

CAPITAL PROGRAMME DETAIL

1.1 Community Buildings Investment

The Kingshill House Trust continues to be keen to take on the freehold interest of Kingshill House (Community Buildings Investment). Draft terms for a transfer have now been agreed with Kingshill House Trust. A report will be taken to a future meeting of Strategy and Resources Committee to approve, in principle, the terms for a transfer now that they have been agreed. The anticipated date of transfer is 20/21, subject to the full impact of Covid 19 on the Trust.

1.2 Stratford Park Lido

Following completion of the business case, the project team were looking at the opportunity to submit bids for other community funding streams ahead of the bid to the HLF, unfortunately many funders have withdrawn general funding programmes with the start of Covid 19. The business case has been supplied as per the agreement with Tricolor, including a short recommendation paper. They will draft our Project Enquiry Form to the National Lottery Heritage Fund or another chosen provider when the funds re-open as part of the current agreement.

1.3 Canal

Work on the Development Stage of 'Cotswold Canals Connected' continues towards the target of submitting a bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund in May/June 2020. This project will cover restoration of the canal between Stonehouse and Saul Junction, connecting the already restored five mile length of canal to the national waterway network and making Stroud and Stonehouse canal towns once again.

The overall canal programme is currently forecast on target, with the underspend in capital costs offset by the salary costs in revenue (Appendix D). The variance in the 2019/20 capital programme relates to a change in profiling of the budget. The Council's contribution is expected to remain at £0.44m for the development stage, bringing the total spend to £0.8m at the end of this financial year, leaving £2.2m remaining from the £3.0m funding commitment. Any overall variance would affect the Council's in year contribution, with the total expenditure remaining at £3.0m for the Phase 1B project, plus £0.16m committed for interim costs pending the HLF bid, as included in the 2020/21 base budget.

1.4 Market Town Centres Initiative Fund.

The Distribution of Market Towns Funding was agreed at the January 2019 Strategy and Resources Committee. In order to be able to distribute the funds to the relevant Town Councils, written confirmation has been sought that they will spend the funds as agreed. There are a number of outstanding replies from the Town Councils and funds cannot be released until this confirmation is received. Reminders have been sent out in anticipation of this, and it is proposed to re-profile the remaining budget into next financial year.

1.5 Multi- Service Contract – Vehicles

Further procurement will be required to finalise specifications in order to future proof vehicles for the changes in service delivery. Ubico Fleet Management are undertaking an active procurement process in line with Councils five year Capital Programme. The vehicles will be procured once the specification have been agreed in 2020/21.

1.6 Stroud District Cycling and Walking Plan

The Nailsworth/Dudbridge route is now complete except for a small section near Woodchester which presented a logistical challenge at the time. The contractor will be returning to complete this late summer/autumn.

The Dursley-Cam greenway group have commenced a consultation on the reclassifying of a section of footpath to become part of the cycleway, with a view to spending an allocated £50k from the cycling and walking budget on this section.

The Kingswood-Wotton-Charfield greenway group have appointed Sustrans to carry out the design phase for this route. £10k of the cycling and walking budget has been allocated for this piece of work.

1.7 Wallbridge Gateway

Ecotricity withdrew their application to match fund on this project last financial year. SDC and Stroud Town Council are seeking designs for a scheme within the budget, this budget has now been re-profiled to 2020/21.

1.8 Avon Mutual

The share purchase in the co-operative bank is now complete and a share certificate has been received. Avon Mutual continue to update on their progress and an update will be given to this committee when their banking licence is issued.

1.9 Brimscombe Port Redevelopment

This underspend is due to the fact that the procurement of a partner for the redevelopment has not commenced and therefore the associated consultant costs have not been spent as anticipated. Due to the coronavirus, the design fees to move the car park for the Nelson Trust along with some additional engineering fees have not gone ahead. These costs will now be incurred in 2020/21.

1.10 Ebley Mill Works

Works are certified as practically complete, final progress payments have been paid to the contractors. (Contract retention is due for release, subject to final inspection in July 2020).

1.11 Electric Vehicle Acquisition

The electric vehicle purchase has been completed. Charge points for the use of the fleet vehicles have been installed. There are 6 points located at Ebley Mill and a further 7 at Brunel Mall. The project with the County Council and LEP to install charging points for public use throughout the District were due to completed by the end of the financial, this has been delayed due to the impact of Covid 19.

1.12 ICT Investment Plan

The ICT Investment Plan is underway and on target against budget. This includes the replacement of the laptop Citrix terminals and the Storage Network (SAN). The server host and infrastructure programme will also start to get underway, which incorporates a new disaster recovery solution.

1.13 Littlecombe Business units, Dursley

Works are complete with the final retention payment due on expiry of the defects liability period.

1.14 MSCP Re-surfacing

The resurfacing works at the Multi Storey Car Park are have been certified as essentially complete. Final payments have been released to contractors, with release of retention subject to final inspection in June 2020.

1.15 HRA Major Works

All programmes were stopped during March, due to the Covid-19 lockdown. The underspend of £1,297k relates to slippage across all schemes, although some have been affected more than others. Some schemes, such as replacement of Doors and Windows have been particularly hit as much of the work was due to be delivered during March.

There has also been some slippage due to the failure of one contractor, and another not meeting standard expectations and so work stopping.

There was additional spend in year on fitting out a unit at Littlecombe Business Units for use as a depot for Property Care, the in house repairs and maintenance service.

Slippage has only been proposed on the purchase of a new IT system. The major works budget will need to be completely reviewed for 2020/21 in order to establish a revised programme in light of Covid-19.

1.16 New Build and Development Programme

The successful completion of 11 Independent Living units at Tanners Piece came in at £224k under budget, and an additional property was purchased on the open market.

Current schemes underway, including Southbank which is currently under construction, and other schemes which are in earlier phases, have been impacted by Covid-19 and there will be slippage across the new build programme.

1.17 Sheltered Modernisation

The Sheltered Modernisation programme is a combination of revenue and capital works. A full breakdown of the programme can be found in Appendix F, paragraph 1.7.

Further detail on the Housing Revenue Account Capital programme can be found in the HRA Outturn Information Paper (July 2020)