

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

meeting date: 12 SEPTEMBER 2023
 title: OVERALL CAPITAL MONITORING 2023/24
 submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To report the progress on the Council's approved 2023/24 capital programme for the period to the end of July 2023.
- 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 need.
 - Other considerations - none identified.

2. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. There were 33 capital schemes that were originally approved totalling £4,632,510 (including budget and schemes moved from 2022/23). These were approved by the Policy and Finance Committee and Full Council at their meetings in February 2023 and March 2023 respectively.
- 2.2. At the 2022/23 year-end, it was identified that there were 16 schemes that had not been completed. The balance of budget for these schemes was £1,226,690, and the transfer of this budget to the 2023/24 financial year is known as slippage. There is also a further residual scheme with no budget, but some spend at the end of July.
- 2.3. There have also been two new schemes approved and additional budget approved for 3 existing schemes. These additional approvals totalled £647,210.
- 2.4. As a result of the above, the total approved capital programme of 46 schemes is £6,506,410. This is provided in detail at Annex 1.

3. CAPITAL MONITORING 2023/24

- 3.1. The table below summarises the position on the capital programme.

	Totals for All Committees	
	Scheme Count	£
Original Estimate 2023/24	18	1,629,840
Schemes and Budget moved from 2022/23	15	3,002,670
Total Original Estimate as per Budget Book	33	4,632,510
Slippage from 2022/23	10	1,226,690
Additional Approvals in year 2023/24	2	647,210
Further Residual Scheme from 2022/23	1	0
Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24	46	6,506,410
Actual Spend and Commitments – April to July		976,534
Remaining Budget as at the end of July 2023		5,529,876

- 3.2. At the end of July 2023, £976,534 had been spent or committed. This is 15% of the full year approved capital programme of £6,506,410.
- 3.3. Shown at Annex 1 is a table showing a breakdown of the position as at the end of July 2023.
4. LATEST COMMENTS ON RED FLAGGED SCHEMES
- 4.1. The table below provides a summary of the latest comments from budget holders for the 15 schemes flagged as 'Red' - Unlikely to be completed within the financial year.

Cost Centre	Scheme Name	Latest Comments
CASKP	Castle Keep Lime Repointing Works and Repairs	A purchase order has been issued for a rope access survey to take samples of the existing lime mortar bedding and joints. The results of the survey will be discussed with the Conservation Officer and an agreed specification will be put out to tender or this specialist work. It is most likely that the works will be completed in the 24/25 financial year.
EDPDR	Edisford Playing Pitches Drainage Works	The budget remaining is too small to deliver a meaningful drainage scheme, however drainage improvement can be achieved with adding sand to the soil and that is being explored.
RVAYK	Replacement of Refuse Iveco Tipper (PO60 AYK)	There is a new requirement that this replacement vehicle will need to be capable of transporting hazardous, persistent organic pollutants (POPS). We are currently in negotiation with Lancashire County Council (the Waste Disposal Authority) regarding the storing and collection detail. It would be wise to assess/hire a number of options before committing to purchase.
PLANN	Introduction of Planning Portal Link to the Planning Application System and Planning System Update	No upgrades to the current system have been needed or identified as being needed so far in 2023/24.
AIRCN	Replacement Air Conditioning Units in Server Room	Due to the status of the existing air conditioning units it is proposed that this work be postponed until the 2024/25 financial year. This will also allow resources to be focused on the other ICT resource intensive schemes in 2023/24.

Cost Centre	Scheme Name	Latest Comments
BRKFT	Brookfoot Footbridge, Ribchester- Replacement of Bridge	<p>A topographical survey has now been completed. A tree survey has been undertaken and a planning application has been approved to remove the local trees and vegetation. This will take place outside of 'nesting' season in Autumn/Winter. We have been in consultation with the Lead Local Flood Authority Lancashire County Council (LCC) and the Environment Agency (EA).</p> <p>LCC have confirmed that they have no interest in the structure or the watercourse. The EA have recently confirmed that the watercourse is classed as a main river and that we would have to apply for a Bespoke Permit. The EA have additionally confirmed that they don't have the resources now to assist us with the application. The works will be progressed as speedily as possible but due to the requirements of the EA I would advise that this scheme will not be completed this financial year.</p>
COMLU	Council Offices Mains and LED Lighting Upgrade	<p>A detailed survey and specification will be completed this financial year, together with a phasing programme for the physical works to be completed in the financial year 2024-2025. The survey additionally needs to establish whether the proposed solar panel works will affect the specification.</p>
RREPS	Revenues and Benefits Replacement Server	<p>Due to the condition of the server is proposed that the scheme be delayed until 2024/25. This will also allow ICT resources to be focused on other more pressing schemes.</p>
AHLON	Affordable Housing - Longridge	<p>Report to be presented to Health and Housing Committee in August 2023. Whilst unlikely to be spent in year, the monies will be fully Committed.</p>
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants	<p>Spend is dependant on Occupational Therapist recommendations. The spend on this scheme is reactive, and so is dependant on these recommendations being put forward. There have been Occupational Therapist staffing issues but we have been informed of late that this has been resolved.</p>

Cost Centre	Scheme Name	Latest Comments
EQSOS	Equity Share Option Schemes	Currently seeking further clarity on the options that are available to the council in providing this scheme. The FSA and Homes England are to be approached for guidance as to whether the scheme can be provided directly by the council or whether this must be done through a third party.
FTBGR	First Time Buyers Grants	There has been plenty of interest in the scheme to date and a number of commitments made.
LANGR	Landlord/Tenant Grants	Struggling at the moment due to the current housing market. Due to interest rates many people are no longer investing in the private rented sector.
ECDVI	Economic Development Initiatives	There are no appropriate economic development opportunities in progress that are likely to be funded from this budget.
TNSCP	Clitheroe Townscape Scheme	Discussions are ongoing with Lancashire County Council to commence works to Castle Street in January/February 2024. However, the Lancashire County Council timetable envisages the work to be completed in the next financial year (2024/25).

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1. At the end of July 2023 £976,534 had been spent or committed. This is 15% of the full year approved capital programme budget for this Committee of £6,506,410.
- 5.2. The position on the 46 schemes at the end of July 2023 can be summarised as shown below:

Current Position	Current Status	Scheme Count	Full Year Budget £	Spend and Commitments to end of July £	Remaining Budget as at end of July £
Unlikely to be completed within the financial year	R	15	4,481,580	523,960	3,957,620
Currently expected to be fully or substantially completed in year	A	27	1,988,740	410,964	1,577,776
Scheme completed	G	4	36,090	41,610	-5,520
Total		46	6,506,410	976,534	5,529,876

- 5.3. Further detail on the operational progress on individual schemes can be found on the appropriate service committee reports. The latest position on the 'Red' - Unlikely to be completed within the financial year schemes is provided at paragraph 4.1.

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For further background information please ask for Lawson Oddie.
BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

Overall Capital Programme 2023/24

Cost Centre	Scheme	Original Estimate 2023/24 £	Budget Moved from 2022/23 £	Slippage from 2022/23 £	Additional Approvals 2023/24 £	Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24 £	Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of July 2023 £	Remaining Budget as at end of July 2023 £	Percent of Budget Spent at end of July 2023 %	Current Status
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE										
BGCAF	Refurbishment of Bowling Green Café - Castle Grounds			2,040		2,040	0	2,040	0.0%	A
BLVPD	Berry Lane Toilets - Vandal Proof Design				45,000	45,000	199	44,801	0.4%	A
CASKP	Castle Keep Lime Repointing Works and Repairs		307,600	19,170		326,770	151	326,619	0.0%	R
CBAYS	Replacement of Concrete Bays to Rear of Depot	32,400				32,400	0	32,400	0.0%	A
CHPLT	Changing Places Toilet Scheme				204,000	204,000	0	204,000	0.0%	A
EDPDR	Edisford Playing Pitches Drainage Works		10,900			10,900	0	10,900	0.0%	R
FLPIP	Ribblesdale Pool Filter and Tile Works					0	5,713	-5,713	-	G
GMHYJ	Replacement Kubota Mower PO15 HYJ	30,000				30,000	0	30,000	0.0%	A
LDASR	Longridge Depot 'Ambulance Shed' Refurbishment	47,500				47,500	284	47,216	0.6%	A
MARPD	Mardale Playing Pitches Drainage		80,440	-590	53,210	133,060	0	133,060	0.0%	A

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PLAYV	Play Area Improvements 2021/22			17,940		17,940	17,940	0	100.0%	G
PLAYW	Play Area Improvements 2022/23			11,740		11,740	11,069	671	94.3%	G
PLYRP	Play Areas Refurbishment Programme	108,600				108,600	2,446	106,154	2.3%	A
REPWB	Replacement of Refuse Wheelie Bins	14,000				14,000	11,520	2,480	82.3%	A
RPFST	Ribblesdale Pool Feasibility Study	32,610				32,610	0	32,610	0.0%	A
RPKYK	Replacement of Refuse Collection Vehicle VN12 KYK	246,200				246,200	247,606	-1,406	100.6%	A
RRUPS	Roof Renewal and Upgrade to Parks Store Building in Castle Grounds	69,400				69,400	321	69,079	0.5%	A
RVAYK	Replacement of Refuse Iveco Tipper (PO60 AYK)		46,000			46,000	0	46,000	0.0%	R
SDGAR	Salthill Depot Garage - Replace Roller Shutter Doors and Rewire Garage			3,650		3,650	0	3,650	0.0%	A
SPCRF	Sabden Public Conveniences Refurbishment	35,600				35,600	4,257	31,343	12.0%	A

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WWWUC	Replacement of High Top Transit Van PJ63 WUC		34,500			34,500	0	34,500	0.0%	A
Total Community Services Committee		616,310	479,440	53,950	302,210	1,451,910	301,506	1,150,404	20.8%	
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE										
PLANN	Introduction of Planning Portal Link to the Planning Application System and Planning System Update		26,420			26,420	0	26,420	0.0%	R
Total Planning and Development Committee		0	26,420	0	0	26,420	0	26,420	0.0%	
POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE										
AIRCN	Replacement Air Conditioning Units in Server Room	10,700				10,700	0	10,700	0.0%	R
BRKFT	Brookfoot Footbridge, Ribchester- Replacement of Bridge		110,000			110,000	615	109,385	0.6%	R
COMLU	Council Offices Mains and LED Lighting Upgrade	97,750				97,750	0	97,750	0.0%	R
CYBER	Cyber Security Solutions Refresh	62,100				62,100	0	62,100	0.0%	A
ERECR	E-Recruitment System (including On-boarding)	44,000				44,000	0	44,000	0.0%	A

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ITINF	ICT Infrastructure Refresh		116,600			116,600	0	116,600	0.0%	A
NTWRK	Network Infrastructure		30,000			30,000	0	30,000	0.0%	A
RREPS	Revenues and Benefits Replacement Server	24,000				24,000	0	24,000	0.0%	R
TECHF	Technology Forge Upgrade	27,400				27,400	0	27,400	0.0%	A
Total Policy and Finance Committee		265,950	256,600	0	0	522,550	615	521,935	0.1%	
HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE										
AHLON	Affordable Housing - Longridge		1,625,950			1,625,950	0	1,625,950	0.0%	R
CLIAH	Clitheroe Affordable Housing Scheme			8,370		8,370	0	8,370	0.0%	A
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants	393,000		773,750		1,166,750	480,472	686,278	41.2%	R
EQSOS	Equity Share Option Schemes		422,130			422,130	0	422,130	0.0%	R
FTBGR	First Time Buyers Grants			92,330		92,330	38,363	53,967	41.5%	R
JROOF	Joiners Arms Roof Renewal			6,410		6,410	6,888	-478	107.5%	G

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LANGR	Landlord/Tenant Grants	50,000		117,130		167,130	4,359	162,771	2.6%	R
PVEYC	Replacement of Dog Warden Van PE64 EYC		32,500	4,100		36,600	28,980	7,620	79.2%	A
PVFJP	Replacement of Pest Control Van PK13 FJP		32,280	4,100		36,380	28,980	7,400	79.7%	A
TEMPH	Temporary Housing Scheme	304,580				304,580	0	304,580	0.0%	A
Total Health and Housing Committee		747,580	2,112,860	1,006,190	0	3,866,630	588,042	3,278,588	15.2%	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE										
ECDVI	Economic Development Initiatives		54,750			54,750	0	54,750	0.0%	R
Total Economic Development Committee		0	54,750	0	0	54,750	0	54,750	0.0%	
UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND SCHEMES										
CMIMP	Clitheroe Market Improvements		72,600		100,000	172,600	0	172,600	0.0%	A
MARCH	Mardale Playing Field Changing Rooms			64,880		64,880	42,301	22,579	65.2%	A
MARDC	Mardale Car Park Resurfacing			46,670		46,670	44,070	2,600	94.4%	A

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TNSCP	Clitheroe Townscape Scheme			55,000	245,000	300,000	0	300,000	0.0%	R
Total Policy and Finance Committee UK Shared Prosperity Schemes		0	72,600	166,550	345,000	584,150	86,371	497,779	14.8%	
TOTAL OF ALL SCHEMES		1,629,840	3,002,670	1,226,690	647,210	6,506,410	976,534	5,529,876	15.0%	