear of Depot	32,400
RPFST	Ribblesdale Pool Feasibility Study	32,610
CASKP	Castle Keep Lime Repointing Works and Repairs <i>(Budget Moved from 2022/23)</i>	307,600
RVAYK	Replacement of Refuse Iveco Tipper PO60 AYK <i>(Budget Moved from 2022/23)</i>	46,000
WWWUC	Replacement of High Top Transit Van PJ63 WUC <i>(Budget Moved from 2022/23)</i>	34,500
MARPD	Mardale Playing Pitches Drainage <i>(Budget Moved from 2022/23)</i>	80,440
EDPDR	Edisford Playing Pitches Drainage Works <i>(Budget Moved from 2022/23)</i>	10,900
	Total – Community Services Committee	1,095,750

- 3.2 The detailed information for each scheme is shown in **Annex 1**.
- 3.3 During the closure of our capital accounts there may be some slippage on schemes in the current financial year, 2022/23. A report will be brought to a future meeting of this Committee giving details of any slippage on 2022/23 capital schemes.
- 3.4 Responsible officers will complete and update capital monitoring sheets for each scheme, which will be reported regularly to members to give an indication of progress.
- 4 CONCLUSION
- 4.1 This Committee has an approved 2023/24 capital programme of £1,095,750 for fourteen schemes.
- 4.2 Any slippage on schemes in the 2022/23 capital programme will be reported to this Committee.

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DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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1 March 2023

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Schemes Approved for the 2023/24 Capital Programme

Play Areas Refurbishment Programme 2023/24

Service Area: Ribble Valley Parks

Submitted by: Head of Cultural & Leisure Services

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The Council operates 18 play areas. Following a series of reports and discussions at Community Services Committee there was a resolution at the October 2021 meeting to submit a bid for a comprehensive refurbishment programme which would bring the portfolio of play areas up to a standard which can be maintained with the normal annual budget. The bulk of this bid is based on refurbishing or replacing the safety surfaces plus painting of the metal play equipment. There is some replacement of equipment notably at Salthill which is a wood only site and has been heavily vandalised as a result of the location. The detailed programme of works is included in the October 2021 report to Community Services Committee.

Following review of the bid in 2022, Policy and Finance Committee have approved the refurbishment works, which have a total cost of £570,850, to be undertaken via a rolling programme over five years, beginning in 2023/24. The 2023/24 approved budget is £108,600.

Revenue Implications:

None identified.

Timescale for Completion:

The programme is to be undertaken over five years. The yearly timescale for the works undertaken would be determined by the contracts timescale and the need to ideally carry out the work during the Spring and Summer months when the weather is best suited to this work and then avoiding the school holiday periods, because the work would involve closing all or part of the play areas to allow the contractor to carry out the tasks safely and quickly.

Any Risks to Completion:

The weather and supply issues for the special paint and safety surfacing as well as the items of new equipment sought. The estimates provided are based on 2021 prices, uprated for inflation to each year. If approved and depending upon the timescales it is anticipated there may be price increases which cannot be forecast at this time, but may be ahead of inflationary rises, as has been seen in other sectors.

Capital Cost:

2023/24
£
108,600

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Schemes Approved for the 2023/24 Capital Programme

Replacement of Refuse Wheelie Bins 2023/24

Service Area: Refuse Collection

Submitted by: Head of Engineering Services

Brief Description of the Scheme:

Although there is an annual revenue budget for replacing bins it is recognised that there will be a need for a more substantial annual capital scheme for replacement of bins due to age and condition.

This scheme will cover a selection of bin sizes and colours. The choice of the size of the bins will depend on the requirements in the year of purchase. There is currently a three stream waste collection service comprising three bin types.

Revenue Implications:

None.

Timescale for Completion:

Throughout the financial year.

Any Risks to Completion:

Subject to material availability and manufacture times.

Capital Cost:

2023/24
£
14,000

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Schemes Approved for the 2023/24 Capital Programme

Replacement of Refuse Collection Vehicle VN12 KYK

Service Area: Refuse Collection

Submitted by: Head of Engineering Services

Brief Description of the Scheme:

This scheme is for the replacement of Refuse Collection Vehicle VN12 KYK. It will be replaced with a like for like model in accordance with the vehicle and plant replacement programme.

Revenue Implications:

None.

Timescale for Completion:

2023/24.

Any Risks to Completion:

Availability of vehicles and delivery lead times.

Capital Cost:

2023/24 £
246,200

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Schemes Approved for the 2023/24 Capital Programme

Replacement of Kubota Mower PO15 HYJ

Service Area: Grounds Maintenance

Submitted by: Head of Cultural & Leisure Services

Brief Description of the Scheme:

This mower is due for replacement in the 2023/24 financial year in line with the vehicle and plant replacement programme. The scheme budget allows for the purchase of a F391 equivalent machine.

Revenue Implications:

None identified.

Timescale for Completion:

Within the budget year allocated.

Any Risks to Completion:

Rising costs of the raw materials for the equipment may be a factor at the time of purchase.

Capital Cost:

2023/24 £
30,000

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Schemes Approved for the 2023/24 Capital Programme

Sabden Public Conveniences Refurbishment

Service Area: Public Conveniences

Submitted by: Head of Engineering Services

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The public toilets at Sabden have become tired and dated. We have received complaints from the general public in relation to the condition of the facilities and that cleaning alone can no longer maintain the standard that is expected from the general public in the borough of the Ribble Valley.

In order to meet the requirements expected we propose to complete the following works: provision of vinyl flooring, re-tiling, new laminate doors, panels and vanity units and general refurbishment.

Revenue Implications:

None identified.

Timescale for Completion:

Approximately four weeks.

Any Risks to Completion:

Extreme adverse weather conditions and lead times on materials.

Capital Cost:

2023/24 £
35,600

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Schemes Approved for the 2023/24 Capital Programme

Roof Renewal and Upgrade to Parks Store Building in Castle Grounds

Service Area: Ribble Valley Parks

Submitted by: Head of Engineering Services

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The parks store building is located on castle hill at the rear of the steward's gallery and education suite. The building is mentioned in one of the Historic England listings for the site. Currently the roof covering is very dilapidated and has reached the end of its serviceable lifespan. The current roof covering is of modern concrete plain tiles which should not have been used on a period building such as this. Therefore, in renewing the roof the new materials must be selected to bring the building back in line with its surroundings and what would have been used originally. The building is used for storage of high value machinery and equipment and needs to be watertight to protect the wider building fabric and ensure that the machinery/equipment is protected from degradation from water ingress and potential theft which would impact the service provided by the Parks Department and be costly to the tax payer.

Further upgrades would be advisable, such as renewal of the electrical installation within the building as this does not meet current regulations. In addition to this there is no existing security or fire alarm in the building and provision of these would be a proactive step to bring it in-line with all other facilities.

Revenue Implications:

None identified.

Timescale for Completion:

It is anticipated that following mobilisation of the contractor that the project would be expected to take approximately six to eight weeks to complete, during the summer months.

Any Risks to Completion:

Inclement weather conditions, advised for programming in summer months.

Capital Cost:

2023/24 £
69,400

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Schemes Approved for the 2023/24 Capital Programme

Longridge Depot “Ambulance” Shed Refurbishment

Service Area: Longridge Depot

Submitted by: Head of Engineering Services

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The "Ambulance" shed to the rear of the Longridge Depot Yard has fallen into a state of disrepair. The shed also has an asbestos roof and side panels. The shed is a good-sized structure and has the potential to be used for storage of parks equipment and vehicles. In its current state the structure is unsuitable for this purpose and requires a substantial upgrade to carry out a number of identified works to bring the structure into a good state of repair. In order to upgrade the structure we intend to do the following works:

Chip off the existing render (this is dated and worn) then provide a new render finish in the same colour as the existing. Remove the entire asbestos roof and side panels and the existing downpipes. Upgrade the electrics and provide 2No Fused spurs for the roller-shutter doors and new LED lighting. Provide a new profiled roofing system with gable sections and new downpipes. New roller shutter doors 2No. Replace existing damaged gates with new gates to the yard area. The scheme will include a new linked alarm system to the Longridge Depot building and this system will also provide connection to a response provider for both buildings.

Revenue Implications:

Alarm Servicing - £450 per annum.

Timescale for Completion:

Eight weeks, in the summer months.

Any Risks to Completion:

Extreme weather conditions, roofing work is best undertaken in the summer months.

Capital Cost:

2023/24
£
47,500

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Schemes Approved for the 2023/24 Capital Programme

Replacement of Concrete Bays to Rear of Depot

Service Area: Salthill Depot

Submitted by: Head of Engineering Services

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The concrete bays (approx. 1,500sqm) behind the transfer sheds are the original bays constructed some twelve years ago. They form an area upon which all the depot vehicles drive and park. Unfortunately, with their age and the weights and the manoeuvring of the vehicles the bays are breaking up and moving. Over time this could turn out to be dangerous to both staff and vehicles.

The scheme is to replace the concrete bays that are beyond repair and repair ones that are suitable to be repaired.

Revenue Implications:

None identified.

Timescale for Completion:

Tender and build 2023.

Any Risks to Completion:

The planning of the scheme will be important to leave enough space for the depot operation to continue whilst works are on-going.

Capital Cost:

2023/24 £
32,400

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Schemes Approved for the 2023/24 Capital Programme

Ribblesdale Pool Feasibility Study

Service Area: Ribblesdale Pool

Submitted by: Head of Cultural & Leisure Services

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The existing swimming pool is living on borrowed time, as a fifty year old building with a design life of twenty-five to thirty years at the time of construction, it can only be a matter of time before the building cannot be operated due to some failure of the structure or the plant used to run it. This bid for a full feasibility study is focused on providing the Council with an insight into what type of future facility mix is required to meet the expectations of the area, as well as making the future facility as cost effective as possible. Current Sport England thinking is not focused on single use facilities, because their aim is to ensure new facilities are as cost efficient as possible, with activities such as gyms/spa helping to generate substantial income streams to help subsidise more costly facilities such as pools, which by their very nature are costly, even with modern energy management systems, to operate.

The study would look at the needs of the population, where would be the best place to locate a facility, options for funding including external funding and what would enhance the Council's chances of succeeding with such a bid, given that the perceived affluence of the Borough generally mitigates against the Council having success with funding bids.

This study would give estimates of a replacement costed at today's prices and would give the Council a realistic position from which to base a decision about what to do with the future of a pool in the Borough. The current pool is far from energy efficient despite the adaptations that have been made over the years. A new build would be able to take advantage of all current technology, providing not only an efficient facility in terms of energy use, but crucially assisting the Council in its climate objectives as well as requiring a lower subsidy to operate.

Revenue Implications:

None identified.

Timescale for Completion:

It would take six to nine months to complete from the time an order was issued. However, the brief for the consultants to carry out the work is vital to ensure the report covers the issues the Council wishes to be considered.

Any Risks to Completion:

Availability of suitable consultants.

Capital Cost:

2023/24
£
32,610

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Schemes Approved for the 2023/24 Capital Programme

Castle Keep Lime Repointing Works and Repairs

Service Area: Ribble Valley Parks

Submitted by: Head of Engineering Services

Budget Moved from 2022/23:

Castle Keep lime repointing works and repairs were included in the 2022/23 capital programme, to allow essential lime repointing works, repairs and LED lighting replacement to take place. The scheme budget was £327,300.

At the stage of setting the 2022/23 revised capital programme budget for the scheme it was expected that some pre-contract works would be completed in 2022/23. However, it was not expected that there would be any work undertaken on the main contract works in 2022/23.

Therefore, in January 2023 this Committee approved the move of the majority of the scheme budget, £307,600, to the 2023/24 capital programme and the 2022/23 revised estimate for the scheme was reduced to £19,700.

Capital Cost:

2023/24
£
307,600

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Schemes Approved for the 2023/24 Capital Programme

Replacement of Refuse Iveco Tipper PO60 AYK

Service Area: Refuse Collection

Submitted by: Head of Engineering Services

Budget Moved from 2022/23:

This scheme to replace the refuse tipper vehicle (PO60 AYK) was included in the 2022/23 capital programme. The scheme budget was £46,000.

At the stage of setting the 2022/23 revised capital programme budget the specification for the replacement vehicle had been confirmed and quotes were 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 was seen as highly unlikely that the vehicle, once ordered, would be delivered in the 2022/23 financial year.

Therefore, in January 2023 this Committee approved the move of the £46,000 scheme budget to the 2023/24 capital programme.

Capital Cost:

2023/24 £
46,000

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Schemes Approved for the 2023/24 Capital Programme

Replacement of High Top Transit Van PJ63 WUC

Service Area: Vehicle Workshop

Submitted by: Head of Engineering Services

Budget Moved from 2022/23:

This scheme to replace the van used by the garage operatives (PJ63 WUC) was included in the 2022/23 capital programme. The scheme budget was £34,500.

At the stage of setting the 2022/23 revised capital programme budget the specification for the replacement vehicle was still being worked up, prior to quotes being obtained. Based on information from one potential supplier and given the general situation in the new vehicle supply market it was seen as highly unlikely that the vehicle, once ordered, would be delivered in the 2022/23 financial year.

Therefore, in January 2023 this Committee approved the move of the £34,500 scheme budget to the 2023/24 capital programme.

Capital Cost:

2023/24 £
34,500

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Schemes Approved for the 2023/24 Capital Programme

Mardale Playing Pitches Drainage

Service Area: Ribble Valley Parks

Submitted by: Head of Cultural & Leisure Services

Budget Moved from 2022/23:

This scheme to improve the drainage of the playing pitches at Mardale was included in the 2022/23 capital programme. The scheme budget was £80,900 and was funded by the s106 money which the Council received from the developer for the Dilworth development in Longridge.

At the stage of setting the 2022/23 revised capital programme budget, pre-contract costs of £460 had been incurred but initial tender prices obtained for the main drainage works were significantly higher than the available budget. As a result, officers were to re-evaluate how best to use the s106 monies received for this drainage scheme at Mardale, with a view to newly tendered works being completed in spring/summer 2023, after the end of the current football season.

Therefore, in January 2023 this Committee approved the move of the majority of the scheme budget, £80,440, to the 2023/24 capital programme and the 2022/23 revised estimate for the scheme was reduced to £460.

Capital Cost:

2023/24 £
80,440

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Schemes Approved for the 2023/24 Capital Programme

Edisford Playing Pitches Drainage Works

Service Area: Ribble Valley Parks

Submitted by: Head of Cultural & Leisure Services

Budget moved from 2022/23:

This scheme to improve the drainage of the levelled Edisford grass pitch created from the spoil of the synthetic pitch installed in 2019 was included in the 2022/23 capital programme. Planned works included installation of drainage on the pitch and installation of a cut off drain to prevent surface water run off onto a nearby path. The scheme budget for 2022/23 was £15,490 and was funded by s106 monies.

At the stage of setting the 2022/23 revised capital programme budget, the cut off drain work had been completed at a cost of £4,590. This left £10,900 for the main pitch drainage works and it was expected that this would likely provide for some drainage works but may not cover drainage works for the full pitch. The drainage works will now be planned with a view to them taking place in spring/summer 2023, after the end of the current football season.

Therefore, in January 2023 this Committee approved the move of the remainder of the scheme budget, £10,900, to the 2023/24 capital programme and the 2022/23 revised estimate for the scheme was reduced to £4,590.

Capital Cost:

2023/24 £
10,900