

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

meeting date: 16 JANUARY 2025
 title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME REVIEW AND NEW BIDS
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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To ask Committee to consider the future capital programme for this Committee, covering the period 2025/26 to 2029/30.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. This report reviews the schemes that were approved into the capital programme in March 2024, for the financial years 2025/26 to 2028/29 for this committee. Also, new bids received from Heads of Service for 2029/30 are presented for consideration. No bids have previously been requested for 2029/30.

- 2.2. In the same manner as previous years, all Heads of Service were asked to submit new capital bids.

3. REVIEW OF THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025/26 TO 2028/29

- 3.1. For this Committee there were originally 9 schemes approved for the financial years 2025/26 to 2028/29, totalling £1,822,000. Details of this existing approved Capital Programme are shown at Annex 1.

- 3.2. No changes to the existing capital programme 2025/26 to 2028/29 are proposed.

- 3.3. The Disabled Facilities Grants scheme is fully funded by Central Government each year. The 2025/26 to 2028/29 Disabled Facilities Grants budgets have been set at indicative amounts which are equal to the current year's funding from Central Government. Should the Central Government funding in any year be higher or lower than budgeted for, then the scheme budget will be adjusted accordingly.

4. NEW CAPITAL BIDS FOR 2029/30

- 4.1. Heads of Service were asked to put forward new scheme bids for 2029/30. For this Committee, 2 new bids have been submitted, totalling £443,000. A summary listing of the new scheme bids is shown below. Detailed information for each new scheme bid shown in Annex 2.

Head of Service	Bid Reference	Scheme Title	Scheme Value £
Nicola Hopkins**	CAPHOU01	Disabled Facilities Grants (matched by Central Government funding)	393,000
Nicola Hopkins**	CAPHOU02	Landlord Tenant Grant Scheme	50,000
Total Health and Housing Services Committee			443,000

** Due to the current vacancy in the Head of Strategic Planning and Housing post

- 4.2. Included in the above is a bid for the Disabled Facilities Grants scheme. This grants scheme is fully funded by Central Government each year, so the Disabled Facilities Grants 2029/30 budget has been set at an indicative amount which is equal to the current year's funding from Central Government. Should the Central Government funding in 2029/30 be higher or lower than budgeted for, then the scheme budget will be adjusted accordingly at that time.
- 4.3. This Committee is asked to consider the new scheme bids. Members are also asked to put forward any capital bid suggestions and amendments that they may wish to make at this stage.
5. APPROVED SCHEMES, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND NEW CAPITAL PROGRAMME BIDS – 2025/26 TO 2029/30
- 5.1. The table below provides a summary of the financial impact of the proposed 2025/26 to 2029/30 capital programme for this Committee following this year's capital programme review and new bids received from Heads of Service.

	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £	2029/30 £	TOTAL £
Existing Approved	443,000	443,000	443,000	493,000	0	1,822,000
New Bids	0	0	0	0	443,000	443,000
Total	443,000	443,000	443,000	493,000	443,000	2,265,000

- 5.2. **Please note that currently only £1,822,000 of this total is approved in the existing capital programme and therefore financed.**
- 5.3. In practice, the Budget Working Group will consider this Committee's proposed capital programme alongside the proposed programmes from all other committees and the level of capital financing resources available to the Council to produce the Council's proposed overall capital programme, for approval at Special Policy and Finance Committee in February 2025.
6. CONCLUSION
- 6.1. No changes to the existing capital programme 2025/26 to 2028/29 are proposed.
- 6.2. If all bids were to be approved, this would result in the addition of 2 new schemes in 2029/30 totalling £443,000. £393,000 of this total is expected to be funded by Central Government. Therefore, the total additional funding needed to support these new bids would be £50,000.
7. RISK ASSESSMENT
- 7.1. The approval of this report may have the following implications:
- Resources – **If all bids from the latest bidding round were approved**, this would increase the proposed capital programme by a further £443,000.
£393,000 of this increase relates to the Disabled Facilities Grants scheme bids for 2029/30, which are expected to be fully funded by Central Government each year. Therefore, the net increase requiring funding for these bids, after this government funding, is £50,000.
 - 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.

8. RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

8.1. Consider and propose a future capital programme for this Committee's services for onward recommendation to Policy and Finance Committee for the period 2025/26 to 2029/30, based on:

- the proposals included in this report; and
- any capital bid suggestions and amendments that members may wish to make at this stage.

HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

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9 January 2025

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For further background information please ask for Jean Waddington.
BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

**Existing Approved Capital Programme for Health and Housing
Committee
2025/26 to 2028/29**

	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £
<u>HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE</u>				
Disabled Facilities Grants	393,000	393,000	393,000	393,000
Landlord/Tenant Grants	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Choice Based Lettings Scheme - IT System				50,000
Total Health and Housing Committee	443,000	443,000	443,000	493,000

Head of Service

Head of Strategic Planning and Housing

Corporate Goal

Residents, their Health, and Wellbeing

Related Corporate Aim

Provide and signpost access to grant funding schemes.

Capital Scheme Title

Disabled Facilities Grant

Category

Essential - Service would fail if this scheme were not undertaken i.e. not doing the scheme isn't an option.

BRIEF Description of the Scheme

The Disabled Facilities Grants scheme is a statutory service the Council delivers to enable disabled households to remain living independantly in their own home. The adaptations and specialist equipment is funded through the Disabled Facilities Grant scheme following an assessment by an Occupational Therapist.

Environmental Considerations and Green Credentials

Recycled equipment is used where possible.

Equality and Diversity Considerations

Disabled Facilities Grants are available to all households irrespective of tenure.They support households to remain living independantly.

A Breakdown of Your Bid

Costs		£	Basis
Grants		393,000	Based On Estimated External Funding
Total Capital Costs		393,000	
Funding (Please List Any External Funding Below)		£	Basis
Disabled Facilities Grant Scheme		-393,000	Highly Likely/Secured
Total External Funding		393,000	

Please detail other solutions that you have considered but dismissed.

N/A

Timescale for Completion

The annual delivery of adapatations is reliant on assessments being carried out by the OT and those recommended works being forwarded on.

Any Risks to Completion

A private OT has been commissioned to undertake the assessments to ensure that there is no delay in progressing each individual scheme.

Revenue Budget Implications - Income and Expenditure

Increased/Decreased Costs - Enter <u>decreases</u> with a minus sign		£
None		
Changes to Revenue Costs		0
Increased/Decreased Income - Enter <u>increases</u> with a minus sign		£
None		
Changes to Revenue Income		0
Net Revenue Impact		0

Head of Service

Head of Strategic Planning and Housing

Corporate Goal

Building a Strong Economy

Related Corporate Aim

Deliver good quality, affordable and sustainable housing that meets the needs of our communities throughout Ribble Valley.

Capital Scheme Title

Landlord Tenant Grant scheme

Category

Service Enhancement - This scheme would enhance our services, but is not essential to provide existing service levels

BRIEF Description of the Scheme

The Landlord Tenant Scheme is a grant offer to private landlord to support investment in private rented property to create affordable rented units. The grant supports the renovation of units, the offer is a 50% contribution towards the cost of the works in return for an affordable rent and nomination rights for 5 years. The scheme is valuable in creating additional affordable units in the borough.

Environmental Considerations and Green Credentials

On completion we ensure the EPC rating for the property is improved to make heating the property more affordable.

Equality and Diversity Considerations

We ensure that the additional units are meeting the identified affordable housing need for the area. The units are then allocated in accordance with the housing allocation policy so the nomination of the property is fair and transparent.

A Breakdown of Your Bid

Costs		£	Basis
Grants		50,000	Calculated In-House
Total Capital Costs		50,000	
Funding (Please List Any External Funding Below)		£	Basis
None			
Total External Funding		0	

Please detail other solutions that you have considered but dismissed.

Additional affordable units are delivered on new build schemes this scheme creates an additional delivery route utilising existing stock in the borough.

Timescale for Completion

Each scheme can vary in terms of time frame for completion as the renovation works can be extensive and therefore reliant on contractors.

Any Risks to Completion

The scheme is dependant on private landlords applying and accepting the grant conditions.

Revenue Budget Implications - Income and Expenditure

Increased/Decreased Costs - Enter <u>decreases</u> with a minus sign		£
None		
Changes to Revenue Costs		0
Increased/Decreased Income - Enter <u>increases</u> with a minus sign		£
None		
Changes to Revenue Income		0
Net Revenue Impact		0