

Further information on schemes in the Capital Programme and funding sources as at Period 7 (31st October 2013)

Education schemes

1. Basic Need Schemes are progressing well with work at varying stages of planning and construction. Budget allocations have been made to schemes identified at specific schools and areas across the county. Whilst minimal reprogramming of budget between years has taken place in this report £1.164 million of new funds has been added (the majority from section 106 deposits) to schemes with the programme.
2. Planned maintenance works continue across the county's schools whilst a number of modernisation schemes are underway with work progressing on site. Reprogramming of £1.210 million of budget into 2014/2015 has taken place in this report to reflect expected progress.
3. The New Schools programme is underway with work now in progress. Of the £5.142 million budget, £3.549 million is allocated to a new School at Tidworth NEQ where work is beginning and large payments expected to be incurred shortly as is also the case in East Trowbridge.
4. Other Projects Expansions & Replacements; in this report £1.376 million of section 106 funds has been added into fund the programme of works with allocations being made to schemes including Wyvern Valley College and Laverstock St Josephs.

Highways schemes

5. The Structural Maintenance and Bridges budgets are all anticipated to be on line against the budget at the year end. £0.250 million within the Integrated Transport budget has been reprogrammed into 2013/2014 but there are no major issues with the budget foreseen at present. Other schemes in the Highways area including Land Drainage works and the Local Sustainable Transport funding schemes are also progressing well with no issues to report.
6. As discussed in the previous monitoring report, the £2.067 million Street Lighting scheme has required some reprogramming of budget into 2014/2015, £0.500 million has been reprogrammed into 2014/2015 as part of this monitoring report.

Campus and Operational Delivery (CAOD) schemes

7. The Hub Programme Office rationalisation is progressing well with work on Phase 2 County Hall virtually complete. Works at Monkton Park to complete the programme are also well underway. There are no significant budget issues in this area.

8. Corsham Campus is in construction and is expected to complete in October 2014. The first phase of construction is the new extension followed by the refurbishment of the sports centre and pool. All of the other 6 funded Campuses are at different stages of design/planning, but none are anticipated to be completed before 2015. As discussed in the previous monitoring report, £16.3 million of budget has been reprogrammed into 2014/2015 to reflect the new profile of expenditure on the Campuses.
9. Salisbury Market place scheme overall is projected to be marginally overspent by a total of £0.290 million. This is due to the enhancing of the scope of the project to incorporate more areas of the City, to include New Canal and Blue Boar Row areas. The £0.600 million has been added back to the budget from the sale of 3 flats in the Maltings development which were purchased originally out of this budget. The original project for the Market Place only is within the original budget.

Housing schemes

10. The Gypsy and Travellers projects are underway with work starting on the Thingley and Lode Hill sites, the plan is to spend the majority of the 2013/2014 budget these 2 sites as progress is continuing as expected. There is a delay due to issues with planning permission on the Fairhaven site which will now start in 2014/2015, so budget allocation of £0.470 million will be reprogrammed into 2014/2015. In addition to these sites, there are works planned on two further sites; Oak Tree and Dairy house which are planned to start in 2014/2015, with preparatory work only in 2013/2014.
11. Disabled Facilities Grants are statutory grant payments paid to individual households to adapt homes which will allow disabled people to live independently by providing stair lifts, level access showers and ramps etc. As at 31 October 2013 the actual spend in this area is £1.400 million with a remainder budget of £1.300 million, plans are to spend a total of £2.400 million in 2013/2014 so £0.386 million has been reprogrammed into 2014/2015.
12. Affordable housing budgets have been increased by £1.100 million due to the requirement to pay over the Council contribution towards the new housing PFI scheme. The other budgets in this area are primarily funded from grants and committed sums and are not anticipated to be required in full during 2013/2014, therefore £0.700 million has been reprogrammed into 2014/2015.
13. The HRA budgets show an actual spend as at 31 October 2013 of £5.100 million. There is a forecast of a large underspend on this budget due to issues of performance with the primary contractor. There is a recovery plan in place with the contractor to deliver more work before the end of the financial year, however it is anticipated that £3.5m of budget will not be spent before March 2014. Therefore this has been reprogrammed into 14/15 when the work is now anticipated to be incurred.

Other schemes

14. Adult Social Care is funded entirely by government grants. Due to a lower spend than anticipated in 2013/2014, £1.672 million has been reprogrammed into 2014/2015, to match when the planned schemes will require funding.
15. ICT schemes have had £2.300 million reprogrammed into 2014/2015 largely because the requirement to replace laptops in 2013/2014 is not as great as previously thought. The council has been able to delay the replacement of many machines and other ICT equipment, therefore this budget has been moved into 2014/2015.

Funding of Capital Programme

16. The capital programme is funded by 3 principal sources; grants and contributions, capital receipts and borrowing.
17. As at 31 October 2013 Grants and Contributions received so far in 2013/2014 has increased to a total of £26.600 million, the largest portion of Grants received so far is in Education and the Highways areas. With grants still to be received and ones held over from previous years, a total of £71 million is likely to be available to apply to 2013/2014 capital spend.
18. Capital Receipts received from the proceeds of fixed asset sales are managed and monitored closely by the strategic property team in conjunction with Finance. Since the last monitoring report the total of capital receipts as at 31 October 2013 has increased to £2.700 million which includes the sale of no 1 Hither Farm in Chippenham and a further 7 properties in the Housing Revenue Account Right to Buy (RTB) scheme have been sold, making a total of RTB properties sold so far in 2013/2014 of 19.
19. In Addition there is £4.373 million of capital receipts sums held over from 2012/2013 to be allocated to 2013/2014 spend. With further receipts in the pipeline, it is planned that at least £7.4 million will be available to apply to capital spend in 2013/2014.
20. Borrowing makes up the final element of financing the capital programme, a total of around £45 million is currently required to be borrowed to fund the budget. As this option incurs revenue costs in debt repayments, the council considers all options before it considers borrowing, and it envisaged that this requirement to borrow may drop over the coming months.