

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

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 title: CAPITAL MONITORING 2023/24
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To report the progress on this Committee's 2023/24 capital programme for the period to the end of September 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 2023/24 CAPITAL PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

2.1 There were 7 capital schemes that were originally approved for this committee totalling £2,860,440 (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 7 schemes that had not been completed. The balance of budget for these schemes was £1,006,190, and the transfer of this budget to the 2023/24 financial year is known as slippage and was approved by this committee at the meeting held on 8 June 2023.

2.3 As a result of the above, the total approved budget for this Committee's capital programme of 10 schemes is £3,866,630. 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 for this committee.

	Scheme Count	£
Original Estimate 2023/24	3	747,580
Schemes and Budget moved from 2022/23	4	2,112,860
Total Original Estimate as per Budget Book	7	2,860,440
Slippage from 2022/23	3	1,006,190
Additional Approvals in year 2023/24	0	0
Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24	10	3,866,630
Actual Spend and Commitments – April to September		691,955
Remaining Budget as at the end of September 2023		3,174,675

3.2 At the end of the first quarter of 2023/24, £691,955 had been spent or committed. This is 17.9% of the full year approved capital programme budget for this Committee of £3,866,630.

- 3.3 Shown at Annex 1 is a table showing a breakdown of the position at the end of the first quarter by scheme.
- 3.4 Annex 2 provides a summary of each of the schemes and the current position on progress.
- 4 CONCLUSION
- 4.1 At the end of September 2023 £691,955 had been spent or committed. This is 17.9% of the full year approved capital programme budget for this Committee of £3,866,630.
- 4.2 The position on the 10 schemes at the end of the first quarter can be summarised as shown below:

Current Position	Current Status	Scheme Count	Full Year Budget £	Spend and Commitments to end of June £	Remaining Budget as at end of June £
Unlikely to be completed within the financial year	R	5	3,474,290	617,079	2,857,211
Currently expected to be fully or substantially completed in year	A	4	385,930	67,988	317,942
Scheme completed	G	1	6,410	6,888	-478
Total		10	3,866,630	691,955	3,174,675

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

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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 September 2023 £	Remaining Budget as at end of September 2023 £	Percent of Budget Spent or Committed at end of September 2023 %	Current Status
AHLON	Affordable Housing - Longridge		1,625,950			1,625,950	0	1,625,950	0.00%	R
CLIAH	Clitheroe Affordable Housing Scheme			8,370		8,370	0	8,370	0.00%	A
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants	393,000		773,750		1,166,750	553,517	613,233	47.44%	R
EQSOS	Equity Share Option Schemes		422,130			422,130	0	422,130	0.00%	R
FTBGR	First Time Buyers Grants			92,330		92,330	59,203	33,127	64.12%	R
JROOF	Joiners Arms Roof Renewal			6,410		6,410	6,888	-478	107.46%	G
LANGR	Landlord/Tenant Grants	50,000		117,130		167,130	4,359	162,771	2.61%	R
PVEYC	Replacement of Dog Warden Van PE64 EYC		32,500	4,100		36,600	33,831	2,769	92.43%	A
PVFJP	Replacement of Pest Control Van PK13 FJP		32,280	4,100		36,380	34,157	2,223	93.89%	A
TEMPH	Temporary Housing Scheme	304,580				304,580	0	304,580	0.00%	A
Total Health and Housing Committee		747,580	2,112,860	1,006,190	0	3,866,630	691,955	3,174,675	17.9%	

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AHLON: Affordable Housing - Longridge

Budget Holder: Rea Psillidou

Latest Status: Unlikely to be completed within the financial year



Brief Description of the Scheme:

An overall budget of £2,048,080 for use of Affordable Housing S106 funding was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in March 2022, including some individual locality-based equity share option schemes, totalling £422,130, and approval to spend £1,625,950 S106 funding received re Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge on affordable housing. A separate proposal for use of the S106 funding re Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge is to be presented to members once more information is collated. This scheme relates purely to the Longridge Affordable Housing element.

Summary Budget Position 2023/24

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	0
Budget Moved from 2022/23	1,625,950
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	0
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24	1,625,950
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of September 2023	0
Remaining Budget as at end of September 2023	1,625,950

Budget Holder Comments:

September 2023: Following Health and Housing Committee this scheme is going ahead as discussed and approved. Currently looking at drafting the legal agreement.

June 2023: 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.

March 2023: The scheme had been moved to the 2023/24 capital programme at revised estimate time

September 2022: There has been no spend on this scheme to date, because a separate proposal for use of the Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge S106 funding will be presented to members once more information is collated. At this stage it is unlikely that the budget on this scheme will be fully committed by financial year-end.

June 2022: There has been no spend on this scheme to date, because a separate proposal for use of the Land North of Dilworth Lane, Longridge S106 funding will be presented to members once more information is collated. At this stage it is unlikely that the budget on this scheme will be fully committed by financial year-end.

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CLIAH: Clitheroe Affordable Housing Scheme

Budget Holder: Rea Psillidou

Latest Status: Currently expected to be fully or substantially completed in year

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Brief Description of the Scheme:

The purchase of one property in Clitheroe to be rented out as an affordable rental unit, utilising commuted sum monies. The property will be leased to a registered provider and the Council will have 100% nomination rights and the rent will be capped at LHA rate. This scheme was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in November 2020. The final refurbishment budget initially slipped to 2021/22, to 2022/23, and then to 2023/24 as the property is being used temporarily as a homeless let.

Summary Budget Position 2023/24

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	0
Budget Moved from 2022/23	0
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	8,370
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24	8,370
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of September 2023	0
Remaining Budget as at end of September 2023	8,370

Budget Holder Comments:

September 2023: As the current occupants are still resident it has not been possible to start the refurbishment. As a result the scheme completion will be delayed.

June 2023: It is hoped that the work will be completed by the end of December when the current occupants have been re-homed

March 2023: Roof works and boiler replacement works have been completed in 2022/23. The property has been used as a homeless unit of late and final refurbishment works are required to be completed before the property is leased to the registered housing provider, as originally intended. This remaining budget will allow this work to be completed in 2023/24.

September 2022: Roof works and boiler replacement works have been completed in-year so far on the property at Peel Street. However, the property is still being used as a homeless unit until November 2022, because of increased demand for temporary accommodation for larger families. Following this, any final refurbishment works required can be completed and the property leased to the registered housing provider by financial year-end.

June 2022: Roof works and boiler replacement works have been completed in-year so far on the property at Peel Street. However, the property is still being used as a homeless unit until November 2022, because of increased demand for temporary accommodation for larger families. Following this, any final refurbishment works required can be completed and the property leased to the registered housing provider by financial year-end.

March 2022: Use as a homeless unit has continued throughout 2021/22 and into 2022/23 to cover initially for Flats 1 and 2 at Joiners Arms being out of service and most recently because of an increased demand for temporary accommodation for larger families. As a result of this the final refurbishment works on this scheme were not completed in 2021/22. The latest plan is for this property to be used as a homeless unit until November 2022, at which point the refurbishment can be completed and the property leased to the registered provider for affordable rent. Slippage of £11,770 into 2022/23 is requested to fund the final refurbishment works required.

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November 2021: The property is still being temporarily used as a homeless let until the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme is completed, meaning the final refurbishment works are still to be completed. At this stage, subject to the return of flats 1 and 2 into use it is possible that this work may now be completed within the programme year.

September 2021: The property is still being temporarily used as a homeless let until the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme is completed, meaning the final refurbishment works are still to be completed. At this stage, it is unlikely that this scheme will be completed in-year, based on it being unlikely that the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme will be completed in-year.

July 2021: The scheme was put on hold in January 2021 whilst the property was temporarily used as a homeless let. This means the final refurbishment works are still to be completed. The property is still being temporarily used as a homeless let until the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme is completed. It is unclear whether this scheme will be completed in-year, based on it being unclear when the Joiners Arms Flats 1 and 2 Renovation scheme will be completed.

March 2021: The property was purchased in-year and some of the planned refurbishment work was completed also. However, scheme completion was put on hold in January 2021 whilst the property was temporarily used as a homeless let. The homeless let was on-going at 2020/21 financial year-end. Slippage of £11,770 into 2021/22 is requested to fund the final refurbishment works required in 2021/22.

November 2020: There was no spend by the end of November 2020, but the property was purchased in December 2020. The refurbishment works are planned for early 2021, which means the scheme is planned to be completed in-year.

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DISCP: Disabled Facilities Grants

Budget Holder: Rea Psillidou

Latest Status: Unlikely to be completed within the financial year



Brief Description of the Scheme:

The scheme provides grant aid to adapt homes so elderly and disabled occupants can remain in their own home. The grants can provide for minor adaptation, for example the installation of a stair lift, up to the provision of a bathroom and bedroom extension.

Summary Budget Position 2023/24

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	393,000
Budget Moved from 2022/23	0
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	773,750
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24	1,166,750
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of September 2023	553,517
Remaining Budget as at end of September 2023	613,233

Budget Holder Comments:

September 2023: Large number of schemes have been progressed, but further spend depends on Occupational Therapist referrals. Adaptations that are not dependant on an Occupational Therapist referral are being promoted again, albeit they are much lower in value.

June 2023: 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.

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EQSOS: Equity Share Option Schemes

Budget Holder: Rea Psillidou

Latest Status: Unlikely to be completed within the financial year



Brief Description of the Scheme:

This new equity share option scheme from 2022/23 will help enable residents of the borough to get a first step on the housing ladder. Locality-based schemes can be approved as S106 monies become available to use in those areas. The scheme would be available to first time buyers with a local connection, a deposit is available to assist with buying the property and the value contributed would be equated to 20% of the property value and then registered as a charge. The scheme would be limited to Council Tax A-C and eligibility would restrict max income and the property being their main residence.

This scheme was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in March 2022.

Summary Budget Position 2023/24

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	0
Budget Moved from 2022/23	422,130
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	0
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24	422,130
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of September 2023	0
Remaining Budget as at end of September 2023	422,130

Budget Holder Comments:

September 2023: There is a decision item regarding this scheme included elsewhere on the agenda regarding this scheme. In summary the proposal is to offer a borough wide equity share scheme which would be launched as the Assisted Purchase Scheme for First Time Buyers.

June 2023: 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.

March 2023: At the time of undertaking the revised estimate for 2022/23 the scheme was moved to the 2023/24 capital programme.

September 2022: The locality-based equity share option schemes will not start until a scheme policy document is presented to this Committee for agreement. The policy document is still to be finalised, including confirmation of some legal issues being considered. At this stage it is unlikely that the budget on this scheme will be fully committed by financial year-end.

June 2022: This budget was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in March 2022. There has been no spend on this scheme to date because the locality-based equity share option schemes will not start until a scheme policy document is presented to this Committee for agreement. The policy document is still to be finalised, including confirmation of some legal issues being considered.

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FTBGR: First Time Buyers Grants

Budget Holder: Rea Psillidou

Latest Status: Unlikely to be completed within the financial year



Brief Description of the Scheme:

This new scheme from 2022/23 provides grants to first time buyers to improve the energy efficiency of their property, which can include a range of improvements that would be determined by the dwelling's Energy Performance Certificate.

This scheme was approved by Policy and Finance Committee in March 2022 and was funded by transferring some budget from the Landlord/Tenant Grants scheme to this scheme.

Summary Budget Position 2023/24

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	0
Budget Moved from 2022/23	0
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	92,330
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24	92,330
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of September 2023	59,203
Remaining Budget as at end of September 2023	33,127

Budget Holder Comments:

September 2023: This scheme has been well received and the grants report elsewhere on the agenda in Part II sets out all of the approved First Time Buyers Grants. Again, a press release has gone out this week to encourage further uptake.

June 2023: There has been plenty of interest in the scheme to date and a number of commitments made.

March 2023: This scheme was initially funded from budget moved from the Landlord/Tenant Grant Scheme. There is a steady interest in the scheme with several applications currently in the system, and so the remaining budget was moved to the 2023/24 financial year.

September 2022: At the end of September 2022, there had been eleven grant applications in-year. Of these, one grant scheme is complete, three have been approved, four are being considered for approval and three are not proceeding. At this stage, it is unclear whether the scheme budget will be fully committed by year-end, but further applications are expected in-year.

June 2022: At the end of June 2022, there have been eight grant applications for this new scheme. One application with a value of £2,377 has been approved, five further applications are being considered for approval and two applications have been rejected. At this stage, it is unclear whether the scheme budget will be fully committed by year-end, but further applications are expected in-year.

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JROOF: Joiners Arms Roof Renewal

Budget Holder: Winston Robinson

Latest Status: Scheme Completed



Brief Description of the Scheme:

This scheme is for the re-roofing of the Council's Joiners Arms homelessness unit at 90 Whalley Road. The existing coverings (main and extension roofs) will be removed and replaced because they have reached the end of their expected life span. Burlington Slate must be used where appropriate as per the requirements of RVBC's Planning department (the property is a Grade II listed building).

Other works are also included because the chimneys, associated flashings, mortar flaunching and rainwater goods are in need of repair work and rendering work is required at the rear of the property.

The scheme was subject to delay in 2021/22, initially due to difficulty in getting contractors to provide quotes and then because of the lead time for the sourcing of slate roof tiles (estimated delivery time being August 2022). The work was ordered from the preferred contractor at an initial price of £43,050 plus a future 8% uplift in slate materials costs from the supplier, meaning the scheme cost was likely to increase further.

Further slippage to complete the scheme was approved from 2022/23 to 2023/24 financial year.

Summary Budget Position 2023/24

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	0
Budget Moved from 2022/23	0
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	6,410
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24	6,410
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of September 2023	6,888
Remaining Budget as at end of September 2023	-478

Budget Holder Comments:

September 2023: Scheme completed.

June 2023: All works have now been completed.

March 2023: At year end this work was largely completed with some remaining works needed in respect of guttering and rendering. The remaining budget was moved to the 2023/24 financial year to fund this work.

September 2022: The main roof works part of the scheme will start in November 2022 and at this stage it is expected that the works will be completed by Christmas 2022. The rendering part of the scheme will take place in Spring 2023, so that part of the work is likely to be completed in the 2023/24 financial year. The work on this scheme was ordered in 2021/22 at a cost of £43,050 plus an 8% increase in slate costs, meaning the scheme cost was likely to increase further. The latest estimated scheme price is £44,250, based on the increase in slate prices notified by the contractor. The funding for the extra budget on this scheme, currently £2,050, will be identified and reported to this Committee when the 2022/23 revised estimate budget is set in January 2023 and the budget for the rendering element of the scheme is likely to be moved to the 2023/24 capital programme at that point.

June 2022: The scheme has been subject to delay, due to the lead time for delivery of the slate roof tiles. The contractor has not confirmed actual dates to complete the works at this stage, but

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has indicated he aims to be on-site in September 2022 to complete the works before Winter. The work on this scheme was ordered in 2021/22 at a cost of £43,050 plus an 8% increase in slate costs, meaning the scheme cost was likely to increase further. The latest estimated scheme price is £44,250, based on the increase in slate prices notified by the contractor. Funding for the extra budget on this scheme, currently £2,050, will be identified and reported to this Committee when the revised estimate budget is set in January 2023.

November 2021: The completion of the scheme is subject to delay due to the lead time for the slate roof tiles (estimated delivery time being August 2022) meaning this will not be complete in the current programme year. The contractor has also notified the Council of an 8% uplift in the slate materials costs from the supplier. The latest scheme cost is £43,050 plus an 8% increase in slate costs, meaning the scheme cost is likely to increase further. The work was ordered on this basis. Given this, it is proposed that the 2021/22 revised estimate is reduced to nil and the £42,200 scheme budget is moved to 2022/23. Once the final scheme cost is confirmed then an additional budget approval will be requested.

September 2021: The preferred contractor has now been selected for the roof renewal work, including the rendering work at the rear of the building. The initial price from the preferred contractor is £43,050, which is £850 above budget. In addition, there is currently a six-month delay on supply of the slate that must be used on the roof and the price of the slate will rise by 8% from early 2022, meaning the scheme cost is likely to increase further. The work has been ordered on this basis and additional budget approval will be requested at revised estimate budget stage. Given the current six-month delay on slate supply, at this stage it is unlikely that this scheme will be completed in 2021/22.

July 2021: This scheme is held up by the difficulty in identifying enough contractors prepared to quote for the works post Covid-19 lockdown. At the end of July 2021, one further contractor quote was still needed before the preferred contractor could be selected. Once the preferred contractor is selected, works completion will then be dependent on contractor timescales. Given this, it is unclear whether this scheme will be completed in-year.

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LANGR: Landlord/Tenant Grants

Budget Holder: Rea Psillidou

Latest Status: Unlikely to be completed within the financial year



Brief Description of the Scheme:

The scheme match funds a landlord's investment in a property in return for an affordable rental property. Conditions of the grant are nomination rights and a set rent level in line with LHA. The scheme is crucial for move-on accommodation for families in temporary accommodation as the social housing waiting list is so long. The scheme is also used to bring empty properties back into use.

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	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	50,000
Budget Moved from 2022/23	0
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	117,130
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24	167,130
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of September 2023	4,359
Remaining Budget as at end of September 2023	162,771

Budget Holder Comments:

September 2023: In the current climate, with interest rates as they are, and further legislation to give tenants added protections, the take up of the scheme has been poor. A report is planned to be brought back to committee at a further meeting to discuss options around this scheme budget.

June 2023: 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.

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PVEYC: Replacement of Dog Warden Van PE64 EYC

Budget Holder: Andrew Dent

Latest Status: Currently expected to be fully or substantially completed in year

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Brief Description of the Scheme:

The scheme is for the replacement of the existing dog warden van with a new one as it came to the end of its life.

The scheme changed to the purchase of an electric vehicle together with the installation of electric charging points following approval of this change by Policy and Finance Committee in September 2022. Part of this work was completed in 2022/23, notably the charging points, with the balance of the scheme budget being moved to 2023/24.

Summary Budget Position 2023/24

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	0
Budget Moved from 2022/23	32,500
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	4,100
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24	36,600
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of September 2023	33,831
Remaining Budget as at end of September 2023	2,769

Budget Holder Comments:

September 2023: The van has been delivered but is currently having the additional interior fit-out to allow the van to be operational for service needs.

June 2023: New van expected to be delivered within the next 2 months.

March 2023: The scheme had been moved to the 2023/24 capital programme at revised estimate time

September 2022: In September 2022 Policy and Finance Committee approved an increased budget of £38,110 for this scheme, which includes the purchase of an electric replacement van and charging point installation. This followed discussion of the way forward for the van's replacement at this Committee. The replacement van has been ordered in October 2022. At this stage it is hoped that the purchase will be completed in this financial year, but this is subject to supplier delivery timescales.

June 2022: Prices have been obtained for a replacement van based on an updated specification. A report seeking approval from members on the way forward is included elsewhere on this meeting's agenda. Subject to approval by members, at this stage it is expected that the scheme will be completed in-year.

November 2021: The current van is in good enough condition to continue to be used throughout 2021/22, so the purchase of the new van will now take place in 2022/23. An updated guide price has been obtained for a replacement van. This price, plus additional costs for fitting out the van so it is fit for dog warden use, mean the latest cost estimate is now £16,000, which is a £2,500 increase on the current £13,500 scheme budget.

September 2021: The current van is in good enough condition to continue to be used throughout 2021/22, so the purchase of the new van will now take place in 2022/23.

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July 2021: Procurement of the new van has been put on hold in-year. This is because the Dog Warden service is part of the Environmental Health Services team and available management and staff time on the team has been focussed on other priority areas of work so far this year due to on-going staff vacancies within the team and additional pressures caused by Covid-19. At this stage, it is unclear whether the van purchase will take place in-year.

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PVFJP: Replacement of Pest Control Van PK13 FJP

Budget Holder: Andrew Dent

Latest Status: Currently expected to be fully or substantially completed in year

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Brief Description of the Scheme:

The scheme is for the replacement of the existing pest control van with a new one as it came to the end of its life.

The scheme changed to the purchase of an electric vehicle together with the installation of electric charging points following approval of this change by Policy and Finance Committee in September 2022. Part of this work was completed in 2022/23, notably the charging points, with the balance of the scheme budget being moved to 2023/24.

Summary Budget Position 2023/24

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	0
Budget Moved from 2022/23	32,280
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	4,100
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24	36,380
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of September 2023	34,157
Remaining Budget as at end of September 2023	2,223

Budget Holder Comments:

September 2023: The van has been delivered but is currently having the additional interior fit-out to allow the van to be operational for service needs.

June 2023: New van expected to be delivered within the next 2 months.

March 2023: The scheme had been moved to the 2023/24 capital programme at revised estimate time.

September 2022: In September 2022 Policy and Finance Committee approved an increased budget of £37,890 for this scheme, which includes the purchase of an electric replacement van and charging point installation. This followed discussion of the way forward for the van's replacement at this Committee. The replacement van has been ordered in October 2022. At this stage it is hoped that the purchase will be completed in this financial year, but this is subject to supplier delivery timescales.

June 2022: Prices have been obtained for a replacement van based on an updated specification. A report seeking approval from members on the way forward is included elsewhere on this meeting's agenda. Subject to approval by members, at this stage it is expected that the scheme will be completed in-year.

November 2021: The current van is in good enough condition to continue to be used throughout 2021/22, so the purchase of the new van will now take place in 2022/23. An updated guide price has been obtained for a replacement van. This price, plus additional costs for fitting out the van so it is fit for pest control use, mean the latest cost estimate is now £16,000, which is a £2,200 increase on the current £13,800 scheme budget.

September 2021: The current van is in good enough condition to continue to be used throughout 2021/22, so the purchase of the new van will now take place in 2022/23.

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July 2021: Procurement of the new van has been put on hold in-year. This is because the Pest Control service is part of the Environmental Health Services team and available management and staff time on the team has been focussed on other priority areas of work so far this year due to on-going staff vacancies within the team and additional pressures caused by Covid-19. At this stage, it is unclear whether the van purchase will take place in-year.

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TEMPH: Temporary Housing Scheme

Budget Holder: Rea Psillidou

Latest Status: Currently expected to be fully or substantially completed in year

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Brief Description of the Scheme:

This project focuses on the delivery of additional flexibility for the Council to meet demands for temporary housing. It is for the purchase of two units of accommodation, one to serve Clitheroe and one to serve the Longridge area.

These units will be operated as temporary short stay accommodation but could also provide the flexibility to meet temporary safe house provision in connection with the Council's Domestic Abuse duties if necessary.

Summary Budget Position 2023/24

	2023/24
Original Estimate 2023/24	304,580
Budget Moved from 2022/23	0
Approved Slippage from 2022/23	0
Additional Approvals 2023/24	0
Current Total Approved Budget 2023/24	304,580
Actual Expenditure including Commitments as at end of September 2023	0
Remaining Budget as at end of September 2023	304,580

September 2023: Offers have been accepted for two properties, one in Longridge and one in Clitheroe. The legal section is currently progressing the purchase.

Budget Holder Comments:

June 2023: Report to be presented to Health and Housing Committee in August 2023. Delegation, if approved, will help the council be in a more advantageous position to react to the market - two potential properties have been identified at this stage.