

CAPITAL PROGRAMME OUTTURN 2015/2016
HEADS OF SERVICE COMMENTS

<p>Public Sector Housing</p>
<p>Expenditure in the year was £12.255m against a budget of £16.601m. This means that 74% of the programme was spent in year, which is similar to the performance that has been delivered in previous years. It is intended that £3.411m of the unused budget will be slipped into the next financial year to enable on going schemes to be delivered in line with our standard practice.</p> <p>Funding of £1.195m has been identified that is no longer required for its original purpose and it was approved by Council in July 2016 to use this amount towards funding the building or purchase of affordable housing.</p>
<p>Property Management</p>
<p>There was expenditure of £1.928m on the solar PV scheme, which was implemented in a short timescale during the course of the year. Just under 600 Council houses benefitted from this investment.</p> <p>The Corporate Property Programme comprises a number of projects within Property Services which were mostly completed within the financial year. Approval in year for the solar PV capital scheme has meant that some of these works have had to be put back into the next financial year.</p>
<p>Transformation</p>
<p>An ICT strategy has been agreed and the necessary funding put in place to deliver it. While actual expenditure by the year end did not reach the level of the budget target, the strategy should ensure that key issues will be addressed. Consequently the unused budgets at the year end have now been largely committed against specific projects within the agreed strategy.</p>

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<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 factors and this can create an element of slippage.</p>
<p>Regeneration and Estates</p>
<p>Work is continuing on the Greenwood Business Centre development incorporating 11 industrial/warehouse units at Gorseley Place Business Park. Budget slippage into 2016/2017 has been required to complete.</p>
<p>Planning</p>
<p>There are a number of schemes that are on-going and therefore the associated funding will need to be slipped into the new financial year.</p> <p>A number of OR recommendations are yet to be implemented and it is anticipated that additional Scanner requirements will be needed to support the new EDRM system. The Free Tree Scheme has been popular, 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. The Skelmersdale Vision work is on-going and there will be a variety of potential costs associated with moving the project forward.</p>
<p>Street Scene</p>
<p>Hardware (In Cab Touch Screen Units) are now fitted to all the specified Refuse and Recycling Vehicles. Data exchange relating to individual household collection services and other collection criteria is currently being collected, validated and exchanged. First phase training of user group team (including BTLIS IT) has taken place. Further training and data input to build up a "current collection service provision" is on-going.</p>

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<p>Central Items</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>Funding for other Central Schemes has been fully allocated and so any unused amounts at the year end have been slipped into the next financial year.</p>
<p>Leisure and Wellbeing - Private Sector Housing</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 not fully used and the balance has now been slipped into 2016/2017. There was a small underspend on the Renovation Grant Scheme due to a lower demand than anticipated.</p>
<p>Other Leisure and Wellbeing</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 have been some delays to the Chapel Gallery improvements scheme but this is now due for completion in Summer 2016. CCTV camera installation is progressing, and the Flood Alleviation Schemes are expected to complete during 2016/17.</p> <p>The Moor Street project is now complete with a small amount of slippage into 2016/17 to allow for any minor issues.</p>