
Meeting: Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: 12 December 2013
Subject: Capital Programme Report for Community Services for the Quarter ended 30 September, 2013
Report of: Cllr Brian Spurr – Executive Member for Community Services
Summary: Forecast capital expenditure and external funding for 2013/14 as at the end of September, 2013.

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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The capital programme provides the necessary infrastructure to support the Council priorities. In particular the Community Services has direct impact on the stated Council priorities of:

- Enhancing your local community, and
- Great Universal Services.

Financial:

1. The financial implications are set out in the report.

Legal:

2. All expenditure is in accordance with the Constitution of the Council and Public Procurement Regulations.

Risk Management:

3. Outline and detailed business cases ensure that risks are addressed before schemes are accepted into the programme. Project Managers oversee delivery risks.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

4. Covered in business cases as relevant

Equalities/Human Rights:

5. Covered in business cases as relevant

Public Health

6. Covered in business cases as relevant

Community Safety:

7. Covered in business cases as relevant

Sustainability:

8. Resource usage and project outcomes are assessed at business case stage.
Not Applicable.

Procurement:

9. Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Overview and Scrutiny is asked to:

- 1. Note forecast capital expenditure of £25,163k,**
- 2. Note forecast external funding of £9,092k.**
- 3. A full year variance of £4,506k on expenditure and of £608k on external income resulting in a net spend below budget of £5,114k .**

Reason for Recommendation(s) To monitor capital expenditure and funding.

Overview and Scrutiny Summary

The directorate expects to spend £25,163k and receive external income of £9,092k, leaving net spend below budget in 2013/14 of £5,114k. The majority of this slippage is due to BEaR project.

Introduction

10. The Community Services capital programme in 2013/14 is made up of 43 schemes which includes large groupings of projects that relate to Environmental services, Libraries, Leisure and Transport.

Overall Position

11. **Libraries**

12. **Summary Table A**

Table A shows the Directorate's net budget and forecast for 2013/14.

Table A – Capital budget by Category (£'000)

Scheme Categories	Net Expenditure Budget	Net Expenditure Forecast	Net Expenditure Forecast Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Environmental Services	4,950	691	-4,259
Libraries	202	220	18
Leisure	4,379	3,868	-511
Transport	11,654	11,292	-362
Community Services	21,185	16,071	-5,114
Percentage of budget		75.9%	-24.1%

Major Schemes/Achievements

13. The Capital Programme is key to delivering the priorities set out in the Medium Term Plan, the majority of which were led by the former Sustainable Communities directorate. These supported the aim of keeping Central Bedfordshire as a great place to live and work.

14. **Highways and Transport**

- a) Total road and footway treated through resurfacing and surface dressing to date is 36.5 kilometres. Poynters Road deep insitu recycling scheme completed on site.
- b) To date a total of 369 columns including lanterns were replaced and a further 1,006 lanterns replaced.
- c) 12 Local Area Transport Plan schemes have been implemented and 14 designed and ready for construction.
- d) 6 drainage schemes completed.

15. **Leisure**

- a) Astral Park - CBC are supporting the Town Council to provide a football pitch and changing/community facilities. Work is near completion on the car park and drainage connections complete. Work to roof of the changing/community facility including internal walls and gable ends, and steel truss to community room is complete. The project is on target for completion in January 2014.

- b) Flitwick Leisure Centre Redevelopment is a scheme to replace the existing Leisure Centre and work has now been completed on the feasibility stage. The report was considered by Overview and Scrutiny on 10 October and subsequently by executive on 5 November. A recommendation to approve the budget for the scheme was considered by Council on 28 November
- c) Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre is being refurbished - The car park has been prepared for the resurfacing and work is being carried out to divert the cabling, work is being carried out on the refurbishment of the gym area. Drainage on the downstairs area and surveys for electrical and mechanical has been started.
- d) Flitwick Leisure Centre Football Pitch is a scheme to re-provide football pitches and changing facilities before the Flitwick Leisure Centre redevelopment can commence - the contractors have cleared the site and work has begun on the sustainable urban drainage system. This project is on target for completion in August 2014.

16. **Waste**

- a) Sundon Landfill Restoration - Restoration phases are on track with soil importation ongoing. Approval received from Environment Agency for realignment of Gas Infrastructure. Lease signed for Gas Extraction with enhanced royalty income for CBC.
- b) Waste Capital Infrastructure Grant - Successful procurement and purchase of replacement glass vehicle for the south fleet.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Corporate Capital Summary 2013/14

Appendix B – Actuals as at September, 2013

Background Papers: None