

REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
MANAGER

TO: BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise members on the Committee's capital budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That members note £5,328 is uncommitted.
- (2) That members note only schemes listed in Appendix 1 have agreed funding.
- (3) That members decide what action to take regarding the red grit bins in Brierfield (see paragraph 9).

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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

ISSUE

Uncommitted funds carried forward from 2019/20

1. £61.

Allocation for 2020/21

2. £19,960.

Effective Total Allocation for 2020/21

3. £20,021 (i.e. £19,960 + 61).

Commitments

4. £18,247

Uncommitted funds

5. £5,328

Financial Advice (as reported to all area committees in May 2018)

6. Please refer to the Financial Implications section of this report. Bids for 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 Financial Officer can confirm that they qualify as capital spending and that members can evaluate them on a consistent basis.

New/Deferred Bids

7. None.
8. No late bids or funding allocations can 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 can be made in respect of the bid pending a resolution by the Policy and Resources Committee.

Existing Bids

9. Grit Bins (see appendix 1, scheme 4) – there is £627 remaining for the provision and maintenance of red grit bins which is not enough to fill them once this winter. As this is revenue expenditure, no further funding can be allocated. Reedley Hallows Parish Council agreed to maintain 7 bins in Reedley. This leaves 23 bins in Brierfield which generate unsupported calls and unfounded complaints to the Council where members of the public expect them to be filled during the winter. They could also become a hazard on the highway. One bin had recently been vandalized. The Committee is advised to use the remaining funds to remove them from site.

Underspend – Deallocate Funding

10. None

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 (e.g. 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 (e.g. 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 Financial Manager to assist members when considering the allocation of capital budgets. 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 risks and has policies and procedures in place to ensure health and safety standards are maintained.

Climate Change: 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 2020/21

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

(Shaded schemes are completed)

Sch. No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous year/s	Allocated 2020/21	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Allocation Remaining in Ledger	Status of Scheme/ Remarks
1	13/06/17 - £600 Litter and dog waste bins	C Taylor (ES)	£478	£0	£478	£0	£478	No further funding can be allocated. Awaiting journal transfer to put the expenditure to the Capital Programme.
2	08/07/20 - £3,000 Town centre premises improvement grants	D McCarthy (PERS)	£7	£2,993	£3,000	£0	£3,000	£7 underspend from previous year/s deallocated. Applications considered on a case by case basis. This Grant has not yet been awarded to any specific business.
3	11/05/10 - £2,500 Flood prevention works within the Brierfield and Reedley area	S Whalley (HHES)	£2,500	£0	£2,500	£0	£2,500	Allocated to help deal with emergency flooding situations.
4	06/02/18 - £1,000 06/03/18 - £1,200 Provision and maintenance of red grit bins	D Walker (ES)	£627	£0	£627	£0	£627	No further funding can be allocated. Allocation remaining is not enough to fill the grit bins once this winter.
5	01/03/16 - £3,500 Provision of a speed indicator device	J Mousdale (HHES)	£2,920	£0	£2,920	£0	£2,920	No further funding can be allocated. LCC have been asked to manage the device in line with the remaining budget.
16	13/06/17 - £500 Blocked and Missing gully grates	S Whalley (HHES)	£500	£0	£500	£0	£500	Ongoing.
26	07/08/18 - £300 Massey Street signage in line with PSPO	T Horsley (PERS)	£300	-£300	£0	£0	£0	Scheme completed by PBC officer using available materials. £300 underspend deallocated 08/07/20.

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29	06/11/19 - £2,500 Refurbishment of Brierfield Town Centre	S Whalley (HHES)	£2,500	£0	£2,500	£0	£2,500	
30	07/01/20 - £9,651 (1) 04/02/20 - £5,000 (2) 03/03/20 - £3,200 (3) 05/08/20 - £4,000 (4) 09/09/20 - £1,722 (5) 07/10/20 - £6,000 (6) Resurfacing of back streets in Brierfield	S Whalley (HHES)	£17,851	£10,000	£27,851	£20,961	£6,890	(1) Back Arthur Street and Livingstone Walk - <i>Completed</i> . (2) Back Wood and Hill Street and the back street Wood Street School - <i>Completed £764 underspend deallocated</i> . (3) Back Street to the rear of 15/17 Colne Road - <i>Completed £958 underspend deallocated</i> . (4) & (5) Gable Ends Rothesay Road - <i>£4,832 spent, £890 left</i> (6) Back Albert Street, Brierfield - <i>£6,000 left</i>
31	07/10/20 - £2,000 Various Brierfield highway improvements			£2,000	£2,000	£0	£2,000	
	Subtotals		£27,683	£14,693	£42,376	£20,961	£21,415	
	Uncommitted Funds		£61	£5,267	£5,328	-	£5,328	
	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 2020/21		£27,744	£19,960	£47,704	£20,961	£26,743	