

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2014/2015**  
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<p><b>Public Sector Housing</b></p>
<p>Explanations for significant slippage have been included in Appendix C. Slippage has occurred in the main on Windows and Doors due to removal of asbestos, Stubb Blocks due to design specifications and Heating systems due to late contract start on site. There has been slippage also in Disabled Adaptations, Electrical Works, Environmental works and professional fees.</p> <p>There has, however, been a significant overspend on replacement Heating Systems so as to ensure compliance with our statutory duty to maintain provision of hot water and heating, an overspend on bathrooms due to volumes exceeding expectation and an overspend on Firbeck revival programme. These overspends have, however, been offset by underspends elsewhere within the capital programme.</p>
<p><b>Housing Strategy</b></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 factors and this can create an element of slippage. The second development using this budget has commenced and will provide 31 affordable units consisting of 25 bungalows and 6 apartments to be completed early next year.</p>
<p><b>Regeneration and Estates</b></p>
<p>The culverts scheme has largely been completed pending a final review.</p> <p>The Green Shoots scheme has been approved by Council and the procurement of the contractor has been completed, the scheme is set to commence over the summer months.</p> <p>The site which was damaged by fire at Gorse Place is set for clearance imminently, Proposals for its redevelopment will be considered and reported upon in due course.</p>

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<p><b>Property Management</b></p>
<p>The Corporate Property Programme comprises a number of projects within Property Services which were mostly completed within the financial year. Slippage has been caused predominately by the postponement of works at locations which are due to undergo larger scale works in 2015/16. Delays were also caused by the retirement and replacement of the Facilities Manager and the unavailability of materials required to carry out certain other projects.</p>
<p><b>Planning</b></p>
<p>There are a number of schemes that are on-going or remain to be implemented therefore the funding will need to be slipped into the new financial year. Slippage is also required to fund the replacement scanner and quotations are currently being sought.</p> <p>The Free Tree Scheme has been popular once again, and is complete for the year with a small overspend against budget being financed from a Revenue contribution. 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>Slippage is required to fund the new database to monitor S106/CIL as the scheme has not yet been completed in full.</p>
<p><b>Street Scene</b></p>
<p>Replacement Blue Bins have been purchased and distributed to households and the scheme is now complete. The remaining budget for this has been declared as a variance.</p> <p>Preliminary scoping works for the in cab communication system have been taking place and the initiative is scheduled for development over the course of the summer.</p>
<p><b>Corporate Services</b></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>An ICT strategy has been agreed and the necessary funding put in place to deliver it. While expenditure by the year end was limited, the strategy should ensure that key issues will be addressed, and the unused budgets at the year end have now largely been committed against specific projects.</p>

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<p><b>Community Services - Private Sector Housing</b></p>
<p>Both schemes in the Housing Private Sector Programme are demand led and expenditure each year can vary accordingly. The Disabled Facilities Grant Scheme budget was delivered in full and there was a small overspend which has been financed, while there was a small underspend on the Renovation Grant Scheme which has been slipped into 2015/2016.</p>
<p><b>Other Community Services</b></p>
<p>Good progress was made in delivering improvements to Ormskirk Car Parks and schemes for Parish Play Areas, the Leisure Trust scheme and Parks and Open Spaces.</p> <p>There has been some slippage on the West Lancs Play Strategy where there is a plan in place to use these approvals in the new financial year, CCTV where camera installation is now progressing, and Flood Alleviation Schemes where drainage studies are continuing and which are dependent on external consultants.</p> <p>It is expected that the Moor Street project will be completed during 2015/16.</p>
<p><b>Central Budget Items</b></p>
<p>Detailed proposals on the use of the Environmental / Town and Village Centre Improvement Fund were considered by Council in February and Cabinet in March. This budget has now been fully allocated to individual projects which should be implemented during the course of the 2015/16 financial year.</p>