

Capital Update on Activity and Finance

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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1 Purpose of Report

This report provides an overview of all of the capital schemes within the Service and their current status.

2 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the progress so far on current schemes.

3 Background

Updates on Finance and Activity within Capital Schemes are reported to Members at meetings of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

This report provides an update on current schemes.

4 Progress

This report covers the reporting period from the end of December 2014 to the end of March 2015. Detailed progress on schemes carried forward from 2013/14 or earlier; and on this year's schemes (2014/15) is shown within the appendices.

Schemes that are part of the Service Transformation Programme will be monitored by the Service Transformation Programme Board.

5 Financial Implications

The financial implications are as outlined within the report.

6 Legal Comment

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

7 Equality Impact Assessment

Officers have considered the Service's Brigade Order on Equality Impact Assessments (Personnel 5 Part 2) and have decided that there are no discriminatory practices or differential impacts upon specific groups arising from this report. An Initial Equality Impact Assessment has not, therefore been completed.

8 Appendices

Appendix A

Non-exempt Update to end of March 2015 on Schemes carried forward from 2013/14 and prior and on Schemes for 2014/15

Appendix B

Paper 9

Exempt Update to end of March 2015 on Schemes carried forward from 2013/14 and prior and on Schemes for 2014/15

9 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

Schemes carried forward from 2013/14 and prior

Name of Scheme	Balance brought forward from 2013/14	Balance carried over into 2015/16	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Shrewsbury Appliance Bay Doors	£96k	£21k	December 2015	Andrew Kelcey	The doors have been installed and the structural steelwork repaired. Finishes are required to complete the project.
Capital Training Improvements 2013/14 and Training Improvements cfwd from 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10 and Training Facilities 2010/11	£159k	£123k	December 2015	Andy Perry	Foundations are complete at Much Wenlock, Clun, and Whitchurch, and the tower erected (but not clad) at Church Stretton. The BT cable at Much Wenlock remains an issue and final completion dates are unknown. Shropshire Council will continue to chase BT at Much Wenlock and erection of towers will continue.
Light Vehicle Replacement	£82k	£41k	Unknown	John Das Gupta	Vehicles continue to be purchased as and when needed, rather than on an automatic rolling replacement.
Replace Ford Rangers and Land Rovers with incident support units (ISUs) with fire fogging capability	£68k	£0k	March 2015	Andrew Kelcey	Scheme closed
Fire Alarms on stations	£15k	£0k	April 2015	Andrew Kelcey	Scheme closed

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Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service Memorandum of Understanding (H&W MOU) - Corporate Gazetteer	£65k	£58k	Unknown (to be reviewed after appointment of Geographical Intelligence Officer)	Andy Johnson Louise McKenzie	A gazetteer system was purchased but the loss of a key member of staff has delayed the progress of the project. Several options were presented to officers and it was agreed that the Service would appoint another Geographical Intelligence Officer to complete the project.

Schemes for 2014/15

Name of Scheme	Scheme amount	Balance carried over into 2015/16	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Thermal Imaging Cameras	£25k	£25k	March 2015	Andrew Kelcey	The scheme provides funding to replace Thermal Imaging Cameras that are beyond economic repair.
Video Conferencing	£69k	£44K	September 2015	Sally Edwards	The installation will take place during the summer, followed by a training programme. There are discussions taking place with Kelway to deliver the training.

Name of Scheme	Scheme amount	Balance carried over into 2015/16	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
IT infrastructure	£100k	£70k	March 2015	Sally Edwards	The scheme has been used to purchase tablet devices for officers and the mobile device management licence. The remainder of the balance will be used for further IT developments throughout the year.
Light pumping unit (to replace the light pumping unit and prime mover schemes and brought forward to 2014/15 as agreed at the April meeting of the Fire Authority)	£500k	£429K	September 2015	Andrew Kelcey	The pumping unit has been installed on the chassis and the appliance delivered to Angloco for stowage, lighting and conspicuity works. Stowage arrangements have been confirmed at a site meeting. Angloco will complete the stowage works, followed by delivery to the Service for radio installation, commissioning and training. There is minimal contractual risk to the organisation, should the contractor be unable to deliver a legally compliant vehicle to our agreed specification, as this would be a breach of contract on their part. Delivery of the vehicle is anticipated in September 2015.

Name of Scheme	Scheme amount	Balance carried over into 2015/16	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Improvements at Wellington (Appliance Bay Doors, Dormitories and Heating System)	£270k	£123k	Dormitories December 2014 Appliance Bay Doors February 2015 Dates still to be confirmed for the Heating System	Andrew Kelcey	The building, appliance bay heating and door replacement works are complete. A new capital scheme has been agreed to provide a breathing apparatus compressor at the site. A resin floor will be laid in the appliance bay week commencing 17 August. Issues around permission for the Bio mass chimney have both delayed and increased the cost of this project. Additionally, a fall in gas prices has affected the business case financial basis. The viability of this scheme and the business case will be reviewed in 18 months, possibly leading to a significant postponement of the project (3 to 5 years), during which time equipment costs may reduce and gas prices stabilise.
Holmatro Pump Replacement	£33k	- £1k	March 2015	Andrew Kelcey	Similar to the Thermal Imaging Cameras scheme, this scheme provides funding to enable the Service to purchase new Holmatro Pumps that are beyond economic repair or upgrade, as improved capability becomes available.

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<p>Retained Station Works (It was agreed at the Fire Authority meeting in July that the 3 schemes over 3 years of £300k each would be brought forward into one scheme)</p>	<p>£900k</p>	<p>£861k</p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p>Andrew Kelcey</p>	<p>The construction contract has been awarded to Bow Construction. Work has started at Hodnet and was planned to take 10 weeks. Site works have been delayed by 1 to 2 weeks, which has been addressed by Telford & Wrekin (as architect for the schemes), and the contractor. Handover at Hodnet is anticipated on 7 July.</p> <p>A pre-start meeting has been held at Baschurch, with a planned start date of 29 June.</p> <p>Baart Harries Newall have been asked to refresh their Clun feasibility study to provide options for a simple extension / minor refurbishment, extension and full refurbishment, or a new building. A decision will then be required about how best to address the station accommodation needs at Clun.</p>

Please note that there is a second part to this appendix, which is an exempt paper and appears at item 9 on the agenda.