

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:

- a) Note the progress on Capital Schemes (attached in the appendix);
and
- b) Consider any virements or additional resources (detailed in Paper 5 - Monitoring Financial Performance to November 2008) for recommendation to the Fire Authority in February 2009.

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 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 third update on the progress of those schemes and brings together details of activities and finance for each scheme from October to the end of December 2008.

4 Progress

Following the quarterly review of schemes, Officers have recommended several amendments to various schemes. These are as follows:

Asset Tracking System – Additional funding will be required to complete the project due to capacity issues in Technical Services. Funding figures are currently being investigated by Officers and will be reported to the Fire Authority in February 2009.

Telford Station Improvements – Possibility of merging scheme with Shrewsbury Project if staff move to Telford is agreed by Members.

Accommodation for Pumping Unit (Craven Arms) – Request to use under spends on Ford Ranger Garaging scheme to fund expected over spend on this scheme.

Road Traffic Collision Ford Ranger Equipment – Equipment has been purchased from a different budget therefore it is recommended that this scheme is cancelled.

Telford Lecture Room – Employment of a consultant is required to progress this scheme. Funding figures are currently being investigated by officers and will be reported to the Fire Authority in February 2009.

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

Capital Schemes Update – October to December 2008

9 Background Papers

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority

16 July 2008, Report 14 - Financial Performance to June 2008

Strategy and Resources Committee

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

13 November 2008, Report 7 - 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 – October to December 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	£42k	£11k	£0k	£3k over spend	April 2009	Alan Taylor David Groucott	Project is progressing with regular updates to Policy Group. The end scheme date has been delayed to April 2009. Project Manager has suggested that SWG could complete Brigade tasks to prevent further delay in the project. This however would incur additional cost which would need to be vired from under spends in other schemes. This scheme is overspent by £3k.
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. The end date of the scheme will be delayed until end of March 2009 in line with Strategic Planning Process. PID has been approved by Policy Group.

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5	Digitisation of Files	£1k	£0k	£0k	£0k	£1k under spend	September 2008	Paul Raymond Louise Goodhead	Project is complete with a £1k under spend.

Other Capital Schemes

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6	Telford Station Improvements	£60k	£0k	£60k	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Paul Raymond Jon Wagstaff (Kev Faulkner)	This scheme is now linked to the Shrewsbury Project as TC may be refurbished to temporarily accommodate staff from Shrewsbury during this time. The £60k could be merged with capital set aside for the Shrewsbury Project.
8	Accommodation for Pumping Unit (Craven Arms)	£75k	£75k	£18k	£0k	£18k over spend	Work completed July 2008	Paul Raymond Andrew Kelcey	This scheme is completed. Overspends are expected on this scheme. Possibility of vireing the under spend from the garaging for Ford Rangers scheme (£18k).

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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 radios installed. Appliances now 'on the run'. Replaced appliances have been updated to nine seats and additional stowage added for use on retained stations.
11	Boat and Vehicle	£21k	£1k	£20k	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Martin Timmis Andrew Kelcey	Needs analysis completed – vehicle being sourced and costings established (AK tasked). Payments will slip into 09/10 because of lead times for vehicle.
12	Training Improvements	£92.1k	£7k	£85.1K	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Andrew Kelcey Louise McKenzie	The tower at BC is under construction and should be in use in Jan 09. Training Manager to arrange evaluation of drill tower once complete and pass to AK for consideration prior to further building. Scheme unlikely to be fully spent in 08/09. Timetable for construction of drill towers will depend upon results of the review.

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13	RTC Equipment for Ford Rangers	£27k	£0k	£27k	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Martin Timmis	The RTC Equipment has been purchased and payment has been made from a different budget. This budget remains unspent and a decision on its reallocation needs to be made.
14	Fire Alarm Installation	£30k	£0k	£30k	£0k	£0k	4 Months TC & WL	Andrew Kelcey	Wellington Fire Alarm installation on hold pending the TCAT decision. Work at TC has commenced on 9 Jan 09.
15	Telford Lecture Room	£40k	£0k	See Comment	See Comment	See Comment	See Comment	Andrew Kelcey Phil Clarke	Provision of lecture and associated dignified facilities would not be possible with capital available (£40k). Additional sources of funding have been considered (money from E+D stretch targets). AK to look at how this scheme could be delivered. It will be necessary to employ a consultant to develop this scheme for which funding will need to be identified.

Capital Programme

Schemes in 2008/09

Capital Schemes Managed using Prince2

Gantt ID	Name of Scheme	Amount	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
18	Temperature Monitoring System	£15k	£11k	£0K	£0k	£4k under spend	September 2008	Louise McKenzie Shaun Baker	Project is complete.
19	Small Fires Unit	£20k	£0k	£20k	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Cllr Jean Jones Dave Bishton	This is a new scheme (replacing the L4Ps) for updating the existing vehicle at Market Drayton in line with Tweedale's Small Fires Unit. Scheme anticipated to be completed by end of March 09.
20	Retained Duty Service Availability System	£25k	£0k	£25k	£0k	£0k	March 2010	Paul Raymond Jon Wagstaff	Project Initiation Document complete and scheme discussed by Policy Group on 14 Jan.

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22	Training Facilities	£30k	£0k	£30k	£0k	£0k	March 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	£115k	£70k	£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 July 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. Vehicles to arrive in July 09 also.</i>