

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

**TO:** COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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## **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise members on the Committee's 2021/22 capital budget.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That members note only the schemes listed in Appendix 1 have agreed funding.
- (2) That members consider the request to de-allocate £1,750 detailed in paragraph 8 and return the funds to the capital programme.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

### **ISSUE**

#### ***Uncommitted Balance from 2020/21***

1. This is £0.

#### ***Allocation for 2021/22***

2. This is £42,390 capital.

#### ***Commitments for 2021/22***

3. These total **£35,010** (see Appendix 1 for a detailed breakdown).

#### ***Balance for 2021/22***

4. This is **£7,380**.

## ***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. None.

### ***Existing Bids***

#### **Overspend – Additional Funding Required**

7. None.

#### **Underspend – De-allocate Funding**

8. **Park Way TRO and Lockable Bollards (Appendix 1, Sch No 8):** £1,750 was allocated by councillors on 05.12.2013 when planning approval was granted for the new development at the former day nursery on Haverholt Close (registered as Alkincoats View). The intention was to install a lockable bollard at one end of Park Way to prevent traffic from the development using Park Way as a shortcut. In addition to installing a bollard, Lancashire County Council would need to make a Traffic Regulation Order to create a stopping-up order. The development is still under construction but six of the 11 new dwellings are now occupied. However, the matter was considered by the Traffic Liaison Group on 22/09/2021 where they felt unable to support the scheme because a bollard could create additional problems with reverse parking and there were concerns about enforcement. They also reported a lack of complaints in recent times to justify the legal order. We are therefore recommending that councillors de-allocate the funds and return them to the capital programme.

### ***Councillors Capital Projects***

9. At the meeting on 10/06/21, councillors were allocated £2,500 each. The uncommitted funds from previous years totalling £1,800 were de-allocated.

Ward	Councillor	Allocation	Committed	Balance
Boulsworth and Foulridge	Neil Butterworth	£2,500	£500.00	£2,000.00
	David Cockburn-Price	£2,500	£500.00	£2,000.00
	Sarah Cockburn-Price	£2,500	£500.00	£2,000.00
Vivary Bridge	David Albin	£2,500	£0.00	£2,500.00
	Donna Lockwood	£2,500	£0.00	£2,500.00
	Kieran McGladdery	£2,500	£0.00	£2,500.00
Waterside and Horfield	Darren Harrison	£2,500	£0.00	£2,500.00
	Dorothy Lord	£2,500	£0.00	£2,500.00
	Ash Sutcliffe	£2,500	£0.00	£2,500.00
Total			<b>£1,500.00</b>	<b>£21,000.00</b>

10. **Wycoller Beck Footpath Stabilisation Project:** £500 each from Cllrs Neil Butterworth, David Cockburn-Price and Sarah Cockburn-Price.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** The capital programme is required to be allocated and managed in accordance with the Council's Corporate Capital Strategy 2019/22.

**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 2021/22 for Colne and District Committee.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

**Colne and District Committee Commitments for 2021/22**
**Appendix 1**

Sch. No.	Date Allocated and Scheme Details	Lead Officer/ Service Area	c/f from previous Years	Allocated 2021/22	Reallocated	Total Allocation	In-Year Spend	Allocation Remaining in Ledger	Status of Scheme/Remarks
3	<b>04/04/19 &amp; 10/06/21</b> Premises improvement grants	M Williams (PEDRS)	£11,347	£9,563		£20,910	£3,000	£17,910	New allocation of £9,563 agreed on 10/06/21
5	<b>14/06/12</b> A Safer Colne project	W Iqbal (PEDRS)	£385	-£385		£0	£0	£0	The remaining funds were to be spent on purchasing cocaine wipes and further sniffer dog operations in licensed premises in September but these were cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. The remaining balance of £385 de-allocated on 10/06/21
7	<b>04/07/13</b> Provision of missing grate covers	S Whalley (HHE)	£489	£0		£489	£0	£489	Ongoing
8	<b>05/12/13</b> 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 was to advertise the TRO and bollards to be ordered once TRO in place. However, LCC no longer support the scheme. Request made to de-allocate the funds
9	<b>30/03/17</b> Boulsworth environmental improvement fund	M Hunting (HHE)	£3,783	£0		£3,783	£0	£3,783	£2,642.81 uncommitted from 2020/21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£450 towards a woodchip hopper for Foulridge Parish Council (04/10/21).</li> <li>£307 for spring bulbs for Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council</li> </ul> £1,885.81 uncommitted
11	<b>30/03/17</b> Horsfield environmental improvement fund	M Hunting (HHE)	£6,762	£0		£6,762	£0	£6,762	£5,622.60 uncommitted from 2020/21
12	<b>30/03/17</b> Vivary Bridge environmental improvement fund	M Hunting (HHE)	£12	£0		£12	£0	£12	£12.36 uncommitted from 2020/21

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16	<b>30/03/17 and 05/07/18</b> Horticulture projects	M Hunting (HHE)	£14,011	-£1,200		£12,811	£12,224	£587	£2,000 allocated on 05/07/18 to each councillor. Remaining balance of £1,200 de-allocated on 10/06/21
24	<b>05/10/17</b> 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
30	<b>06/09/18</b> Laneshaw Bridge to Wycoller footpath improvements	T Partridge (ES)	£2,500	£0		£2,500	£0	£2,500	This £2,500 was intended as part of a funding package which included an LEF bid. This LEF bid was unsuccessful but we ended up doing a much smaller scheme to keep the path open but this has since collapsed into the river. Works to be combined with scheme 43
32	<b>09/05/19 &amp; 10/09/20 &amp; 10/06/21</b> Councillors' capital projects	M Hunting (HHE)	£53,668	£20,700	-£1,500	£72,868	£23,568	£49,300	£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. £1,800 allocated in previous years de-allocated on 10/06/21 and returned to the capital programme. £1,500 vired to scheme 43
33	<b>08/08/19</b> Colne War Memorial plaque for John William Stell	S Whalley (HHE)	£500	£0		£500	£500	£0	Completed
38	<b>05/11/20</b> Virtual high street/ click and collect service	Colne BID	£1,190	£0		£1,190	£1,190	£0	Completed
39	<b>31/03/21</b> Building works to the Little Theatre, Colne	M Hunting (HHE)	£5,750	£0		£5,750	£5,750	£0	Plus £2,000 each from the Councillors' Capital Projects allocation of Cllrs Lord and Mann. Completed

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40	31/03/21 Mobile speed cameras	M Hunting (HHE)	£9,100	£0		£9,100	£0	£9,100	
41	10/06/21 New dog waste bin at Colne Road/Back Lane, Trawden	J Lord (ES)		£147		£147	£0	£147	
42	10/06/21 New litter/dog waste bin at Cockhill Lane/ Castle Road, Colne	J Lord (ES)		£185		£185	£0	£185	
43	10/06/21 Wycoller Beck Footpath Stabilisation Project	T Partridge (ES)		£6,000	£1,500	£7,500	£0	£7,500	Funding of £6,000 agreed on 10/06/21 together with an allocation of £500 each from the funds of Cllrs Neil Butterworth, David Cockburn-Price and Sarah Cockburn- Price. In addition, Trawden Forest Parish Council be asked to contribute a further £2,500 to the project
	<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>£113,247</b>	<b>£35,010</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£148,257</b>	<b>£46,232</b>	<b>£102,025</b>	
	<b>Unallocated Funds</b>		<b>£0</b>	<b>£7,380</b>		<b>£7,380</b>		<b>£7,380</b>	
	<b>Total Funds Available 21/22</b>		<b>£113,247</b>	<b>£42,390</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£155,637</b>	<b>£46,232</b>	<b>£109,405</b>	