

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 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 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 April to October 2012. Detailed progress on schemes carried forward from 2011/12 or earlier, and on the new schemes added for this year, is shown within the appendices.

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

A further scheme has been added this year for the Appliance Bay Doors and is currently contained within the exempt appendix.

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 attached to this report

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

Paper 17

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

9 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 07-08, 08-09, 09-10 and Training Facilities 2010/11	£59k	£0k	£59k	Ongoing programme	Andrew Kelcey Andy Perry	The remainder of the scheme will go towards work identified by the Training Facilities Review.
Station End Equipment	£85k	£0k	£85k	Unknown (awaiting roll out plan from Telent)	Ged Edwards	Following receipt of survey documents for the provision of replacement Station End Equipment (SEE) it would appear that an opportunity exists to consolidate all station IT equipment into a series of secure lockable cabinets. As a consequence the SEE supplier has been asked to come up with a potential costed solution for consideration. Any changes to the current scheme will be reported back to Members for a decision prior to any commencement of works.
Appliance Replacement (1) Appliance Replacement (2) Approved Feb 11 – Capital Grant	£130k	£149k	£19k over spend	June 2012	Andrew Kelcey	This scheme is now closed.
Fire Kit Replacement	£492k	£358k	£134k	September 2012	Andrew Kelcey	This is being delivered as part of the Service Transformation Programme. The fire kit has been received and is being issued to individual operational staff on a station by station basis. Feedback from staff has been very positive. All kit is expected to be delivered and issued by the end of the year.

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
BA Set Upgrade	£320k	£1k	£319k	November 2012	Mark Weaver	This is being delivered as part of the Service Transformation Programme After an initial issue with some of the sets, a strict quality assurance regime has been established and a revised training schedule was put in place. All stations have received training and approximately half the retained stations and all the wholetime stations have completed their BA assessments. All assessments are expected to be completed by the end of November, when the Service will go live on the new sets.

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
Workshops and Stores van replacement	£55k	£66k	£11k over spend	September 2012	Andrew Kelcey	Vans have been delivered and are now with specialist suppliers for stowage and conspicuity works. The overspend on this scheme, will be covered by the sale of redundant vehicles.

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
Fireground radio replacement	£120k	£59k	£61k	November 2012	Sally Edwards	This is being delivered as part of the Service Transformation Programme. A problem has arisen with the radio cases for the BA radios however by wearing them within the tunic as an interim measure this will not delay the go live date.
Fire Fogging (bfwd)	£40k	£50k	£10k over spend	August 2012	Andrew Kelcey	The upgrade of the Tweedale vehicle is now complete. Following receipt of £24,000 of Environment Agency funding, a further vehicle is being built for allocation to Minsterley, at a total cost of £42,000 using funding brought forward from the 2014 capital scheme for Ranger and L4P replacement. Completion is anticipated May/June 2013, when the L4Ps will be removed from service and disposed of.
Wellington Improvements	£158k	£8k	£150k	December 2012	Andrew Kelcey	Works are currently taking place on site and it is anticipated to be completed by December 2012. The Authority agreed to increase the budget for this development as there was an opportunity to complete other works at the same time. The work at Wellington was anticipated originally to cost approximately £100k this figure has now been increased to £158k.

Please note that there is a second part to this appendix, which is an exempt paper and appears at item 17 on the agenda.