

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item 5

MEETING: 20th JANUARY 2014

SUBJECT: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/2014 - THIRD REVIEW

JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER AND THE FINANCE OFFICER

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The original Capital Programme for 2013/2014 was approved at the Authority meeting on 18th February 2013.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to review the current year's Programme and reflect further changes to those that were presented to the Authority as a consequence of the Second Capital Programme Review on 21st November 2013.

2. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/2014 - THIRD REVIEW

- 2.1 The position for 2013/2014 is set out at Appendix A, and is summarised below:

		Second Review	Third Review
	Original Estimate	Revised Estimate (Nov)	Revised Estimate (Jan)
	£	£	£
Expenditure - Continuing Projects 2012/2013	2,804,490	3,484,178	3,297,639
	447,600	667,600	667,600
	3,252,090	4,151,778	3,965,239
Resources - Contribution from Revenue	200,035	361,948	363,448
	1,291,432	1,438,579	1,250,540
	524,000	524,000	524,000
	476,000	861,835	861,835
	760,623	965,416	965,416
	3,252,090	4,151,778	3,965,239
Vehicle Replacement Programme	196,000	135,000	107,500
	3,448,090	4,286,778	4,072,739

- 2.2 The Capital Programme is showing a net reduction of £214,039 from £4,286,778 to £4,072,739.

- 2.3 Regular monitoring of the Capital Programme continues to take place and at the Third Review stage the following issues are brought to Members' attention for information:

Estates

- 2.4 The Control rooms at West Denton are now vacant, having relocated to Station Headquarters, and a number of options for the site will be considered by the Senior Management Team (SMT). Awaiting this decision, the balance of £145,840 will slip in to 2014/2015. The Capital Programme has been amended accordingly.

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- 2.5 As reported at second review, the preferred option for the Data and Information Software project is to develop the Performance Management system in-house, and £20,000 was slipped in to the next financial year due to unavailable staffing resource until 2014/2015. It is now expected that a further £16,033 relating to the GIS project will slip in to 2014/2015.
- 2.6 The Miquet project has been delayed due to resource implications (staff shortages) and the pilot is currently being evaluated for its suitability to roll-out. £26,166 will slip in to 2014/2015 and the Capital Programme has been amended to reflect this.

Operational Equipment

- 2.7 The final Fire Demonstration Unit from 2013/2014 has cost £1,500 more than budget. This additional amount will be met from the P&E revenue budget and will not impact on the funding of the Capital Programme.

Carbon Management Plan (CMP)

- 2.8 Supplier delays are impacting on the LED lighting project, meaning that there is a potential that part of this work may need to be slipped into 2014/2015. The Estates department are managing the position and will continue to liaise with the contractors to ensure the best outcome for the Authority. Further updates will be given in future monitoring reports.

3. VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

- 3.1 The vehicle replacement programme has been decreased by £27,500 from £135,000 to £107,500 due to the following:
- 3.2 The replacement fire boat added in to the Programme during the year will cost an additional £1,500. This has been added in to the Vehicle Replacement Programme and will be funded from slippages on other schemes.

- 3.3 The Authority has purchased two of the three vehicles from the £50,000 North Tyneside Reward Grant. Purchase of the third vehicle will be postponed until the outcome of the light fleet review is known. The grant of £29,000 remaining will be slipped in to 2014/2015.

4. PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

- 4.1 The Prudential Indicators for the financial year 2013/2014 were approved by the Authority on 18th February 2013. These indicators are regularly reviewed to ensure that:

- the Authority remains within its Authorised Limit for External Debt and any warning signals are highlighted where there is a danger that capital investment plans are not affordable, prudent, and sustainable;
- treasury management decisions are taken in accordance with professional good practice;
- the capital expenditure control framework operated locally is consistent with, and supportive of, local strategic planning, local asset management planning, and proper option appraisal.

- 4.2 Internal monitoring procedures have been established to track performance against the various prudential indicators agreed by the Authority. These are managed on a day to day basis by the Finance Officer. At this stage the Authority is operating within its Authorised Borrowing Limit, which is a statutory limit determined under Section 3 (1) of the Local Government Act 2003. There are no areas for concern or any issues which require any review of the indicators as originally approved.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Members are requested to approve the revised Capital Programme for 2013/2014 as set out at Appendix A.

