

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 the capital schemes within the Brigade and their current status.

2 Recommendations

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

3 Background

Updates on finance and activity within capital schemes are reported to the Strategy and Resources Committee.

This report provides an update on current schemes.

4 Progress

This report covers the reporting period April to August 2014. 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.

New schemes for 2014/15 include:

- Thermal imaging cameras replacement
- Video conferencing

- Retained station building works (all three schemes from 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 have been brought together into one scheme in 2014/15 as agreed by the Fire Authority in July)
- IT infrastructure
- Holmatro pump replacement
- Building improvements at Wellington (it had been agreed by Members that this scheme be moved from 2013/14 to 2014/15)
- Retained station locks
- Light pumping unit (to replace the light pumping unit and prime mover schemes and brought forward to 2014/15 as agreed by the Fire Authority in April)

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 Initial Impact Assessment

This report provides historical data. An Initial Impact Assessment is not, therefore, required.

8 Appendices

Appendix A

Non-exempt Update to August 2014 on Schemes carried forward from 2013/14 and prior and on Schemes for 2014/15

Appendix B

Paper 11

Exempt Update to August 2014 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	Spend and commitments to date in 2014/15	Balance	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Positive pressure ventilation (PPV) fans	£30k	£30k	£0k	July 2014	Jon Temple Kev Faulkner	All six Retained Stations (Bishops Castle, Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Market Drayton, Whitchurch and Oswestry) are now up and running at Phase 1 (Defensive / Post Fire) PPV. This scheme is complete.
Appliance bay doors	£70k	£0k	£70k	March 2015	Andrew Kelcey	The doors and heating system have been sourced and the contract has been awarded to carry out the work. Work is due to start in September.
Capital training improvements 2013/14 and training improvements carried forward from 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10 and training facilities 2010/11	£159k	£120k	£39k	Unknown	Andy Perry	Shropshire Council has now been instructed to carry out the work to construct 4 new drill towers at Retained Stations (Clun, Church Stretton, Whitchurch and Much Wenlock). Planning permission has now been received and work will begin shortly. Plans have also been developed to build the below-ground training facility at Telford.
Light vehicle replacement	£82k	£39k	£43k	Unknown	John Das Gupta	Following the review of light vehicles a schedule for potential replacement of light vehicles had been agreed with the Head of Finance and was based upon the vehicle condition rather than just the age. Two more vehicles have been purchased.

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Replace Ford Rangers and Land Rovers with incident support units with fire fogging capability	£68k	£6k	£62k	March 2015	Andrew Kelcey	The scheme was showing an underspend and officers were exploring the various options of how to use the funding as any unspent monies from the grant would need to be returned to the CLG by March 2015. Consideration is currently being given to additional fire fogging units.
Fire alarms on stations	£15k	£0k	£15k	September 2014	Andrew Kelcey	Risk assessments have been completed, which have identified a need for simple systems at all sites. SFRMS have been instructed to carry out this work. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the end of September.

Schemes for 2014/15

Name of Scheme	Scheme amount	Spend and commitments to date in 2014/15	Balance	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Thermal imaging cameras	£25k	£9k	£16k	March 2015	Andrew Kelcey	Three cameras were purchased for the new appliances. Further cameras will be purchased as and when required as opposed to being automatically replaced after a given life cycle.

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Video conferencing	£69k	£19K	£50K	December 2014	Sally Edwards	Audio visual equipment has been purchased in readiness for installing video conferencing facilities as per the project plan.
IT infrastructure	£100k	£22k	£78k	March 2015	Sally Edwards	This scheme includes the costs associated with introducing single sign on, purchasing tablets, and implementing mobile device management. Spend so far is for the purchase of the new Microsoft Surface Pro 3 tablets, which have arrived and will be commissioned over the next few weeks.
Light pumping unit (to replace the light pumping unit and prime mover schemes and brought forward to 2014/15 as agreed by the Fire Authority in April)	£500k	£71K	£429K	May 2015	Andrew Kelcey	This has been ordered and will be available next May.
Improvements at Wellington (appliance bay doors, dormitories and heating system)	£270k	£0k	£270k	Appliance bay doors and dormitories to be completed by December 2014 Dates still to be confirmed for the heating system	Andrew Kelcey	Work on the appliance bay doors and dormitories is scheduled to start in September and is expected to be complete by December.

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Holmatro Pump Replacement	£33k	£27k	£6k	March 2015	Andrew Kelcey	This scheme is used to replace the Holmatro pumps as needed each year. Any underspend will be rolled forward to the following year.

Please note that there is a second part to this appendix, which is an exempt paper and appears at item 11 on the agenda.