

MEETING:	ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	23 NOVEMBER 2009
TITLE OF REPORT:	CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING
PORTFOLIO AREA:	ENVIRONMENT & STRATEGIC HOUSING

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To advise the Scrutiny Committee on progress of the 2009/10 Environment Capital Programme within the overall context of the Council's Capital Programme.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation

THAT the report be noted.

Introduction and Background

- 3 This report is largely based on the latest round of capital monitoring, which involved the examination of all schemes at the end of September 2009. The Environment Capital Working Group is keeping the overall spending position under careful review.
- 4 The total spent and committed at 30 September 2009 is £9.579 million or 57.3% of the Revised Forecast. The actual amount spent to date is £5.903 million.

Key Considerations

- 5 The Capital budgets for Environment for 2009/10 are shown in summary on Appendix 1, on scheme basis with funding arrangements indicated in overall terms.
- 6 The total of the Capital Programme reduced to £16,717k from the figure of £16,755k previously reported to this committee. This is a reduction of £38k relates to the following variance:
 - a. Transfer of £58k budget in relation to Safer Stronger communities in relation to Community Safety which is part of the Community Services portfolio;

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- b. An addition of £50k in relation to Highway Works in Commercial and Union Street. This is fully funded by s106 Agreement monies from private developers following the redevelopment of retail units.
- c. A reduction of £30k on the Strangford Closed Landfill site scheme. This reflects the costs of monitoring to be carried out in 2010/11 following the installation of the monitoring boreholes.
- d. Minor changes have been made to the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Budgets. There is an increased budget on Highways Maintenance of £250k to meet costs of repairs at Symonds Yat. These funds were made available by current year reductions in budget for two Hereford Transport schemes. Firstly, to reflect a more realistic spend profile whilst a review of the overall business case for the scheme is carried out, there has been a reduction in the current year of £200k for the Park and Ride (North) scheme. Once completed, the business case review will be considered in determining future years programme for this scheme. There is also a reduction in the 2009/10 budget of £50k in relation to the Outer Distributor Road scheme. This reflects the budgetary requirements to take forward the development of the scheme at this stage. A multi model transport study has been completed and has informed options to be considered by the Local Development Framework Core Strategy consultation early in 2010.
- e. Appendix 1 includes spend and commitments for the Ross Flood Alleviation Scheme. Costs in relation to the scheme are fully recoverable from the Environment Agency. Current spend and commitments are highlighted for completeness and will be addressed through final contract completion.

Financial Implications

- 6 These are contained in the body of the report. The forecast is based on the Capital Budget Monitoring to the end of September

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Summary Environment Capital Programme Budget 2009/10

Background Papers

- None identified.