

**REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
MANAGER**

TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise members on the Committee's 2019/20 capital budget.

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That members note only the schemes listed in Appendix 1 have agreed funding.
- (2) That members consider the two new bids detailed in paragraphs 6 and 7.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

To enable the capital programme funding to be allocated efficiently and effectively.

ISSUE

Uncommitted Balance from 2018/19

1. This is £9,611.

New Allocation for 2019/20

2. This is £44,360 capital.

Commitments for 2019/20

3. These total £44,500 (see Appendix 1 for a detailed breakdown).

Balance for 2019/20

4. This is **£9,471**.

Financial Advice (as reported to all Area Committees in May 2018)

5. Please refer to the financial implications section of this report. Bids for new funding should be submitted on the May 2018 revised forms (Form A for internal bids and Form B for external bids) in order that the Chief Finance Officer can confirm that they qualify as capital spending and that members can evaluate them on a consistent basis.

New/Deferred Bids

No late bids or funding allocations are to be made unless, with the consent of the Chairman, the bid is considered to be an urgent item. If a late/urgent bid is approved and is in the opinion of the Chief Finance Officer a revenue item then the decision will be reported to the Policy and Resources Committee for determination. No payment will be made in respect of the bid pending a resolution by the Policy and Resources Committee.

6. **Improvements to Footpath 79 at Boulsworth Drive, Trawden:** submitted by Tom Partridge – £750 (see Appendix 2).
7. **New Plaque at Colne War Memorial:** submitted by Scott Whalley – £500 (see Appendix 3).

Existing Bids

Overspend – Additional Funding Required

8. None.

Underspend – De-allocate Funding

9. None.

Horticultural Projects

10. The allocation for horticulture projects has been allocated per member as detailed below. Prior to any spend, a capital programme bid form must be submitted for approval.

Ward	Councillor	2019/20 Allocation	Committed (Revenue)	Committed (Capital)	Balance (Revenue)	Balance (Capital)
Boulsworth	S Cockburn-Price	£293.39	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£293.39
	M Foxley	£293.38	£531.00	£0.00	£249.15	£293.38
	P Foxley	£293.38	£0.00	£0.00	£900.00	£673.53
Foulridge	G Waugh	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Horsfield	N Butterworth	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£880.15
	J Nixon	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£400.00	£1,000.00
	S Petty	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£880.15
Vivary Bridge	D Clegg	£293.39	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£293.39
	V Fletcher	£293.38	£0.00	£0.00	£900.00	£1,173.53
	N McCollum	£293.38	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,293.38

Waterside	T Greaves	£333.33	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,213.48
	D Lord	£333.33	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£333.33
	A Mann	£333.34	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£333.34
Total		£2,760.30	£531.00	£0.00	£4,949.15	£8,661.05

(Councillors may combine the revenue and capital funds for capital projects but the capital funding cannot be used for revenue projects.)

June

11. **Replacement Trees on Laneshaw Bridge Memorial Garden:** £531.00 (revenue) from Cllr M Foxley to replace vandalised and wind-damaged trees to the Memorial Garden.

Councillors' Capital Projects

- 12 At the 9 May 2019 meeting, councillors were allocated £2,500 each to spend on appropriate capital projects, subject to receipt of a completed capital programme bid form.

Ward	Councillor	2019/20 Allocation	Committed	Balance
Boulsworth	S Cockburn-Price	£2,500.00	£166.67	£2,333.33
	M Foxley	£2,500.00	£166.66	£2,333.34
	P Foxley	£2,500.00	£166.67	£2,333.33
Foulridge	G Waugh	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,500.00
Horsfield	N Butterworth	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,500.00
	J Nixon	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,500.00
	S Petty	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,500.00
Vivary Bridge	D Clegg	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,500.00
	V Fletcher	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,500.00
	N McCollum	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,500.00
Waterside	T Greaves	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,500.00
	D Lord	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,500.00
	A Mann	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,500.00
Total		£32,500.00	£500.00	£32,000.00

July

13. **Carriers Row Drainage Works:** £500.00 in total from Cllrs Cockburn-Price, M Foxley and P Foxley.

Possible Future Schemes (no allocation made yet)

14. **Greenfield Local Nature Reserve (6/9/2018).** Lee Johnson was looking into the cost of providing a secure container following a break-in of a shed which resulted in tools being stolen. The total cost was £2,000 including delivery. The Greenfield LNR is currently happy with the replacement lock and no further break-ins have been attempted and therefore the plans for a container have been placed on hold.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: The capital programme is required to be allocated and managed in accordance with the Council's Corporate Capital Strategy 2018/21.

Financial: Expenditure for capital purposes is primarily expenditure on the acquisition, reclamation or enhancement of assets (eg buildings, land, plant and machinery). “Enhancement” means substantially lengthening the useful life of the asset, substantially increasing its open market value or substantially increasing the use of the asset. Other expenditure for capital purposes can include computer costs (for use over a period exceeding one year) and incidental costs involved in a capital project (eg officers’ salaries and professional fees). Anything not covered by “proper practices” (Section 21(2) of the Local Government Act 2003) must be treated as revenue expenditure. Under no circumstances can the capital allocation be used to fund revenue expenditure.

A list of good practice in the allocation of funding has been proposed by the Council’s Chief Finance Officer in order to assist members when considering the allocation of the capital budget. The list is as follows:

1. The funding should assist a scheme which contributes to meeting the Council’s corporate priorities.
2. Allocate reasonable amounts to projects early to allow for effective planning and implementation.
3. Look for opportunities to maximise the effectiveness of the allocation through match funding.
4. Consider allowing some contingency for projects that may be presented during the year.
5. Try to avoid allocation of funds at the end of the financial year.
6. Consider the revenue consequences of capital schemes in terms of ongoing cost.

Legal: There are legal implications for a number of the proposals listed above in terms of necessary permissions, agreements and possible long-term liabilities and responsibilities.

Risk Management: The capital programme is required to be allocated and managed in accordance with the Council’s policies and procedures. The proper management of the programme is intended to minimise any exposure to unnecessary risk associated with the programme and the individual schemes within it.

Health and Safety: The implementation of the programme has associated risks in terms of health and safety. The Council is required to meet all relevant legal requirements for the effective management of health and safety risk and has policies and procedures in place to ensure health and safety standards are maintained.

Sustainability: Some of the schemes identified will encourage the reduction of carbon emissions, such as traffic calming schemes and cycle facility provision.

Community Safety: A number of the schemes listed above have implications in terms of community safety. Wherever possible, the projects are managed in a way that enhances community safety.

Equality and Diversity: The capital programme is required to be allocated and managed in accordance with the Council’s policies and procedures, including those relating to equality and diversity.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Capital Programme Commitments for 2019/20 for Colne and District Committee.

Appendix 2: Improvements to Footpath 79 at Boulsworth Drive, Trawden (Form A).

Appendix 3: New Plaque at Colne War Memorial (Form A).

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Colne and District Committee Commitments for 2019/20

Appendix 1

Sch. No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2019/20	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Allocation Remaining in Ledger	Status of Scheme/Remarks
1	09/06/16 Litter and dog waste bins	C Taylor (ES)	£288	£0	£288	£0	£288	Quarterly spend is reported in the Environmental Crime Update reports. Spend of £107 for a new bin at the entrance to The Rough being processed. Balance of £181.44 remaining
3	04/04/19 Premises improvement grants	M Williams (PBCL)	£5,812	£12,000	£17,812	£1,395	£16,417	New allocation of £12,000 agreed on 04/04/19
5	14/06/12 A Safer Colne project	M Armfield (PBCL)	£385	£0	£385	£0	£385	Ongoing. The remaining funds will be spent on purchasing cocaine wipes and further sniffer dog operations in licensed premises
7	04/07/13 Provision of missing grate covers	S Whalley (HHE)	£812	£0	£812	£0	£812	Ongoing
8	05/12/13 Parkway TRO and lockable bollards	S Whalley (HHE)	£1,750	£0	£1,750	£0	£1,750	£1,750 agreed by CDC on 05/12/13. LCC to advertise the TRO. Bollards to be ordered once TRO in place
9	30/03/17 Boulsworth environmental improvement fund	M Hunting (HHE)	£3,783	£0	£3,783	£0	£3,783	£2,642.81 uncommitted from 2018/19
11	30/03/17 Horsfield environmental improvement fund	M Hunting (HHE)	£6,889	£0	£6,889	£0	£6,889	£5,749.12 uncommitted from 2018/19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £126.52 for a new dog waste bin near Lower Clough House, Castle Road, Colne £5,622.60 uncommitted
12	30/03/17 Vivary Bridge environmental improvement fund	M Hunting (HHE)	£8,635	£0	£8,635	£0	£8,635	£7,285 uncommitted from 2018/19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £7,285 allocated to Haverholt Road resurfacing scheme on 04/07/19. All funds fully committed

Sch. No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2019/20	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Allocation Remaining in Ledger	Status of Scheme/Remarks
15	01/04/15 Footpath improvements at Colne Water	T Partridge (ES)	£4,500	£0	£4,500	£0	£4,500	We are seeking match funding from other sources to maximise the impact of the money from CDC
16	30/03/17 and 05/07/18 Horticulture projects	M Hunting (HHE)	£24,384	£0	£24,384	£4,531	£19,853	£2,000 allocated on 05/07/18 to each councillor. See main report for details
24	05/10/17 Tree pit enhancement	S Whalley (HHE)	£2,000	£0	£2,000	£0	£2,000	£2,000 agreed, subject to the colour of the materials being sent to members for agreement
28	28/03/18 Haverholt Road resurfacing	S Whalley (HHE)	£2,000	£0	£2,000	£0	£2,000	Scheme has been tendered
29	05/07/18 Multi-Use Games Area, Foulridge	Foulridge Parish Council	£5,000	£0	£5,000	£5,000	£0	Completed
30	06/09/18 Laneshaw Bridge to Wycoller footpath improvements	T Partridge (ES)	£2,500	£0	£2,500	£0	£2,500	Design now agreed. We are now getting a detailed costing for the installation
31	08/11/18 Carriers Row drainage improvement works	S Whalley (HHE)	£3,000	£0	£3,000	£2,000	£1,000	£3,000 approved subject to consultation with ward councillors regarding the suitability of the scheme. An additional £500 has been allocated from Scheme 32 below (04/07/19)
32	09/05/19 Councillors' capital projects	M Hunting (HHE)	£0	£32,500	£32,500	£0	£32,500	£2,500 allocated to each councillor to be spent on appropriate capital projects, subject to receipt of a completed capital programme bid form. See main report for details
	Subtotal		£71,738	£44,500	£116,238	£12,926	£103,312	
	Unallocated Funds		£9,611	-£140	£9,471		£9,471	
	Total Funds Available 19/20		£81,349	£44,360	£125,709	£12,926	£112,783	

(FORM A: INTERNAL BID)

**BID FOR CAPITAL FUNDING FROM AREA COMMITTEES
PRO FORMA**

A. Short project title: Improvements to Footpath 79 at Boulsworth Drive, Trawden

B. Bid submitted by: Tom Partridge, Countryside Access Officer

C. On behalf of (please include contact details): Environmental Services, Fleet Street Depot, Fleet Street, Nelson, BB9 7YQ

D. Amount requested: £750 (total project cost is £1,500)

E. Brief details of project: The proposal is to carry out improvements to a 25m footpath leading past a garage site at Boulsworth Drive to a rural footpath. The work will involve removing the cracked and uneven surface, repairing the edgings and laying a new tarmac path

F. Main outcomes to be achieved: An improved footpath will be better for pedestrians and improve the appearance of the land

G. When will project be implemented? As soon as possible

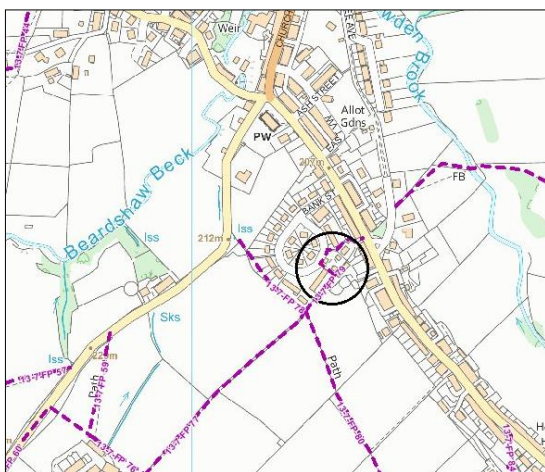
H. Who will undertake the project works? The work will be carried out by a suitably qualified contractor.

I. Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere? Yes

If so, please give details: £750 is available for the work from Lancashire County Council

J. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?

No. The new path will be low maintenance



(FORM A: INTERNAL BID)

**BID FOR CAPITAL FUNDING FROM AREA COMMITTEES
PRO FORMA**

A. Short project title: Short Project Title: New Plaque at Colne War Memorial

B. Bid submitted by: Scott Whalley, Engineering Manager

C. On behalf of (please include contact details): Housing, Health and Engineering,
Town Hall, Market Street, Nelson, BB9 7LG

D. Amount requested: £500

E. Brief details of project: To purchase and install a bronze plaque at Colne War Memorial to commemorate "John William Stell"

F. Main outcomes to be achieved: To commemorate "John William Stell", died 24/10/1944, aged 22, 1st Bn. East Lancashire Regiment, buried at Uden War Cemetery, Noord-Brabant, Netherlands

G. When will project be implemented? ASAP

H. Who will undertake the project works? Local contractor

I. Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere? No
If so, please give details:

J. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?
No