

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 30th May 2023
title: Engineering Capital Programme Update 2023-2024
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To provide Committee with an update of the Engineering Capital programme 2023-2024 (excluding vehicle/plant replacements).

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives - To help make people's lives healthier and safer.
- Corporate Priorities - To sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley.
- Other Considerations – Upgrading and renovation of Council assets for public benefit

2 BACKGROUND

The following works are included in the capital programme 2023-2024:

Castle Keep Restoration and Lime Pointing Works, value £307,600

Discussions are to take place with the Council's Conservation Officer, Historic England and a Conservation Structural Engineer regarding the proposed grouting, masonry stitching and re-pointing works. Samples of existing materials will be sent off to a laboratory for analysis to replace like with like. Due to the lengthy process for investigation work and acquiring formal consents it is anticipated that these works will not be completed until October 2024.

Mardale Changing Rooms Extension and Renovation Works, value £126,070

These works are on-going and it is anticipated that they will be completed by the end of July 2023.

Sabden Refurbishment of Public Toilets, value £35,600

The specification is complete, the works will be undertaken by the Council's Direct Services after completion of the Mardale Changing Rooms scheme, starting in August 2023 and completed by the end of October 2023.

Ambulance Shed, Longridge, value £47,500

These works include re-roofing, CCTV upgrade and ground works. Quotations have been sent out and are due to be returned June 2023 with an anticipated completion date to be the end of January 2024.

Berry Street, Longridge Refurbishment of the Public Toilets, value £46,000

A meeting has been set up with the Town Council to determine a scope of works from which plans will be developed and the works will be sent out for quotation. It is expected that the works on-site will be completed before the end of the calendar year.

Roof Renewal and upgrade to the Parks Store Building in the Castle Grounds, value £46,000

A specification and schedule has yet to be drawn up to be approved by the Conservation Officer before the works can be sent out for quotes. It is expected that the works will be completed by the end of this financial year, March 2024.

Changing Places Welfare Units, Eddisford, Ribchester and Castle Park, value £200,000

These works are not included in the capital programme as they are fully, grant-funded by the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities, however, it is important that Committee are aware of the proposals. These are modular welfare units that cater for all types of disabilities/mobility, child care etc providing an all inclusive environment. Quotations are being sought for provision and installation of the units at the three locations.

Brookfoot Footbridge, Ribchester, value £110,000 (Policy and Finance Committee)

Discussions are taking place with Lancashire County Council Bridges to find out if they have the resources to undertake a condition report and if required, a replacement bridge design that can be tendered. It is expected that this budget will be spent this financial year.

Mardale Installation of Playing Pitch Drainage, value £80,440

This scheme was originally tendered in the last financial year resulting in a lowest tender of £198,616.91. The works were re-designed earlier this year in accordance with Sports England recommendations and re-tendered. The lowest returned tender was £133,744.59, which remains over budget. The budget deficit has been referred to Policy and Finance as there is no more scope to reduce the costs.

Castle Street Renovation Works, value £600,000

These works are not listed in the Capital Programme 2023-2024. Ribble Valley Borough Council has secured £300,000 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund that Lancashire County Council (LCC) Highways have agreed to match to renovate the highway (footways and carriageway) along Castle Street from Castle Gate to Kings Lane. An agreement will shortly be drawn up with LCC for LCC to deliver the scheme in its entirety (design and construction) this financial year. The current estimate is £583,000. The works are anticipated to take place January 2024 – March 2024.

Salthill Depot Replacement Concrete Bays, value £32,400

This is repair work to the existing concrete bays at the depot whereby the concrete floor has worn and the steel reinforcing bars are exposed proving to be a hazard to some of the vehicles. The areas in greatest need will be reformed and the works will be completed this financial year.

3 ISSUES
None

4 CONCLUSION
None

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

5.1 Note the contents of the report.

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