

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 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 first report for 2010/2011 reporting period and shows progress on schemes carried forward from 2009/10 or earlier and on the new schemes added for 2010/11.

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

A number of these schemes are older than 2009/10 and the appendix shows spend in previous years i.e. prior to April 2009 for those schemes. Those schemes begun in 2009/10 and carried forward show n.a. in this column.

The column labelled '*amount outstanding at end of 2009/10*' shows the amount carried forward from 2009/10 into 2010/11 and '*spend in 2010/11*' shows how much has been spent in this current financial year to August 2010. Further columns show any known future payments in either the current financial year or future years and if there are any projected under or overspends already known. The update column provides a narrative on the progress of the scheme to support the figures in previous columns.

Schemes new for 2010/11

- Building Improvements
- Training Facilities
- Appliance Replacement
- Firekit Replacement

Columns show the value of each scheme and if there has been any spend up to August 2010. The narrative provides progress on the scheme to support the figures in previous columns.

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 August 2010

9 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated 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		Member Involvement	
Capacity		National Framework	
Civil Contingencies Act		Operational Assurance	
Efficiency Savings		Public Value	
Environmental		Retained	
Financial	*	Risk and Insurance	
Fire Control/Fire Link		Staff	
Information Communications and Technology		Strategic Planning	*
Freedom of Information / Data Protection / Environmental Information		Equality Impact Assessment	*
Legal	*		

Schemes carried forward from 2009/10 and Prior

Name of Scheme	Spend prior to April 09 for older schemes	Total spend from April 09 to end March 10	Amount outstanding at end 2009/10	Spend in 2010/2011	Payments due in 2010/2011	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 (£45,000 + £18,000)	£48,304	£7,017	£7,678	£0	unknown	unknown	unknown	To be reviewed	Andrew Kelcey David Groucott	The project was rescoped and restarted unfortunately the inventory update is a much larger task than initially anticipated and will take longer than originally agreed on the Project Plan. In addition to this there are problems with the IT application on stations which will need to be addressed before the project can be moved forward. The Project Manager has recommended that the inventory continues to be updated manually and that cascade training to the Pilot Stations be carried out once the IT problems have been resolved.
Training Improvements cfwd from 07-08, 08-09, 09-10 (£92,000 + £30,000 + £50,000)	£36,453	£28,991	£106,556	£0	unknown	unknown	unknown	Ongoing building programme	Andrew Kelcey Andy Perry	Phil Clarke and Andy Perry are currently reviewing the capital investment in the training asset plan. Three more drill towers are under construction at Craven Arms, Bridgnorth, Wem. These are projected to be completed by the end of the year.

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Scanning for all files (Document Storage) (£60,000)	na	£16,471	£43,529	£10,292	£9,393	unknown	unknown	December 2010	Steve Worrall Louise Goodhead	The project has been rescope and redefined to only include scanning needs identified as a result of the HQ move. HR leavers files have been scanned and returned and preparation for scanning the current (live) HR files is nearing completion and scanning will go ahead as planned in September. Further scanning for other depts. is planned for later in the year prior to the HQ move.
Building Improvements (£165,000)	na	£41,989	£123,011	£130,937	£0	£0	£7,926 over spend	Building programme	Andrew Kelcey	The Cleobury Mortimer scheme has now been completed within budget. In addition, there has been a final payment on the scheme for Craven Arms station.
Document Management (Intranet) (£40,000)	£0	£0	£40,000	£0	unknown	unknown	unknown	TBC	Steve Worrall Sally Edwards	This scheme is still under review.
Light Pumping Unit (£300,000)	na	£0	£300,000	£0	unknown	unknown	unknown	TBC	Andrew Kelcey Martin Timmis	This scheme is being reviewed as part of public value, any amendments to the capital scheme will be brought to Members for approval.

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Retained Duty Service Availability System 08/09 and 09/10 (£50,000)	£0	£0	£50,000	£0	unknown	unknown	unknown	TBC	Sally Edwards Steve Worrall	The command and control system has been commissioned and the retained availability system is an optional extra depending upon timescales. More information will be available at the end of the next quarter.
Decommissioning of Hill top sites (£30,000)	na	£0	£30,000	£37,900	unknown	unknown	£7,900 Over spend	September 2010	Sally Edwards	The scheme is complete. This scheme's costs exceeded the original estimate figure, and the balance will be found through either capital underspend or a contribution from revenue.

Schemes for 2010/11

Name of Scheme	Amount	Spend to date	Payments due in 10/11	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	£65,000	£0	£65,000	£0	£0	March 2011	Andrew Kelcey	This scheme is for the refurbishment of Minsterley Fire Station to provide modern facilities and disabled access. Telford and Wrekin Council have been appointed as the architects for this scheme and draft designs are currently being consulted upon with the station.
Training Facilities	£50,000	£0	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	TBD	Andy Perry	This scheme is to be included within the review of training facilities.
Appliance Replacement 10/11	£185,000	£131,752	£53,248	£0	£0	December 2010	Andrew Kelcey	This scheme is to fund a new appliance for Oswestry Fire Station. The appliance is a hybrid pump and water carrier and negates the need for a water carrier which is included in the 2011/12 capital programme. The vehicle is due for delivery by the end of 2010.
Fire Kit Replacement	£500,000	£0	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	March 2011	Andrew Kelcey	The Fire Kit type has been identified to meet our diverse needs; the specification is currently being prepared. Recommendations will be brought to SPG in September/ October.