

## 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 Brigade and their current status.

### 2 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- a) Note the progress so far on current schemes; and
- b) Recommend that the Fire Authority approve changes and additions to the capital programme, as set out in section 4 of this report.

### 3 Background

Updates on finance and activity within capital schemes are reported to Members on a quarterly basis at Strategy and Resources Committee.

This report provides an update on current schemes.

## 4 Progress

This report covers the reporting period January to March 2013. Detailed progress on schemes carried forward from 2011/12 or earlier; and on this year's schemes, is shown within the appendices.

Schemes that are part of the Service Transformation Programme will be monitored by the Service Transformation Programme Board. A number of schemes are now reported as closed, some have been carried forward into the reporting year 2013/14, and a number of changes to the Capital Programme will be taken to the Fire Authority in September for approval. These are detailed in the appendices to the report.

The schemes for 2013/14, agreed in January this year, were:

- Light vehicle replacement
- Replacement of prime movers
- Command and Control pods and vehicle
- Light pumping unit
- Capital training improvements
- Thermal imaging cameras
- Retained station locks
- Vehicle tracking
- Fire alarms on retained stations

Officers carried out a review of the existing Capital Programme in April 2013, and, as a result, a number of changes have been made to the timing of some of the schemes within the Programme. The Committee is asked to recommend that the Authority approve these changes, which are shown in the table below.

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Now</b>
Fit out major incident room (£30K)	2012/13	2014/15
Installation of heating system at Tweedale (£60k)	2012/13	2014/15
Major improvements at Telford (£100k)	2012/13	2014/15
Command and Control pods and vehicles (£50k)	2013/14	2014/15
Replace Ford Rangers and Land Rovers with incident support units with fire fogging capability (£250k)	2014/15	2013/14
Replace mobile data terminals (£150k)	2014/15	2015/16
Replace prime movers (£150k)	2013/14	2014/15
Light pumping unit (£350k)	2013/14	2014/15

## **Wellington Improvements**

The scheme to refurbish the station at Wellington was completed in 2012/13. In order to complete the station improvements, and to minimise future disruption, it is proposed that works originally planned in future years is carried out during 2013/14. It is planned to replace the appliance bay doors at a cost of £30,000, to enhance the dormitories (£100,000), and to install a new biomass heating system (£70,000, subject to a feasibility study and costs benefit analysis).

The Committee is, therefore, asked to recommend that the Authority approve an additional scheme of £200,000 for further improvements at Wellington.

## **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 Appendices**

### **Appendix**

Non-exempt Update to end of March 2013 on Schemes carried forward from 2011/12 and prior and on Schemes for 2012/13

### **Paper 11**

Exempt Update to end of March 2013 on Schemes carried forward from 2011/12 and prior and on Schemes for 2012/13

## **8 Background Papers**

There are no background papers associated with this report.

**Schemes carried forward from 2011/12 and prior**

Name of Scheme	Balance Brought Forward from 2011/12	Spend and commitments to date in 2012/13	Balance	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Training Improvements cfwd from 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10 and Training Facilities 2010/11	£59k	£0k	£59k	Ongoing programme	Andrew Kelcey Andy Perry	This scheme will be carried forward to 2013/14 and will be used to deliver the Incident Command Training Suite. A further £30k from the training revenue budget will be released in 2013/14 for the information technology requirements of this project.
Station End Equipment	£85k	£14k	£71k	July 2013	John Harrison	The cost of this scheme will now be funded from the Command and Control Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) grant and will be managed by the Command and Control MoU Programme Manager.
Fire Kit Replacement	£492k	£443k	£49k	End of June 2013	Andrew Kelcey	This scheme is nearing completion and will continue to be monitored through the Service Transformation Programme.
BA Set Upgrade	£320k	£292k	£28k	October 2013	Mark Weaver	This is being delivered as part of the Service Transformation Programme. There are a number of outstanding issues, and the Service Transformation Programme Board has requested that this project remain open until these issues have been resolved.

## Schemes for 2012/13

Name of Scheme	Capital Budget £k	Spend and commitments to date in 2012/13	Balance	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Fire Fogging (bwd) Environmental Protection Unit	£40k £41k Total £81k	£50k £34k Total £84k	Over spend £3k	February 2013	Andrew Kelcey	In addition to the fire fogging units an additional vehicle was purchased, which was part funded by a grant from the Environment Agency. This scheme is now closed.
Wellington Improvements	£158k	£158k	£0k		Andrew Kelcey	This scheme is now complete and has been closed. A new scheme will be proposed for approval by Fire Authority Members for 2013/14 to complete further works at Wellington Fire Station and will be monitored through future reports.

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