

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

meeting date: 7 JANUARY 2021
title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME REVIEW 2021/22 TO 2024/25
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To recommend the proposed future four-year capital programme (2021/22 to 2024/25) for this Committee.

2 CAPITAL PROGRAMME (2021/22 to 2024/25) BUDGET PROCESS

- 2.1 The future capital programme budget is reviewed and updated each year. In recent years, the Council has been setting a proposed and fully funded five-year capital programme each year. The process of updating the programme has involved reviewing and updating the schemes that were approved in the previous year's programme for what will become the first four years of the new five-year programme and submitting new bids for year five of the new five-year programme.

- 2.2 Given the additional burdens caused by and priority focus on Covid-19 issues throughout 2020, Budget Working Group has streamlined the capital programme budget update process for this year. This involves moving to a four-year capital programme only, covering 2021/22 to 2024/25, and there being no new capital bids for 2025/26 (year five).

- 2.3 Heads of Service/Directors were therefore asked to review and update the proposed four-year capital programme, as follows:

- Review the 2021/22 capital schemes already in the capital programme to confirm that costings are correct and that they will be able to be completed in that year.
- Review the current year's (2020/21) capital schemes to identify whether any may need to be moved to the 2021/22 financial year.

- 2.4 Each committee are being asked to consider and approve the proposed four-year capital programme for their own committee and then the proposed programmes from all committees will be considered alongside each other by the Budget Working Group and Policy and Finance Committee.

- 2.5 The proposed four-year capital programme (2021/22 to 2024/25) for this Committee is set out in this report for members to consider and approve.

3 REVIEW OF THE 2021/22 CAPITAL PROGRAMME SCHEMES

- 3.1 There were no schemes in the previously approved 2021/22 capital programme for this Committee, so no changes have been made.

4 REVIEW OF THE CURRENT YEAR'S (2020/21) CAPITAL SCHEMES

4.1 Review of progress on the 2020/21 current year schemes by the Director of Economic Development and Planning identified one scheme proposed to be moved from 2020/21 to the 2021/22 capital programme:

- **Introduction of Planning Portal Link to the Planning Application System and Planning System Update, £26,420:** The planning system update element of the scheme was previously put on-hold awaiting the outcome of the planned wider process review in the Planning section. That planned wider process review has not taken place yet because of Covid-19 issues since Spring 2020. It is hoped that the wider process review can commence in 2021, Covid-19 permitting. Given this, the planning system update element of this scheme will not be undertaken in 2020/21. Thus, the scheme will need to be moved to 2021/22.

5 PROPOSED FOUR-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME (2021/22 TO 2024/25)

5.1 For this Committee, there were no schemes in the previously approved four-year capital programme 2021/22 to 2024/25. Therefore, the one proposed change from the review of the current year's 2020/21 capital programme creates a proposed four-year capital programme of one scheme for this Committee, totalling £26,420. This is shown in the table below.

Planning and Development Committee	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£
Introduction of Planning Portal Link to the Planning Application System and Planning System Update <i>Moved from 2020/21</i>	26,420				26,420
Proposed Capital Programme (2021/22 to 2024/25) for this Committee	26,420	0	0	0	26,420

5.2 Members are asked to consider the proposed four-year capital programme (2021/22 to 2024/25) for this Committee and recommend the programme to the Policy and Finance Committee for approval.

6 RISK ASSESSMENT

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

- **Resources** – The proposed change to the four-year capital programme for this Committee would require additional funding of £26,420 over the period. In practice this funding is available because the increased budget relates to a scheme being moved from the 2020/21 capital programme and this scheme is already funded as part of that year's capital programme. Thus, if the scheme moves to 2021/22 then the funding for the scheme will also move to 2021/22.
- **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.

7 CONCLUSION

7.1 A four-year capital programme (2021/22 to 2024/25) of £26,420 is proposed for this Committee.

8 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

8.1 Consider the proposed four-year capital programme (2021/22 to 2024/25) of £26,420 for this Committee.

8.2 Recommend to Policy and Finance Committee the proposed four-year capital programme (2021/22 to 2024/25) of £26,420 for this Committee.

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