

Capital Update on Activity and Finance

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of all the capital schemes within the Brigade 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 Strategy and Resources Committee. This report provides an update on current schemes.

4 Progress

This report covers the reporting period December 2015 to July 2016. Detailed progress on schemes carried forward from 2015/16 or earlier; and on this year's schemes (2016/17) is shown within the appendices.

Schemes that have been added for 2016/17 include:

- Holmatro Pump Replacement
- Replacement of Light Vehicles
- Review and Replacement of Reserve Rescue Tender
- Retained Station Building works
- IT Infrastructure
- Building Improvements at Tweedale
- Building Improvements at Wellington
- Major Improvements at Telford
- Emergency Mobile Communications – LTE Network

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 July 2016 on Schemes carried forward from 2015/16 and prior and on Schemes for 2016/17.

Appendix B

Paper 10 Exempt Update to July 2016 on Schemes carried forward from 2015/16 and prior and on Schemes for 2016/17.

9 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

Buildings

Name of Scheme	Year scheme started	Current Balance	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Improvements at Wellington	2014/15 and prior	£65k	January 2016	Andrew Kelcey	All works completed with the exception of the boiler. Officers will review this in December 2016.
Retained Station Works	2014/15 and prior	£325k	Baschurch, Albrighton and Hodnet have been completed.	Andrew Kelcey	Further design development and consultation has been carried out for Clun. Proposed designs and potential costs have been presented to Fire Authority Members.
Underground Compartment Training facility	2015/16	£41k	April 2016	Andy Johnson John Harrison	Installation is complete. Invoices for work have been received and final costs are being assessed.
Capital Training Improvements	2014/15 and prior	£79k	March 2016	Andy Johnson John Harrison	The training towers are now complete. Invoices for work have been received and final costs are being assessed. Lighting on the towers will be considered if budgets allow.

Information and Communications Technology

Name of Scheme	Year scheme started	Current Balance	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service Memorandum of Understanding (H&W MOU) - Corporate Gazetteer	2014/15 and prior	£41k	Unknown (to be reviewed after appointment of GI Officer)	Andy Johnson Louise McKenzie	<p>SFRS are continuing to liaise with SEED to encourage them to do the development work required, to the current Command and Control System, to enable the Service to progress with the planned Gazetteer Project.</p> <p>SFRS are also keeping a watching brief on the changes that Cleveland Fire Brigade have made, for at least 6 months following application to their live system. This will inform SFRS how effective those changes are and what impact they may have on the running of the C&C.</p> <p>This project is held in abeyance until such time that either of the above gives us a reliable way forward – including not recruiting to the GPO post at this time.</p>
Video conferencing	2014/15 and prior	£15k	December 2016	Sally Edwards	A phased introduction of the Microsoft product Skype for business that will give the Service Video conferencing capabilities.
IT infrastructure	2014/15 and prior	£56k	Ongoing	Sally Edwards	This scheme is to be reviewed as part of the forthcoming Wide Area Network (WAN) procurement. An options appraisal is currently being undertaken to inform the proposed costs and procurement framework.
WAN Update	2014/15 and prior	£94k	Ongoing	Sally Edwards	This scheme is to be reviewed as part of the forthcoming WAN procurement. An options appraisal is currently being undertaken to inform the proposed costs and procurement framework.

Vehicles and Equipment

Name of Scheme	Year scheme started	Current Balance	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Light pumping unit	2014/15 and prior	£36k	January 2016	Andrew Kelcey	The vehicle has been built and delivered, and is now on the run. This scheme is now closed.
Replacement of 3 appliances	2015/16	£35K	See comment	Andrew Kelcey, Martin Barclay	An order has been placed with John Dennis Coachbuilders for 3 appliances and the first pre-build meeting has taken place.
Replacement of Light Vehicles	2016/17	£85k	Unknown	John Das Gupta	The scheme has been increased this year to enable the purchase of six combi van vehicles for use by the Retained Support Officers and Group Support Teams.