

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

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 title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform members of the schemes which have been approved for inclusion in this Committee's 2021/22 capital programme.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As members will be aware, at its meeting on 14 January 2021 this Committee proposed a four-year capital programme for 2021/22 to 2024/25 to Special Policy and Finance Committee.
- 2.2 Following recommendation by Special Policy and Finance Committee on 16 February 2021, Full Council approved the four-year capital programme for 2021/22 to 2024/25 on 2 March 2021.
- 2.3 The Council's overall capital programme for the four-year period 2021/22 to 2024/25 totals £6,011,700 for all committees. The total for this Committee is £1,943,240 over the four-year life of the programme. £639,640 of this relates to the 2021/22 financial year.

3 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22 – APPROVED SCHEMES

- 3.1 For this Committee there are five approved schemes in the 2021/22 capital programme, totalling £639,640. These are shown in the table below.

Cost Centre	Scheme	Budget for 2021/22 £
DISCP	Disabled Facilities Grants (<i>budget to be confirmed when 2021/22 final grant allocation is notified</i>)	347,000
LANGR	Landlord/Tenant Grants (<i>Includes £136,740 budget moved from 2020/21</i>)	186,740
CMIMP	Clitheroe Market Improvements (<i>Budget moved from 2020/21</i>)	78,600
PVFJP	Replacement of Pest Control Van (PK13 FJP)	13,800
PVEYC	Replacement of Dog Warden Van (PE64 EYC)	13,500
	Total - Health and Housing Committee	639,640

- 3.2 The Disabled Facilities Grants scheme is funded by a yearly grant allocation from central government. The scheme is included in the original estimate capital programme at an indicative value of £347,000, on the basis that the scheme budget will be re-set to match the actual Disabled Facilities Grants 2021/22 grant allocation from central government, when notified to the Council.
- 3.3 The detailed information for each scheme is shown in **Annex 1**.
- 3.4 During the closure of our capital accounts there may be some slippage on schemes in the current financial year, 2020/21. A report will be brought to a future meeting of this Committee giving details of any slippage on 2020/21 capital schemes and any slippage will also be reported to Budget Working Group.
- 3.5 Responsible officers will complete and update capital monitoring sheets for each scheme, which will be reported regularly to members to give an indication of progress.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 This Committee has a capital programme for 2021/22 of five schemes, totalling £639,640.
- 4.2 The Disabled Facilities Grants scheme budget is currently an indicative amount. The actual scheme budget will be confirmed when the 2021/22 grant allocation from central government is notified to the Council.
- 4.3 Any slippage on schemes in the 2020/21 capital programme will be reported to this Committee.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

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5 March 2021

Disabled Facilities Grants

Service Area: Housing and Regeneration

Submitted by: Colin Hirst

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.

Revenue Implications:

Administration fees are paid to the Council for any individual Disabled Facilities Grants scheme that the Council administers. The actual administration fee income varies each year, dependent on the number and value of schemes completed in-year.

Timescale for Completion:

The Disabled Facilities Grants budget operates throughout the financial year.

Any Risks to Completion:

The population age of Ribble Valley occupants is increasing and therefore demand for the service will continue, but with finite resources.

The scheme is dependent on the level of funding awarded by the government.

Capital Cost:

2021/22 £
347,000

Please Note - The value above is indicative only and the actual scheme budget will be set to match the actual government grant funding received in-year. Notification of the 2021/22 funding allocation is expected in Spring 2021.

Landlord/Tenant Grants

Service Area: Housing and Regeneration

Submitted by: Colin Hirst

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.

Revenue Implications:

Administration fees are paid to the Council for any individual Landlord/Tenant Grants scheme that the Council administers. The actual administration fee income varies each year, dependent on the number and value of schemes completed in-year.

Timescale for Completion:

The Landlord/Tenant Grants budget operates throughout the financial year.

Any Risks to Completion:

Dependent on demand for the scheme.

Capital Cost:

2021/22 £
186,740

Please Note – The £186,740 budget for 2021/22 is made up of two elements:

- *£50,000 capital scheme bid for 2021/22.*
- *In January 2021 this Committee approved the move of £136,740 of the 2020/21 Landlord/Tenant Grants scheme budget from 2020/21 to the 2021/22 financial year. This was because Housing officers did not expect any further grants to be approved and completed in 2020/21 in addition to the grants already approved at that stage.*

Clitheroe Market Improvements

Service Area: Regeneration and Clitheroe Market

Submitted by: Nicola Hopkins and Heather Barton

Budget moved from 2020/21:

The work on the initial phase of market improvements was completed in 2020/21 and there is £78,600 budget available for a further phase of market improvements. The plans for this further phase will be worked up by officers in 2021. Following consultation with the market traders, the plans will be reported to a future meeting of the Health and Housing Committee for approval before work commences. Therefore, the further phase of works will not be undertaken in 2020/21.

Given the above, in January 2021 this Committee approved the move of the £78,600 remaining scheme budget from 2020/21 to the 2021/22 financial year.

Capital Cost:

2021/22 £
78,600

Replacement of Pest Control Van (PK13 FJP)

Service Area: Dog Warden & Pest Control

Submitted by: Heather Barton

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The current van (Fiat Doblo 1.3 SX Panel Van) is required to transport pest control staff to various sites around the borough to carry out their work. The van was 7 years old in May 2020 and initially programmed for replacement at that point. However, a review of the van in 2019 identified that the van was in good enough condition to move back the planned replacement from 2020/21 to 2021/22.

The bid is for the purchase of the basic van plus additional adaptations to make the van fit for pest control purposes.

Revenue Implications:

There are no additional revenue implications above those of the existing van.

Timescale for Completion:

2021/22.

Any Risks to Completion:

None identified.

Capital Cost:

2021/22 £
13,800

Replacement of Dog Warden Van (PE64 EYC)

Service Area: Dog Warden & Pest Control

Submitted by: Heather Barton

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The current van (Fiat Doblo 1.3 SX Panel Van) will be 7 years old and ready for replacement in May 2021. The van is required to transport dog warden staff to various sites around the borough to carry out their work.

The bid is for the purchase of the basic van plus additional adaptations to make the van fit for dog warden purposes.

Revenue Implications:

There are no additional revenue implications above those of the existing van.

Timescale for Completion:

2021/22.

Any Risks to Completion:

None identified.

Capital Cost:

2021/22 £
13,500