

CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2012/2013
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<p>Public Sector Housing</p>
<p>Budgets on Sheltered Housing Schemes, Environmental Improvements, Windows and Doors, the Housing Computer System, Fixtures and Fittings, and Garages have been re-aligned to facilitate the requirements of the programme.</p> <p>Slippage has been incurred on: Sheltered Housing Schemes, Environmental Improvements, Windows and Doors, Energy Efficiency Schemes, Structural Works, Professional Fees, Communal Areas, and the General Contingency due to various factors which have been explained in Appendix C.</p>
<p>Housing Strategy</p>
<p>An Affordable Housing Development Project which will support the development of up to 32 affordable homes in the borough is being explored and planning application approval is awaited before the scheme can progress. This budget has, therefore, been slipped into the new financial year.</p>
<p>Property Management</p>
<p>The Corporate Property Programme comprises a number of schemes most of which were completed by the 31st March. However, there were delays on various projects including the demolition of Westec House, Public Convenience refurbishments, Civic Hall boiler replacement, and memorial works which have been slipped into the new financial year.</p>
<p>Corporate Services</p>
<p>Progress made on delivering Parish Capital Schemes rests with individual Parishes and is not within the direct control of the Borough Council. The balance on this budget has, therefore, been slipped into the new financial year.</p> <p>The ICT Infrastructure budget has been utilised to fund the costs associated with the transfer of ICT related equipment due to the demolition of Westec House along with agreed contract payments to Lancashire County Council/One Connect Ltd.</p> <p>Slippage on the Electronic Document Management System is for final account payments that are due in the new Year.</p> <p>The Capital Development Programme is set up to fund various projects, including Web Improvements and Wireless Network, which are progressing.</p>

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Community Services - Private Sector Housing

Approvals for Disabled Facilities Grants are fully committed at the end of the year although some payments will be made at the beginning of the new year.

Demand for Renovation Grants has been less than anticipated and the unused approval has been returned to the general capital pot. The Clearance Programme at Lime Court budget has been fully spent.

Unfortunately, discussions with possible partners have proved unsuccessful so far on the Empty Homes Initiative so the funding has been slipped into the new financial year when the Scheme will be reviewed.

Other Community Services

Demolition works on Skelmersdale Sports Centre that were approved as part of the Council's Major Service Review have been included in the Capital Programme due to the nature of the works.

The Leisure Trust funding is part of an on-going agreement and the budget is fully spent as with the Environmental Health Computer system.

Building works for the CCTV Suite Relocation and camera replacements and upgrades are mostly complete but have incurred some slippage into the new year.

The Play Area Improvements Budget is an ongoing Capital Programme and two potential schemes that are under discussions with residents have been slipped into the new financial year. New schemes using recently approved section 106 monies will be completed after the financial year end and have also been slipped.

Flood Alleviation schemes at Calico Brook and Dock Brook are complete apart from retentions that will slip into the new financial year and additional expenditure incurred has been funded by Government Grant.

Planning

The remaining approval for the Skelmersdale Town Centre/Skelmersdale Vision Project is a contingency for environmental improvements following the acquisition of land and has been slipped into the new financial year.

The remaining Planning schemes are demand led and unused budgets on the Free Tree Scheme, Conservation Area Enhancement Grants and Buildings at Risk have been slipped.