

ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

Report By: **DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT**

Purpose

1. To advise Members on the progress of the 2006/07 Capital Programme for Environment Areas within the overall context of the Herefordshire Council Capital Programme.

Financial Implications

2. Capital Budgets for the Environment Programme Areas for 2006/07 are shown in Appendix 1, on an individual basis, with funding arrangements indicated in overall terms.
3. The total of the Capital Programme has been increased to £13,387,000 from £13,216,000 notified to the previous meeting (see Appendix 1). This is a net increase of £171,000 and relates to:
 - The transfer of Victoria Bridge project £303,000, previously included in Economic Development Capital Programme. The total cost of this project is £725,000, the remainder being funded through LTP;
 - Reduction of £407,000 in the 2006/07 Programme in relation to slippage in Leominster Closed Landfill Monitoring Infrastructure;
 - An increase of £100,000 in relation to the anticipated capital receipt from the sale of Union Street toilets, which will be used to fund new Public Toilets in Gaol Street Car Park;
 - An increase in Waste Performance and Efficiency following the receipt of capital grant of £175,000 from DEFRA.

Considerations

4. The report has been largely based on the latest round of capital monitoring, which involved an examination of all schemes at the end of September 2006. Care is being taken to ensure the forecast spend accurately reflects the expected spend in 2006/07. The Environment General Capital Working Group is keeping the overall spending position under careful review.
5. The actual spend against each scheme is shown as at 30th September 2006.
6. The total spent or committed to 30th September is £7.624 million or 57% of the Revised Forecast. The actual amount spent is £4.274 million.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be noted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None identified.