

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

11 February 2014

Subject: Capital Monitoring Period 9 2013/2014 (as at 31 December 2013)

**Cabinet member: Councillor Dick Tonge
Finance, Performance, Risk, Procurement & Welfare Reform**

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary

The report details changes to the budget made since the 2013/2014 budget was set in February 2013, and amended as part of the period 4 and the period 7 reports.

The report reflects the position of the 2013/2014 spend against budget as at Period 9 (as at 31 December 2013).

Proposal

To note the general budget additions for grants and revenue contributions of £0.352 million as per appendix B and to note the Period 9 position of the Capital Programme in Appendix A

To also note the reprogramming of £16.248 million between 2013/2014 and 2014/2015, and the returning of £0.034 million of budgets no longer required to Central Funding in Appendix A and B.

Reasons for Proposals

To inform Cabinet of the position of the 2013/2014 capital programme as at Period 9 (31 December 2013), including highlighting of budget changes.

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Purpose of Report

1. To inform Cabinet on the position of the 2013/2014 Capital Programme as at Period 9 (31 December 2013), including highlighting budget changes. A budget monitoring report to members is taken to Cabinet Capital Assets Committee or Cabinet on a regular basis to match the timing of the revenue monitoring reports. This report focuses on major variations in budget.

Budget Movements

2. The Original budget for 2013/2014 was presented to the Council as part of the budget meeting on 26 February 2013. Since that date there have been changes made to the budget for 2013/2014 as part of the period 4 and period 7 reports. These changes include budgets reprogrammed from 2012/2013 into 2013/2014, but also to reflect additional funding being available, and reductions in budget where grant funding has reduced. Also there has been significant reprogramming of budgets forward from 2013/2014 into 2014/2015. The changes to the budget since it was last amended in the period 7 monitoring report are summarised in the table below, a fuller breakdown of the changes made at a scheme by scheme level is attached as Appendix A and B.

Breakdown of Budget Amendments from Period 7 Budget to Period 9 Budget (as at 31 December 2013)

	£m	Notes
Budget Period 7 2013/2014	125.466	
Additions/amendments to the Capital Programme 2013/2014 since Period 7 Budget		
Additional Budgets added to Programme	0.352	See Appendix A and B section 1 for further details
Budgets returned to Central Funding	(0.034)	See Appendix A for further details
Budgets reprogrammed from 2013/2014 into 2014/2015	(16.248)	See Appendix A and B section 2 for further details
Current Budget Period 9 2013/2014	109.536	

3. The budget additions shown above reflect increases in funding being available and brought into the programme under the Chief Financial Officer delegated authority. They largely comprise of additional grants from Central government, Section 106 contributions, revenue contributions towards capital expenditure and other contributions used to finance capital spend within the capital programme. Further information on the budget movements at an individual scheme level is shown in Appendix A and in further detail in Appendix B.
4. As part of this report £0.034 million has been returned to central funding for an Education scheme that has now completed. This budget can be reallocated to other schemes in the future.
5. The budgets that have been reprogrammed into 2014/2015 are shown in further detail in Appendix A and B, and some of the larger movements are also explained in the narrative for schemes in Appendix C.

Summary of Position as at 31 December 2013

6. The current budget for the year 2013/2014 as at period 9 (end December) is £109.536 million. Actual spend on schemes as at 31 December was £75.854 Million. A full breakdown of these figures is attached in Appendix A.

7. At present there are no schemes that have significant overspends that are not able to be mitigated for the year.
8. There are a number of schemes that are currently delayed and which have required budgets to be reprogrammed into 2014/2015. A Total of £16.248 million has taken place as part of this report. These variances are caused by project delays leading to differences in the profile of payments.
9. The planned reprogramming has been factored into the estimates for the Capital Financing budgets. This revenue budget is now currently estimated to be £2 million underspent at the year end, an increase from £1.5 million in the last report. This is mainly due to the reprogramming of budgets from 2013/2014 into later years, but also the effect of additional capital receipts due to be received before the end of the financial year.
10. Further information on the movements undertaken and the forecast position of some of the larger schemes is set out in Appendix C, along with updates on the capital receipts received during 2013/2014.

Proposals

11. To note:
 - a) The general budget additions for grants and revenue contributions of £0.352 million as per Appendix B and to note the Period 7 position of the Capital Programme in Appendix A.
 - b) The reprogramming of £16.248 million between 2013/2014 and 2014/2015, and the returning of £0.034 million of budgets no longer required that have been returned to Central funding.

Environmental Impact of the Proposal

12. Wiltshire Council is now included in the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC); the UK's mandatory climate change and energy saving scheme. The objectives of the scheme are to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon dioxide emissions. It is calculated that 79% of the Council's carbon footprint comes from energy use in buildings. Capital schemes therefore have the potential to greatly increase or decrease carbon emissions, for example schemes making council buildings more energy efficient will reduce the Council's carbon footprint. There are no direct impacts of this report, however there are a number of schemes in the capital programme that are planned to enable energy efficiency benefits for the council.

Equality and Diversity Impact of the Proposal

13. No equality and diversity issues have been identified arising from this report

Risk Assessment

14. The capital budget for 2013/2014, as detailed in this report, has been revised to approximately £110 million. Within any capital programme there are a number of potential risks such as from cost overruns or lower than expected levels of capital receipts. Such issues will be highlighted as soon as they establish themselves through the quarterly reporting process.

Financial Implications

15. These have been examined and are implicit throughout the report

Legal Implications

16. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Safeguarding Considerations and Public Health Implications

17. None have been identified as arising directly from this report

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the preparation of this report: NONE
Environmental impact of the recommendations contained in this report: NONE

Appendices

Appendix A – 2013/2014 budget movements and spend to 31 December
Appendix B – Delegated authority for budget movements
Appendix C – Narrative on specific schemes