

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008/2009**  
**DIVISIONAL MANAGER COMMENTS**  
**AT MID-YEAR**

<b>Non Divisional Items</b>
The Capital Contingency is a fund held to cover urgent unforeseen expenditure. To date there has been no call on this fund.
<b>Financial Services</b>
No changes have been made to this budget which is allocated to Parishes who manage projects themselves. Progress is dependent on Parishes completing individual projects.
<b>Assistant Chief Executive</b>
Cabinet have approved a programme of individual projects along with a contingency for future years which has been reprofiled. Schemes are progressing in line with this Programme.
<b>Corporate Property</b>
Reprofiling is due a range of issues including the proposed Abbotsford Redevelopment. Other schemes are progressing and will be completed within 2008/2009.
<b>Regeneration and Estates</b>
Reprofiling on Abbotsford Regeneration is due to a delay in the development negotiations and reprofiling on Gorseley Place is due to on-going tenant negotiations causing delay. An element of the Skelmersdale Town Centre scheme has been reprofiled due to the contingent nature of Nye Bevan Roof and the externally funded balance on this approval is no longer required as this element has been completed. Cabinet approved a new re-roofing scheme at Greenhey Place and the budget for Whitemoss Car Park will need to be reviewed during quarter 3 following the tender results. The Inspire project has increased as a result of the reappraisal of demand. IIB has reduced and Internal Scheme Adjustments have been introduced as a result of an accounting adjustment to reflect operational arrangements rather than a reduction in demand. All schemes should continue to conclusion against their revised budget in the current financial year.

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**Human Resources**

The remaining funding approval for the final module on the new Personnel and Payroll Upgrade System has been returned to the capital pot as the timing of the implementation is unknown. A subsequent bid will be made at a later date as necessary.

**Community Services**

Several Contaminated Land schemes are in the pipeline but reprofiling is due to new Central Government guidance that is awaited. Accounting adjustments have been made to reflect the revenue nature of a grant received for Playgrounds and the capital nature of the Environmental Health System. Coronation Park Bowling Green, Chapel Gallery (refurbishment), Play Area (consultation), and Beacon Park Driving Range Fencing and Portacabin are all complete. Work has commenced on Play Engagement and a bid response is awaited from the OWLS for the Model Boat Lake contribution. All other approvals are committed and progressing.

**Planning & Development**

Reprofiling on Conservation Area Enhancements is due to the demand led nature of the scheme and on Christmas Lights due to a variety of issues. Funding has not yet been committed against the Appley Bridge Station, East Quarry Appley Bridge, Burscough Appraisal, and Church Street schemes. The balance on Aughton Street Pedestrianisation has been added to the Clock Tower to fund further works identified and expressions of interest have been invited for Ormskirk Market. Delivery of the new pay and display machines is awaited and there are commitments against the remaining approvals.

**Housing Private Sector**

An additional grant has been awarded by Central Government for DFGs and this has been matched by a virement from the Clearance Programme budget that remains uncommitted. All of the Renewal Grant Budget is committed and the Home Loan Scheme Tender closes in November. A report on Affordable Housing is included elsewhere on this agenda. The revised approvals are now on target to be met in 2008/2009.

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The Disabled Adaptations programme has increased in size due to increased demand and the Replacement Bin Stores at New Church Farm has been added following a Health and Safety issue. Both increases have been funded from the HRA. The TV Aerial budget has been reprofiled into 2009/2010 pending a decision on the digital system requirements and the Replacement Simdell System has been reprofiled pending the outcome of the tender process. The remaining schemes are progressing in line with their approvals which should be fully spent by the end of the year allowing for necessary retentions.