

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 (including those continuing into 2009/10); and
- b) Note the reviewed 2009/10 and 2010/11 schemes and any comment, if added.

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's meeting in July 2008. Members also agreed that monitoring reports on activity and finance for schemes in 2008/09 should be received by the Strategy and Resources Committee. This is the fourth update on the progress of those schemes and brings together details of activities and finance for each scheme from January to the end of March 2009. The report also identifies which schemes are to be carried forward into 2009/10 and provides an update of the schemes for 2009/10 and 2010/11.

4 Progress

Schemes to be completed and carried forward into 2009/10

Asset tracking system
Boat and vehicle
Training improvements
Fire alarm installation
Small fires unit
Retained Duty Service availability system
Appliance replacement
Performance management system (TRACK)

Details of each scheme are included in the appendix to this report.

Review of 2009/10 and 2010/11 Schemes

Members are asked to note the 2009/10 and 2010/11 schemes and any comments from officers.

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 – January to March 2009

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 – January to March 2009

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	£0k	£18k	£21k over spend	To be determined by SWG and SFRS	Alan Taylor David Groucott	Project is progressing with regular updates to Policy Group. The end scheme date has been delayed further. At the last S+R meeting Members agreed that SWG would complete Brigade tasks to prevent further delay in the project. This will incur additional costs of £18k to be vired from under spends in other schemes following approval by CFA at the April meeting. The scheme will be overspent by £21k. This scheme will be carried forward into 09/10.
4	Performance Management	£7k							
	4a Resourcelink	£7k	£0k	£0k	£0k	£3.2k under spend	October 2008	Louise McKenzie Louise Goodhead	Part of the previously reported under spend has been used for Track training. It is anticipated that there will be further similar expenditure during May 09 to complete the training.

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	4b Track	£0k	£0k	£2.3k	£1.5k	£0k	March 2009	Alison Pritchard Steve Worrall	Track is now being used as a tool by Senior Managers to monitor the Improvement Priorities. There are further payments to be made in 09/10. This scheme will be carried forward to 09/10.
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		Paul Raymond Jon Wagstaff (Kev Faulkner)	Following approval by the CFA in February this scheme was cancelled, retaining the borrowing approval.
8	Accommodation for Pumping Unit (Craven Arms)	£93k	£96k	£0k	£0k	£3k over spend	Work completed July 2008	Paul Raymond Andrew Kelcey	This scheme is completed. Overspends are expected on this scheme. CFA in February approved the virement of under spends from the garaging for Ford Rangers scheme (£18k).
9	Building Improvements	£18k	£25k	£0k	£0k	£7k over spend	Building Programme	Andrew Kelcey	This scheme has been used to fund the improvements at Prees Fire Station and is complete.

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10	Appliance Replacement	£446k	£430k	£0k	£0k	£16k under spend	Fleet replacement programme	Andrew Kelcey Martin Hoole	This scheme is complete with all appliances delivered and in use.
11	Boat and Vehicle	£21k	£1k	£0k	£20k	£0k	March 2010	Martin Timmis Andrew Kelcey	A vehicle is currently being trialled and various options are being considered. This scheme will be carried forward into 09/10.
12	Training Improvements	£92.1k	£36.5k	£0K	£55.5k	£0k	Ongoing building programme	Andrew Kelcey Louise McKenzie	The drill tower at BC has been evaluated and comments have been passed to Head of Resources. These will be incorporated into the next build. This scheme will be merged with no. 22 and carried forward into 09/10 as part of an ongoing training facilities building programme.
13	RTC Equipment for Ford Rangers	£27k	£0K	£27k	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Martin Timmis	Following approval by the CFA, this scheme has been cancelled.
14	Fire Alarm Installation	£30k	£5k	£0k	£25k	£0k	March 2010	Andrew Kelcey	Following the withdrawal of scheme no. 6 (Telford Improvements) the basic fire alarm system installed at the beginning of the year at Telford will be revisited. The fire alarm system at Wellington will be reviewed following a decision with regard to the funding of the new TCAT. This scheme will be carried forward to 09/10.

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15	Telford Lecture Room	£40k	£0k	See Comment	See Comment	See Comment	See Comment	Andrew Kelcey Phil Clarke	Following approval by the CFA at the April meeting, this scheme has been cancelled.

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	£0k	£20k	£0k	May 2009	Cllr Jean Jones Dave Bishton	A schedule of work is being devised for Market Drayton's L4P to raise its standard to that of a small fires unit in line with Tweedale's L4P. End date of the scheme has slipped into 09/10 with completion due in May 09. This scheme will be carried forward into 09/10.
20	Retained Duty Service Availability System	£25k	£0k	£0k	£25k	£0k	March 2010	Paul Raymond Jon Wagstaff	Project currently on hold due to capacity issues and will be carried forward to 09/10. Further options are currently being explored.

Other Capital Schemes

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22	Training Facilities	£30k	£0k	£0k	£30k	£0k	Ongoing building programme	Andrew Kelcey Louise McKenzie	This scheme will be delivered jointly with scheme 12 and will be carried forward to 09/10.

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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	£647k	£0k	£93k	£0k	Fleet replacement programme		One vehicle has been delivered, with three more ordered. Five chassis have been purchased for the 08/09 and 09/10 programmes (approval to order early was obtained from CFA). This scheme will be completed in 09/10 and will be carried forward.

Schemes in 2009/10

Capital Schemes to be managed using Prince2

Name of Scheme	Amount	Department	SRO and PM Or Point of Contact	What is the Scheme End Date?	Comment
Retained Duty System	£25k	Service Delivery	Paul Raymond Jon Wagstaff	March 2010	Project currently on hold due to capacity issues and will be carried forward to 09/10. Further options are currently being explored.
Document Management (Intranet)	£40k	PID	Steve Worrall John Rix	March 2010	
Scanning for all files (Document Storage)	£60k	PID	Steve Worrall	March 2010	This will be delivered alongside the Shrewsbury Project
Shrewsbury Project (IRMP)	£900k (work shops move)	Programme Team	Programme Team appointed	April 2011	

Other Capital Schemes

Name of Scheme	Amount	Department	SRO and PM Or Point of Contact	What is the Scheme End Date?	Comment
Training Facilities	£50k	Training	Andrew Kelcey Louise McKenzie	Ongoing building programme	
Building Improvements	£165k	Tech Services	Andrew Kelcey	Building programme	
Fire Kit Replacement	£250k	Tech Services	Andrew Kelcey	March 2011	To be delivered over a two year scheme (09/10 and 10/11)
Light Pumping Unit	£300k	Service Delivery	Andrew Kelcey Martin Timmis	unknown	Business Case to be developed
Appliance Replacement	£370k	Fleet	Andrew Kelcey Martin Barclay	Fleet replacement programme	
Retaining approval for WL scheme	£100k	Tech Services	Andrew Kelcey	To be determined	

Schemes in 2010/11

Capital Schemes to be managed using Prince2

	Name of Scheme	Amount	Department	SRO and PM Or Point of Contact	What is the Scheme End Date?	Comment
	Shrewsbury Project (IRMP)	£2600k (rebuild of HQ)	Programme Team	Programme Team appointed	April 2011	

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	Training Facilities	£50k	Training	Andrew Kelcey Louise McKenzie	Ongoing building programme	
	Appliance Replacement	£185k	Fleet	Andrew Kelcey Martin Barclay	Fleet replacement programme	
	Building Improvements	£65k	Tech Services	Andrew Kelcey	Building programme	
	Fire Kit Replacement	£250k	Tech Services	Andrew Kelcey	March 2011	To be delivered over a two year scheme (09/10 and 10/11)
	BA Set upgrade	£250k	Tech Services	Andrew Kelcey	unknown	
	Retaining approval for WL scheme	£50k	Tech Services	Andrew Kelcey	To be determined	