

CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2013/2014
HEADS OF SERVICE COMMENTS

<p>Public Sector Housing</p>
<p>This is the most ambitious programme of investment that the Council has undertaken and this year's Budget for Public Sector Housing is £15m. Of this, £12.1m (81%) has been spent and £2.9m (19%) has been slipped into the new financial year. This is a significant improvement on the 74% spend (£6.7m against a Programme of £9.1m) in the previous financial year.</p> <p>Explanations for significant slippage have been included in Appendix C. Slippage has also occurred on Drainage due to on-going discussions with the utilities company and there has been minor slippage on Failed Double Glazing, Electrical Upgrades, Structural Works, Binstores, Gutters, and Gullies due to planning and design issues along with retentions.</p> <p>Issues were resolved on the Communal Door and Community Heating Programmes meaning the anticipated overspend did not materialise. There was, however, an overspend on Sheltered Accommodation where additional fire equipment and lift works were identified and as a result of additional expenditure on a new Housing Computer System that was added to the Programme. These overspends have, however, been offset by a saving in Professional Fees.</p>
<p>Housing Strategy</p>
<p>This budget has been earmarked for contributions to various sites that have attracted HCA funding and/or will be provided by our registered provider partner. Each site is different and delivery and timing is affected by various issues. However, the first development using this budget will commence early in the new financial year meaning that budgets have been slipped.</p>
<p>Regeneration and Estates</p>
<p>Demolition works at Gorsey Place were completed in year.</p> <p>Plans are being put into place for procurement and appointment of consultants for the Greenshoots project and scoping work for the Culvert Debris Screens is scheduled to start early in the new financial year. Budgets for both have, therefore, been slipped.</p>

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<p>Property Management</p>
<p>The Corporate Property Programme comprises a number of projects within Property Services which were mostly completed within the financial year. Slippage comprises those schemes scheduled for locations with uncertain future plans.</p>
<p>Planning</p>
<p>The Planning ICT System is progressing with phase 2 being slipped into the new financial year.</p> <p>The remaining Planning schemes are demand led. The Free Tree Scheme has been hugely popular and is complete for the year with the small overspend against budget being financed from a Revenue contribution. However, demand for both Conservation Area Enhancement Grants and Buildings at Risk has been lower than anticipated and unused budgets have been slipped into the next financial year.</p>
<p>Street Scene</p>
<p>Replacement Blue Bins have been purchased and distributed to households and the scheme is expected to be completed early in the new financial year. The remaining budget for this has, therefore, been slipped.</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 unspent balance on this budget has, therefore, been slipped into the new financial year.</p> <p>A new ICT strategy has been drawn up to ensure that risk is effectively controlled and expenditure will increase significantly once the strategy has been put in place. Work on the new Website Content Management System has also commenced and a number of purchase orders have been raised for this project. Remaining budgets on both have been slipped into the new financial year.</p>

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Community Services - Private Sector Housing

Both Disabled Facility Grants and Renovation Grants are demand led. Demand for Renovation Grants was lower than anticipated and demand for Disabled Facility Grants was significantly higher than anticipated. The Clearance Programme was completed within its budget.

The unused budgets on the Clearance Programme and Renovation Grants have helped to offset the overspend on Disabled Facility Grants and the balance of funding has been brought forward from the Medium Term Programme. There has, therefore, been no slippage for this area.

Other Community Services

The Leisure Trust funding is part of an on-going agreement and the budget has been fully spent. Parish Play Area Schemes are completed for the year as is the extension to Sandy Lane Car Park and the resurfacing of the car park at the Robert Hodge Centre.

Additional cameras have been included in the CCTV Programme and schemes are mostly completed for the year with an element of slippage for the Parish area allocation.

Additional works on the Flood Alleviation schemes at both Calico and Dock Brooks have been funded by additional grant. Works at Abbey Brook have commenced and will continue into the new year and the budget has been slipped.

A contribution to survey works on Playing Pitch Improvements is dependent on our partner's external bid application which has been delayed. The budget has, therefore been slipped into next year as has the budget for Moor Street where there have been delays in our partner's consultation process.

Works have commenced on various Play Areas and Parks and the remaining budgets have been slipped into the new year.