

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

Quarterly 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

Detailed progress on all schemes is within the appendix.

This is the final report for 2009/10 reporting period; a number of schemes have been closed whilst others will be carried forward to be monitored in 2010/11.

Closed schemes

- Boat and Vehicle
- Appliance replacement scheme 08/09
- Appliance replacement scheme 09/10
- Workshops racking and Vehicle Lifts

A number of other schemes (Appliance Replacement 07/08, Fire Alarm installation, Management Information System, Small Fire Unit) have also closed prior to the year end.

Schemes carried forward to be monitored in 2010/11

- Asset Tracking System
- Training Improvements
- Scanning for all files (document storage)
- Training Facilities
- Building Improvements
- Document Management
- Light Pumping Unit
- Retained Duty Service Availability System 08/09 and 09/10
- Decommissioning of Hill Top Sites

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 Appendix

Update on Capital Schemes to end of March 2010.

9 Background Papers

There are no background papers with this report

Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

Business Continuity Planning		Legal	
Capacity		Member Involvement	*
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	
Comprehensive Area Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Efficiency Savings		Retained	
Environmental		Risk and Insurance	
Financial	*	Staff	
Fire Control/Fire Link		Strategic Planning	*
Information Communications and Technology		West Midlands Regional Management Board	
Freedom of Information / Data Protection / Environmental Information		Equality Impact Assessment	*
Integrated Risk Management Planning			

**Reporting to end March 2010
Schemes carried over into 2009/10**

Name of Scheme	Amount outstanding at end 2008/09	Total spend to end March 2009	Spend in 2009/10	Payments due in 09/10	Payments due in subsequent Years	Projected Under or over spend	What is the Scheme End Date?	SRO and PM Or Point of Contact	Update
Asset Tracking System	£14.5k	£42k	£7k	£0	Nil	£7.5k under spend	To be reviewed	Andrew Kelcey David Groucott	Project stopped. DCFO and Head of Resources to review project. This scheme will be carried forward to be monitored in 2010/11.
Boat and Vehicle	£35k	£40K	£35k	£0k	Nil	£5K over spend	March 2010	Martin Timmis Andrew Kelcey	The boat and vehicle are now both in use and this scheme is now closed.
Training Improvements	£85.5k	£36.5k	£29k	Nil	Nil	£56.5k under spend	Ongoing building programme	Andrew Kelcey Louise McKenzie	The drill tower at Bishops Castle has now been completed. A Post Implementation Review is currently being undertaken by officers. The outcome of the review will be used to inform future role-out.
Appliance Replacement	£280.5k		£293.5k	Nil	Nil	£13k Over spend	Fleet replacement programme	Andrew Kelcey	Appliance schemes have been reviewed and figures now reflect overspends on both schemes for 08/09 and 09/10. Both schemes are now closed.

Schemes in 2009/10

Capital Schemes to be managed using Prince2

Name of Scheme	Amount	Spend to date	Payments due in 09/10	Payments due in subsequent Years	Projected Under or over spend	What is the Scheme End Date?	SRO and PM Or Point of Contact	Update
Scanning for all files (Document Storage)	£60k	£16.5k	£43.5k	£0k	£43.5k	December 2010	Steve Worrall Helen Jones	This project is continuing in line with the need to move staff and departments during the Shrewsbury HQ build. The remaining balance will be carried forward to be monitored in 2010/11.
Shrewsbury Building Programme (IRMP)						July 2011	SY Building Programme Team	The budget for this scheme has been re-profiled and is being monitored in a separate report.

Other Capital Schemes 2009/10

Name of Scheme	Amount	Spend to date	Payments due in 09/10	Payments due in subsequent Years	Projected Under or over spend	What is the Scheme End Date?	SRO and PM Or Point of Contact	Update
Training Facilities	£50k	£0k	£0k	£50k	Unknown	Ongoing building programme	Andrew Kelcey Louise McKenzie	See above comment concerning Training Improvements.

Name of Scheme	Amount	Spend to date	Payments due in 09/10	Payments due in subsequent Years	Projected Under or over spend	What is the Scheme End Date?	SRO and PM Or Point of Contact	Update
Building Improvements	£165k	£18k	Unknown	Unknown	£0k	Building programme	Andrew Kelcey	This scheme is allocated for the refurbishment of Cleobury Mortimer. Tenders have been received and are higher than anticipated. The scheme however is not anticipated to be overspent. Payments for this scheme will slip into 2010/11. This scheme will be carried forward to be monitored in 2010/11.
Appliance Replacement	£370k	£392.5k	£0k	Nil	£22.5k overspend	Fleet replacement programme	Andrew Kelcey Martin Barclay	See comment in previous appliance replacement scheme.
Document Management (Intranet)	£40k	£0k	£40k	£0k	£0k	unknown	Steve Worrall John Rix	This scheme is to be included within the IT Manager's review of IT and may result in a future request to Members to close the scheme. The budget for this will be carried forward and monitored in 2010/11.
Light Pumping Unit	£300k	£0k	£0k	Unknown	Unknown	unknown	Andrew Kelcey Martin Timmis	The scheme is currently being reviewed and a revised scheme will be brought to members for approval.
Retained Duty Service Availability System 08/09 and 09/10	£50k	£0k	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	November 2010	Andy Perry Steve Worrall	The mobilising part of the retained availability system forms part of the Command and Control tender document. £15k of the £50k set aside in the capital budget to deliver this project will be used to support the mobilising part of the retained availability system. Further development work will be needed to form links to the HR system and Finance. This scheme will be carried forward to be monitored in 2010/11.

Additional New Schemes

Name of Scheme	Amount	Spend to date	Payments due in 09/10	Payments due in subsequent Years	Projected Under or over spend	What is the Scheme End Date?	SRO and PM Or Point of Contact	Update
Decommissioning of Hill top sites	£30k	£0k	£0k	£0k	£0k	September 2010	Dale Slater	Sites were officially turned off at the end of March. The equipment decommission has been delayed and will be completed by June 10. End of rental period has been negotiated and brought forward to the End of August. Equipment stored in the Drill Tower at Shrewsbury has been removed. The scheme aims to be completed in full by the end of September. This scheme will be carried forward to be monitored in 2010/11.
Workshops Racking and Vehicle Lifts	£40k	£38.5k	£0k		£1.5k under spend		Martin Barclay	This scheme is now closed.