

Cherwell District Council
Budget Planning Committee

24 June 2014

Capital Programme 2013-14

Report of Interim Head of Finance and Procurement

This report is public.

Purpose of report

To provide additional information on the capital programme monitoring report that was considered by this Committee at its last meeting.

1.0 Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Note the contents of this report.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 The capital programme for 2013-14 was agreed as part of the budget set by Council in February 2013. Progress on the programme is monitored by Budget Planning Committee.

3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 At its meeting on 11 March 2014, the Committee requested additional information on seven schemes within the overall capital programme. Service managers have been consulted in preparing this information. Members should note that the slippage requests in this report have been included in the Provisional Outturn report which is a separate agenda item.

3.2 Energy Efficiency Projects

The energy efficiency programme deals with energy efficiency projects which reduce energy bills and reduce carbon emissions. There has been some slippage as energy efficiency projects, with a good payback, were slow to come forward. However this is being overcome with projects changing external lighting over to LED lighting at the depot and changing the air conditioning system in the Council chamber. These projects have been requested to be slipped into 2014-15

3.3 **Recycling Bins**

This project was to replace old 240 litre green bin with 180 litre green bins (the current standard for new properties). Green bins are around 18 years old and as they age the failure rate increases. The project was to replace the bins from one collection round gradually while at the same time ensuring households have sufficient recycling capacity. The project slipped due to insufficient resources as the project coincided with the restructure of Environmental Services as a shared service. The scheme has been requested to be slipped into 2014-15.

3.4 **Football Development Plan**

A scheme is currently being developed with Banbury Town Council to improve facilities in the Town. The delay with this project has been in prioritising improvement areas and in securing sufficient funding (the full improvement works are estimated to cost £600,000). The scheme has been requested to be slipped into 2014-15. Additional funding is available from S106 contributions and the Town Council will be looking to the Football Foundation for additional funding.

3.5 **Car Park Refurbishments**

This is a contingency budget for car park capital works which replaces a budget which had been in revenue. There have been no calls on it in 2013-14. However, the scheme has been requested to be slipped. A condition survey has been carried out and officers are meeting to discuss which items are to be progressed and which are of a capital nature.

3.6 **Access to Highfield Depot**

Road access works were picked up as part of capital scheme below (Highfield Depot: Redevelop Office & Welfare). The £22,000 balance of this scheme has been requested to be slipped in order to fund disabled access works recommended across the Council's properties.

3.7 **Highfield Depot Redevelop Office & Welfare Facilities**

The refurbishment project was requested to be slipped into 2014-15 as the work could not be completed before the end of the financial year. The work is on track and is due to be completed by the end of June but further works have been requested by the Head of Service, and a time extension has been granted –the project is expected to be completed in full by the end of July, and actual cost to be circa £90,000.

3.8 **Land at Claypits Lane, Bicester**

This capital funding was originally identified in order to develop affordable housing provision on the site at Claypits Lane in Bicester. However following the development of the site by a Registered Provider, which built extra care housing with an affordable housing element, alternative funding was secured for this provision, outside of the Council.

3.9 This scheme has been requested to be slipped as the Regeneration and Housing Development Team have identified a subsequent site located in Bicester which would benefit from the capital funding made available. It would provide additional supported / affordable housing in order to house those with high housing and support needs.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

4.1 This report is for members' information.

5.0 Consultation

No consultation

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

As this is a report for information and consideration no alternative options have been considered.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 The financial implications are contained in this report.
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Legal Implications

7.2 There are no direct legal implications arising out of this report.
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Risk Implications

7.1 There are no direct risk implications arising out of this report.
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