

## 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 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 Strategy and Resources Committee.

This report provides an update on current schemes.

#### 4 Progress

This report covers the reporting period September 2016 to end of December 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 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 December 2016 on Schemes carried forward from 2015/16 and prior and on Schemes for 2016/17.

### **Appendix B**

Paper 12 Exempt Update to end of December 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
<b>Improvements at Wellington</b>	2014/15 and prior	<b>£65k</b>	January 2016	Andrew Kelcey	<p>The Service has reviewed the Biomass project and no longer consider it to be a viable use of funding.</p> <p>The financial business case was based on current gas prices at July 2013 and projected increases over a period of 20-years. Since that time gas prices have reduced due to the increasing availability of shale gas.</p> <p>There were also scheme cost increases due to a requirement for a taller chimney than initially anticipated, and concerns regarding maintenance costs following some other pilot schemes within Shropshire.</p> <p>Other reasons for the project included some potential marginal environmental improvements (a reduction in CO2 emissions, balanced by an increase in NOx emissions), and resilience in the event of gas supply instability (which has been addressed through the use of electric air source heating in some rooms).</p> <p>It is suggested that this scheme be deleted, and the available funding be returned to reserves. Alternative renewable energy schemes will be developed within other projects, such as potential solar panels at Clun, and separate funding bids made.</p>
<b>Retained Station Works</b>	2014/15 and prior	<b>£351k</b>	Baschurch, Albrighton and Hodnet have been completed.	Andrew Kelcey	Work is complete at Albrighton. A scheme for Clun is currently being developed and will go out to tender over the next 2-3 months. A tender is currently out for appointment of an Architect for a future scheme at Much Wenlock.

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<b>Underground Compartment Training facility</b>	2015/16	<b>£49k</b>	April 2016	Andy Johnson John Harrison	Installation is complete. Invoices for work have been received and final costs are being assessed.
<b>Capital Training Improvements</b>	2014/15 and prior	<b>£4k</b>	March 2016	Andy Johnson John Harrison	The training towers are now complete. Invoices for work have been received. The remaining £4k will be used for lighting to be installed on the towers.

## ICT

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
<b>Hereford &amp; Worcester Fire and Rescue Service Memorandum of Understanding (H&amp;W MOU) - Corporate Gazetteer</b>	2014/15 and prior	<b>£41k</b>	Unknown	Andy Johnson Louise McKenzie	SFRS are going to work with the other two Services that use the SEED Command and Control (C&C) system (Hereford & Worcester and Cleveland) to further develop the current C&C system to enable it to receive automatic updates to the system's gazetteer. Once the agreed development work has been identified and planned in by SEED, then the Service will have a far better view on when this work is likely to be progressed.  The project is on hold until this commitment from SEED has been reached.
<b>Video conferencing</b>	2014/15 and prior	<b>£15k</b>	December 2016	Sally Edwards	A phased introduction of the Microsoft product Skype for business that will give the Service Video conferencing capabilities.  Equipment has been installed at all stations and some of the meeting rooms have been upgraded. This will continue in 2017 and progress was slightly stalled during 2016 to review the Cloud Strategy.
<b>IT infrastructure</b>	2014/15 and prior	<b>£56k</b>	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. Progress stalled in 2016 while the Cloud Strategy was considered as this impacts on both WAN and infrastructure.
<b>WAN Update</b>	2014/15 and prior	<b>£71k</b>	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
Replacement of 3 appliances	2015/16	£175K	See comment	Andrew Kelcey, Martin Barclay	3 appliances are in build at John Dennis Coachbuilders (JDC) and due for completion March/April.
Replacement of Light Vehicles	2016/17	£65k	Unknown	John Das Gupta	Six vehicles have been ordered, and are due for delivery in March.