

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 reduced to £12,222,000 from £13,387,000 notified to the previous meeting (see Appendix 1). This is a net decrease of £1,165,000 and relates to:
 - Reduction of £245,000 in relation to Leominster Closed Landfill Monitoring Infrastructure due to delays in regulation compliance, work is now expected to start in March 2007,
 - A decrease of £341,000 in relation to Public toilet Improvements. This mainly relates to work at Ross which is not expected to be completed until 2007/08.
 - An increase in funding of £110,000 from Statutory Undertakers in relation to Roman Road.
 - A reduction in Grafton Travellers Site work of £39,000 reflects slippage of retention into 2007/08.
 - Slippage in the Hereford Crematorium of £650,000 due to land purchase issues. Negotiations are still in progress but work is unlikely to start in the current year.

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 January 2007. 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 31st January 2007.
6. The total spent or committed to 31st January is £10.6 million or 86% of the Revised Forecast. The actual amount spent is £7.846 million.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT subject to any comments the Committee may wish to make the report be noted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None identified.