

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:

- a) Note the progress so far on current schemes; and
- b) Agree the recommended amendment to schemes as set out in section 5 of the report (cancel the People Management System scheme).

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 to December 2015. Detailed progress on schemes carried forward from 2014/15 or earlier; and on this year's schemes (2015/16) is shown within the appendices.

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

5 Amendments to Schemes

Following the implementation of the Retained Availability System, it is recommended that the People Management scheme should now be cancelled.

6 Financial Implications

The financial implications are as outlined within the report.

7 Legal Comment

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

8 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.

9 Appendices

Appendix A

Non-exempt Update to December 2015 on Schemes carried forward from 2014/15 and prior and on Schemes for 2015/16.

Appendix B

Paper 13 Exempt Update to December 2015 on Schemes carried forward from 2014/15 and prior and on Schemes for 2015/16.

10 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

Schemes carried forward from 2014/15 and prior

Name of Scheme	Balance carried over into 2015/16	Spend to end of December 2015	Balance	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Capital Training Improvements 2013/14 and Training Improvements cfwd from 07-08, 08-09, 09-10 and Training Facilities 2010/11	£123k	£0k	£123k	March 2016	Andy Perry	The Training Towers at Church Stretton, Clun and Whitchurch have been erected and are now in use by the stations. Some minor works are required for completion at Much Wenlock.
Fire Alarms on Stations	£15k	£5k	£10k	Baschurch and Hodnet have been completed. Albrighton is due to finish April 2016	Andrew Kelcey	The scheme is being used to fund the installation of fire alarms as part of the Albrighton, Baschurch and Hodnet refurbishments.
Light Vehicle Replacement	£41k	£0k	£41k	Unknown	John Das Gupta	<p>Vehicles continue to be purchased as and when needed rather than on an automatic rolling replacement. No further vehicles have been purchased since last reported.</p> <p>The Service is currently reviewing the need for additional 4x4 vehicles within the light vehicle fleet, which may increase funding requirements.</p>

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Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service Memorandum Of Understanding (H&W MOU) - Corporate Gazetteer	£58k	£18k	£40k	Unknown (to be reviewed after appointment of GI Officer)	Andy Johnson Louise McKenzie	<p>The Service has not yet appointed to allow discussions between SEED and Aligned Assets, the results of which will inform the level and type of work that may be needed, and the requirements for the post.</p> <p>Some incompatibility exists between the SEED software and the National Mapping Standards. SEED are going to invest some time into rectifying this. If successful this will help with the management of information within the system.</p> <p>Cleveland and Shropshire have agreed a list of development work and are awaiting timescales from SEED.</p>
Thermal Imaging Cameras	£25k	£24k	£1k	March 2015	Andrew Kelcey	The Service has purchased a number of Thermal Imaging Cameras. This scheme is now closed.
Video conferencing	£44K	£10k	£34k	March 2016	Sally Edwards	Due to the complex nature of the video conferencing a separate environment has been created outside the live IT systems. This enabled successful testing of the planned implementation and will be the blue print for the deployment into live systems. Additionally when testing new features and policies in the future this can be done in the separate environment without impacting live systems. Technically the live deployment can be completed in March but training and adoption is likely to be the largest part of a successful deployment.
IT infrastructure	£70k	£14k	£56k	Ongoing	Sally Edwards	There has been no further spend on this scheme.

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Light pumping unit (to replace the light pumping unit and prime mover schemes and brought forward to 14/15 as agreed at the April CFA)	£194K	£105k (plus £25k)	£64k	January 2016	Andrew Kelcey	The vehicle has been built and delivered. It is currently on station at Craven Arms with training planned in for the week commencing 25 January. £25k was vired from this scheme to the hydraulic equipment replacement scheme.
Improvements at Wellington (Appliance Bay Doors, Dormitories and Heating System)	£123k	£20k	£103k	Heating System to be reviewed in December 2016	Andrew Kelcey	It was agreed that the viability of the scheme and the business case for the heating system would be reviewed in December 2016.
Retained Station Works (It was agreed at the CFA Meeting in July that the 3 schemes over 3 years of £300k each would be brought forward into one scheme)	£861k	£328k	£533k	Baschurch and Hodnet have been completed. Albrighton is due to finish April 2016	Andrew Kelcey	The building works at Hodnet and Baschurch are complete, and work is due to start at Albrighton in January. A feasibility study was completed for Clun and a decision needs to be taken how best to address the station accommodation. The end date for this will depend upon the option chosen.
WAN Update	£94k	£0k	£94k	Ongoing	Sally Edwards	Work to upgrade the WAN is continuing with 13 Stations complete.

Schemes for 2015/16

Name of Scheme	Scheme amount	Spend to end of December 2015	Balance	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Replace hydraulic equipment	£75k (increased by £25k)	£22k	£53k	See comment	Andrew Kelcey	Shrewsbury station appliances upgrade is complete. Kit is ordered for WL Ret to bring all appliances there onto core with new pumps. The increased funds will enable the upgrade of TC and TW appliances which will complete all WT and Retained appliances on WT stations in 15/16 budget year. All the Holmatro upgrades will be delivered in the next two years rather than the proposed four years. Training are currently evaluating alternative rescue equipment as well as some new Holmatro equipment.

All other schemes for 2015/16 are contained within the second part to this appendix which is an exempt paper and appears at item 13 on the agenda.