

Detailed Information on Major Schemes

Housing & Planning

Affordable Housing Schemes - Officers are working with developers and the Housing Corporation to progress schemes.

Housing Renewal Grants - are being progressed, with schemes in train from 2006/2007 scheduled for completion shortly.

Compulsory Purchase - this scheme is now progressing but there may be further delays as a result of a legal challenge

Transit/Permanent site - Officers working to identify suitable site.

Culture

The completion of the North Wiltshire Arts Centre Project has been delayed with a projected opening date of 1st October 2007. It is probable that this scheme will overspend requiring a separate report to Members. Resources to fund this possible overspend were identified, from savings in the 2006/07 budget.

The Cricklade Country Way project has been awarded £50k capital for five years dependent on the successful outcome to the bid to the Living Landmarks Lottery Fund. The result of the bid should be known in October 2007.

The Building maintenance, repair and replacements programme at the Leisure Centres is suffering delay due to the difficulty DC Leisure are having in appointing a Building Surveyor. None of the Budget identified for these works has been requested during the period this report covers. It is doubtful whether more than 50% of the budget will be expended in 2007-2008.

On 12th July, this Committee, considered the proposal by CLAG to reopen the Calne Leisure Centre for community use before the end of July 2007 prior to the decommissioning of the wet side as required by the Council's insurers. It was resolved to release £60,000 (revenue) to the Calne Leisure Action Group (CLAG), or such other body set up by CLAG to operate the Leisure Centre, subject to guarantee of repayment in the case of early closure. (This award is also subject to three other non-financial conditions).

On 18th July 2007 Calne Area Committee resolved to agree funding to Calne Leisure Action Group (CLAG), or other such body set up by the group, an award £75,000 from the capital budget towards the purchase of gym equipment for the White Horse Leisure Centre, conditional on the Executive agreeing to CLAG taking over the running of the centre.

Economic Development

In the 2006/2007 bidding round Malmesbury Town Council were awarded a grant to support development costs. However, as their scheme of works has now changed further discussions will need to take place to determine whether the terms of the grant have been fulfilled.

A budget to facilitate future discussions between Westlea, the Community and ourselves in respect of Rudloe Community Centre was agreed in the 2007/2008. No spend has yet been identified.

The two spend-to-save schemes, Calne Phase III and Bath Road Car Park are both progressing. The budgets identified for these schemes are to facilitate the scheme designs etc. No budget for implementation has yet been agreed.

Streetscene

Work on Borough Parade car park is ongoing and is projected to come in on budget subject to a s.106 contribution being made by Barratt homes.

The scheme for Malmesbury Station Road car park may be reduced as parking capacity issues are investigated and Members consulted.

Plans are being drawn up for works at Parsonage Way Depot. A separate report will be put before to Members. The Unitary position will need to be considered before a decision is made to proceed with this scheme.

The refurbishment of Chippenham Bus Station will exceed the available budget by approximately £50k and may necessitate a further report to Members. A Section 106 contribution has also been made towards this scheme.

The works required to install the security measures at Emery Gate are being planned. The 2007/2008 Streetworks capital budget totals £50,000, but has been divided for the 5 Area Committees to decide where each £10,000 is to be expended. It should be noted that for streetworks in the public realm and the need for safe working methods, various consents, licenses, notices and public consultation, the professional fee element rises as the scale of works reduces. Therefore, where possible, proposals presented include an element of partnership funding, are associated with other planned works, or are part of ongoing similar works overseen by others to maximise value for money. Otherwise the available balance for actual works could be reduced by up to 35%.

Community Development

The Carbon Trust Project is focusing on the Monkton Park building.

Corporate

In view of the Unitary decision the Finance System Bid, which was approved in the 2007/2008 budget round is not yet proceeding. It may be that other ICT projects will not proceed unless a clear business need is identified which is in line with the likely needs of the new authority. This will be reported on in more detail as the Unitary process unfolds.

Some planned maintenance schemes have been delayed due to lack of staffing resources.