

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>26 NOVEMBER 2010</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES</b>

## **Wards Affected**

County-wide

## **Purpose**

To advise Scrutiny Committee on progress of the 2010/11 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**

- 1 This report is largely based on the latest round of capital monitoring, which involved the examination of all schemes at the end of September 2010. The Environment Capital Working Group is keeping the overall spending position under careful review.
- 2 The total spent and committed at 30 September 2010 is £11.6 million or 64.3% of the Revised Forecast. The actual amount spent to date is £7.9 million.

## **Key Considerations**

- 3 The Capital budgets for Environment for 2010/11 are shown in summary on Appendix 1, on scheme basis with funding arrangements indicated in overall terms.
- 4 The total of the Capital Programme reduced to £17,998k from the figure of £18,838k previously reported to this committee. This is a reduction of £840k and relates to the following variances:

- a. An increase of £117k in relation to Hereford Transport Strategy in relation to the Relief Road Study to reflect funding for this project from Growth Point revenue grant.
- b. A reduction of £233k in relation to the Closed Landfill Site at Leominster. The Environment Agency have now provided further guidance on this scheme and the work to install the remainder of the leachate perimeter drain is now expected to be carried out in Spring 2011 to avoid delays and additional costs likely to be caused by winter weather. The project is funded through prudential borrowing and will be included in the 2011/12 Capital Programme.
- c. A reduction of £750k in relation to Yazor Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme and reflects works that are now expected to be carried out in 2011/12. The scheme is fully funded by Advantage West Midlands as part of the Hereford Futures programme. This funding will be reprofiled into the final delivery year of this project so there is no overall reduction in funding for this scheme.
- d. An addition of £26k in relation to the purchase of Radios for the Parking and Community Protection teams, this is funded through revenue budget savings within Parking.

## **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 2010.

## **Appendix**

Appendix 1 – Summary Environment Capital Programme Budget 2010/11

## **Background Papers**

- None identified.