

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 on Capital Schemes.

3 Background

Following a review of the Capital Schemes for the previous year, current year and two further years, executive officers agreed a way forward for the Schemes. This was agreed by Members at the Fire Authority meeting in July 2008. Members also agreed that monitoring reports on activity and finance for this year's schemes (08/09) should be received by the Strategy and Resources Committee. This is the second update on the progress of those schemes and brings together details of activities and finance for each scheme from July to the end of September 2008.

4 Progress

Several schemes are now complete (*Digitisation of Files, Accommodation for Pumping Unit Craven Arms, Building Improvements 07/08, Temperature Monitoring System, Building Improvements 08/09*), however others have not yet started (*i.e. Telford Station Improvements, Fire Alarm Installation, Telford Lecture Room*) and Officers reviewed those schemes.

The Landrover Pump (L4P) schemes in 08/09, 09/10 and 10/11 will be amended following a decision by Members at the Fire Authority meeting on 15 October 2008. The training facilities schemes may also be amended as part of the budget setting process for 2009/10

All other schemes are progressing and updates are detailed within the 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 Appendix

Update on Capital Schemes

9 Background Papers

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority

16 July 2008, Agenda Item 14 - Financial Performance to June 2008

Strategy and Resources Committee

18 September 2008, Agenda Item 9 - Capital Update on Activity and Finance

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.

Balanced Score Card		Integrated Risk Management Planning	
Business Continuity Planning		Legal	
Capacity		Member Involvement	
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	
Comprehensive Performance 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	*

Capital Schemes Update – July to September 2008

**Schemes carried over into 08/09
Capital Schemes Managed using Prince2**

Gantt ID	Name of Scheme	Amount outstanding at end 07/08	Spend to date	Payments due in 08/09	Payments due in subsequent Years	Projected Under or over spend	What is the Scheme End Date?	SRO and PM Or Point of Contact	Update
3	Asset Tracking System	£39k	£31k	£8k	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Alan Taylor David Groucott	Project is progressing with regular updates to Policy Group. The end scheme date has been delayed to March 2009.
4	Performance Management	£7k							
	4a Resourcelink	£7k	£0k	£0k	£0k	£7k under spend	October 2008	Louise McKenzie Louise Goodhead	As reported previously, the £7k under spend will be retained for the Training Module which will be the subject of a separate project.
	4b Track	£0k	£0k	£0k	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Alison Pritchard Steve Worrall	As reported previously, the system Track has been purchased, however unknown payments are anticipated for support not included in the original contract. The end date of the scheme will be delayed until end of March 2009 in line with Strategic Planning Process. PID to follow to Policy Group.
5	Digitisation of Files	£1k	£0k	£0k	£0k	£1k	September 2008	Paul Raymond Louise Goodhead	Project is complete with a £1k under spend which may be used to update the Acrobat Licences which are needed for the efficient use of the system.

Other Capital Schemes

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6	Telford Station Improvements	£60k	£0k	£0k	£60k	£0k	March 2010	Paul Raymond Jon Wagstaff (Kev Faulkner)	This scheme is to be reviewed following wide consultation with users which has identified a greater scope of works than originally anticipated. To be considered in light of HQ proposals which may result in alternative uses for Telford Central.
8	Accommodation for Pumping Unit (Craven Arms)	£75k	£75k	£0k	£0k	£0k	Work completed July 2008	Paul Raymond Andrew Kelcey	This scheme is completed.
9	Building Improvements	£18k	£18k	£0k	£0k	£0k	Building Programme	Andrew Kelcey	This scheme has been used to fund the improvements at Prees Fire Station.
10	Appliance Replacement	£446k	£423k	£23k	£0k	£0k	Fleet replacement programme	Andrew Kelcey Martin Hoole	All appliances have been delivered and are awaiting radio installation. Crews to be trained.
11	Boat and Vehicle	£21k	£1k	£20k	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Martin Timmis Martin Hoole	Officer tasked with identifying suitable vehicle. £1k has been spent on blue lights and livery for the boat.

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12	Training Improvements	£92.1k	£7k	£80K	£5.1k	£0k	March 2009	Andrew Kelcey Louise McKenzie	It is anticipated that two training towers could be built in this financial year with a post implementation review following the first build. Members requested further information on the acceleration of training facilities provision.
13	RTC Equipment for Ford Rangers	£27k	£0K	£27k	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Martin Timmis	Equipment has been ordered following approval by Policy Group. Awaiting invoice.
14	Fire Alarm Installation	£30k	£0k	£30k	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Andrew Kelcey	Site meeting organised with contractor in October to scope the work needed.
15	Telford Lecture Room	£40k	£0k	See Comment	See Comment	See Comment	See Comment	Andrew Kelcey Phil Clarke	Training Manager to develop new business case as requirements have changed from the scope of the original project.

Schemes in 2008/09

Capital Schemes Managed using Prince2

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18	Temperature Monitoring System	£15k	£6k	£5.4K	£0k	£3.6k under spend	September 2008	Louise McKenzie Shaun Baker	Project is progressing according the project plan with regular updates to Policy Group. Project is complete and awaiting final invoices.
19	L4Ps (Small Fires Unit)	£100k	£0k	£20k	£0k	£80k	March 2009	Cllr Jean Jones Dave Bishton	Review complete with options presented to Members at CFA in October. Officers recommended use of existing vehicles with the purchase of additional equipment (£20k). Members agreed the recommendation and the remaining capital set aside in 08/09, 09/10 and 10/11 would be reviewed and reallocated.
20	Retained Duty Service Availability System	£25k	£0k	£25k	£0k	£0k	March 2010	Paul Raymond Jon Wagstaff	Project Initiation Document still being prepared. Costs being fully evaluated with Gartan Technologies and partner Brigades.

Other Capital Schemes

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22	Training Facilities	£30k	£0k	£0k	£30k	£0k	August 2009	Andrew Kelcey Louise McKenzie	This scheme will be delivered jointly with scheme 12.
23	Building Improvements	£65k	£65k	£0k	£0k	£0k	Building Programme	Andrew Kelcey	Upgrades to Craven Arms have been completed. This work was carried out in conjunction with scheme 8.
24	Appliance Replacement	£740k	£0k	£185k	£555k	£0k	Fleet replacement programme		Four vehicles were planned for in this financial year. One was ordered in the last financial year with Fire Authority approval because of the lead times and will be paid for in 08/09. The other three have been ordered in this financial year and will be delivered in May 09, being paid for in 09/10. <i>*Vehicles planned for purchase in 09/10 have already been ordered because of lead times. Payments will be made in 09/10 from the Appliance Replacement Programme Capital for that year.</i>