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Housing Strategy
<p>The Affordable Housing budget is committed to our Partnership with Regenda Housing Group. The first site of 4 units has been completed and families housed. The second site of 31 units will be complete in early 2016. A third site of 14 units has recently received planning permission and work is planned to start in 16/17.</p> <p>The partnership has helped attract over £1m to date of additional HCA investment to our Borough. New Homes Bonus at the higher rate will also be achieved when the affordable units are completed.</p>
Property Management
<p>Steady progress is being made on implementing the property management programme and it is expected that the budget will be fully used or committed by the year end.</p>
Solar PV
<p>Work is now on track to try to complete as many installations as possible before the end of December, when it is expected that the Government will change the rules on Feed in Tariff income. This is a challenging deadline but good progress has been made to date.</p>
Regeneration and Estates
<p>The overall expenditure on the Greenshoots project is expected to be £1.7m and it is anticipated that most of the scheme will be completed this financial year. However some allowance has been made for any bad weather delays and the retentions that will be attributable to the scheme.</p>

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Community Services - Private Sector Housing

Both Housing Renewal Grants and Disabled Facility Grants are demand led. Demand for Renewal Grants is lower than anticipated and some of the approval has been returned to the Capital Pot for other investment. Expenditure on both schemes should now be in line with budgets and any unspent budgets will be slipped into the new financial year to meet anticipated demand.

Other Community Services

The Leisure Trust funding is part of an on-going agreement and the budget will be fully spent.

Approvals using section 106 monies have been included for improvement works at various parks and at Station Road. Additional works have been identified at Dock Brook which will be funded by an Environment Agency Grant.

The Allotment Scheme is the subject of a separate report elsewhere on the agenda.

Following completion of works at Sandy Lane, the remaining funding has been transferred to fund additional works on Ormskirk Car Parks.

Approvals have been re-profiled on the Play Strategy due to the consultation process at Stanley Coronation Park and Phase 4 of CCTV implementation which is currently progressing through the tendering process.

Most schemes remaining in the Programme should now broadly progress in line with their approvals.

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Planning
<p>The free tree scheme runs in October and November and expenditure is expected to be in line with the budget.</p> <p>The CIL/S106 database has been implemented with further plans this year to interface with the land charges system.</p> <p>A replacement Scanner has now been installed and plans are in place to provide a further scanner and to fund ICT upgrades by the end of the year. Expenditure on implementing the OR recommendations is dependent upon the Planning ICT upgrade, and the budget is expected to be spent.</p>
Street Scene
<p>The Vehicle In-Cab Communication System will be completed by the end of the financial year.</p>
Corporate - Financial Services
<p>The progress made on delivering Parish Capital projects rests with individual Parish Councils and is not within the direct control of the Borough Council. Part of this year's budget has been re-profiled into the next financial year and part has been returned to the Capital Pot as it is no longer required.</p>

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Corporate Services - Transformation

The approval for the Contact Centre System Upgrade has been re-profiled pending the outcome of the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards Assessment and is not expected to complete until next financial year.

A part of the Website Contract Management System approval has been re-profiled pending the security standards assessment. The remaining approval is planned for implementation this financial year.

The ICT Development budget funds an agreed ICT Strategy as well as service-specific developments as appropriate. No changes are proposed for this capital budget. Based on project completion dates, all projects with committed expenditure should be concluded by the end of the year. There has been significant progress with the ICT capital funded work during 2015/16 including:

- Public Sector Network (PSN) accreditation 2015 by meeting standards set by government (which then, for example, enables us to continue to deliver the Revenues and Benefits Service)
- Introduction of MDM Airwatch to enable secure access to email and network from around 120 mobile devices
- Work on Windows server upgrade – upgrading of 54 servers on version 2003 which will become unsupported by Microsoft
- Email Microsoft exchange 2010 migration (migrate email platform to the new email exchange platform)
- Upgrade of Northgate for Planning/Community Services
- Upgrade of IKEN (legal services)
- Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards compliance (card payment software)
- Email filtering/SPAM reduction by McAfee SaaS

Central Budget Items

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 and it is expected that these should be implemented within a reasonable time scale. There is also an unallocated amount of £634,000 which was considered but not allocated to specific schemes at the February Council meeting. A decision on how this funding should be used will be made in due course.