

2008/2009 CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN
DIVISIONAL MANAGER COMMENTS

Parish Capital Schemes

Spending is determined by the progress that Parish Councils make on individual schemes. Unspent approvals have been slipped for use in the 2009/2010 Programme.

Assistant Chief Executive

The rollout of Electronic Document Management is continuing and the ICT Infrastructure and EGovernment Programme are progressing. Good progress has been made on further developing key systems including the website, Contact Centre (CRM), Geographic Information System (GIS), Planning, Building Control, and Geographic Mapping Systems. This has enabled the realisation of service improvements and savings across the Council. Progress was slower in 2008/2009 than anticipated on some projects however, notably Server Virtualisation and Consolidation, due to unplanned or Government required work, and this impacted on spend. Unused approvals have been slipped into 2009/2010 when further expenditure will be incurred.

Corporate Property

Schemes are progressing but slippage has occurred due to a moratorium on capital investment at a number of Council owned properties where their long-term future is uncertain. The Office Refurbishment is progressing and is scheduled for completion in Autumn 2009.

Regeneration and Estates

Asbestos Management at Gladden Place, Burscough CCTV, European Objective 2 projects, and Greenhey Place are complete as is part of Gorsey Place Re-roofing. The remaining Gorsey Place Re-roofing along with Inspire projects and the Investment Centre Car Park works are progressing and approvals have been slipped into 2009/2010. IIB projects completed within budget for the year and will continue in the new year. There are delays in the preparatory phase on the Abbotsford Regeneration project and the approval has also been slipped into 2009/2010. A further £10,000 of environmental works was identified on Burscough Town Centre. This is fully funded by external grant and will continue into 2009/2010.

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Planning & Development
Contributions have been made to Ormskirk Railway Station Improvements and the West Lancs Community Rail Partnership and the Pay and Display Machines have been installed. Works on Conservation Area Enhancements, Preservation of Buildings at Risk, Ormskirk Clock Tower/Aughton Street, and Free Tree Scheme are ongoing and unspent approvals have been slipped into 2009/2010. Design/safety issues have caused a delay on Cycle Projects resulting in programme slippage and tenders have only been received recently for Ormskirk Market Stalls causing slippage of the scheme.
Community Services
Alder Lane Landfill Site, Community Environmental Acton, and equipment for the Gallery Refurbishment are complete. Beacon Park Portacabin and Driving Range schemes are also complete but incurred minor overspends which have been funded from underspends elsewhere. Approvals for the year were fully utilised for the Leisure Trust and Contaminated Land Schemes and both schemes will continue in the 2009/2010 programme. Richmond Park, Coronation Park, Play Area Improvements, and implementation of the Health Computer System are progressing and unspent approvals have been slipped into 2009/2010 when completion is expected. An overspend of £15,000 on the Playing Pitch Improvements at Liverpool Road has been funded from the uncommitted approval for Play Areas from the 2010/2011 element of the Medium Term Programme. Funding from the Local Lancashire Area Agreement has been fully spent.
Housing Private Sector
The Disabled Facility Grants Programme for the year was delivered in full. Renovation Grant approvals for the year are committed and the budget approval for the Loans Scheme have been slipped as the scheme is not yet operational. The Clearance Programme has been slipped into 2009/2010 due the need to complete legal procedures. Funding of £13,000 has been reprofiled from 2009/2010 to facilitate the acquisition of a property within the Affordable Housing Budget.
Housing Public Sector
There have been unspent approvals on most schemes which have all been slipped into the 2009/2010 Programme for completion early in the year. Overspends on Kitchens and Bathrooms, Professional Fees, and Demolitions were funded by HRA contribution.