Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority Strategy and Resources Committee 13 September 2023

Capital Update on Activity and Finance

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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1 Executive Summary

This report provides an overview of all the capital schemes within the Service and their current status.

2 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the progress so far on current schemes.

3 Background

Updates on Finance and Activity within Capital Schemes are reported to Members at Strategy and Resources Committee.

This report provides an update on current schemes.

4 Progress

This report covers the reporting period end of November 2022 to June 2023. Detailed progress on schemes carried forward from 2017/18 or earlier; and on this year's schemes (2023/24) is shown within the appendices.

Schemes that are part of the Service's Programme will be monitored by the Service Programme Board.

5 Conclusions

The Committee is asked to note the progress so far on current schemes.

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6 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7 Legal Comment

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

8 Equality Impact Assessment

There are no equality or diversity implications arising from this report. An e-EQIA is not, therefore, required.

9 Appendices

Appendix A

Non-exempt Update to June 2023 on Schemes carried forward from 2017/18 and prior and on Schemes for 2023/24.

Appendix B

Paper 10 Exempt Update to June 2023 on Schemes carried forward from 2017/18 and prior and on Schemes for 2023/24.

10 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

Appendix A to report on Capital Update on Activity and Finance Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority Strategy and Resources Committee 23 September 2023

Non-exempt Update to June 2023 on Schemes carried forward from 2017/18 and prior and on Schemes for 2023/24

Buildings

Name of Scheme	Year scheme started	Spend in 23/24	Current Balance	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Retained Station Building Works	2021/22	£30k	£577k	Ongoing	Andrew Kelcey	Works at Ellesmere, Market Drayton and Whitchurch are generally complete; however, snagging is taking longer than expected. Formal action may need to be taken against the contractor if no progress is made. Door and window replacement at Whitchurch, Baschurch, Bridgnorth, Wellington and Market Drayton is complete.
Building Improvements at Tweedale	2016/17	£0	-£17k	Dec 2023	Andrew Kelcey	Refurbishment works are now complete. Drill yard resurfacing and completion of roofing works are to follow through separate contracts.
Major improvements at Telford – initial phase	2016/17	£1,681k	£5,247k	Ongoing	Andrew Kelcey	Work is ongoing at Telford. Technical and supply chain issues continue to impact the works, which will result in increased cost and delayed completion.

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Vehicles and Equipment

Name of Scheme	Year scheme started	Spend in 23/24	Current Balance	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Light Vehicle Replacement	2019/20	£45k	£157k	Ongoing	Martin Barclay	Remaining balance is for replacement of Vauxhall Astras in the Group Support team, current preference is Electric Vehicles (EV). The new Police national framework for light vehicles has been awarded with no suitable EV available. The current Vauxhall Astras were purchased direct from Vauxhall with a 100k warranty for first owner, vehicles are approaching 90k. Whilst there is some warranty remaining the preferred position is to evaluate suitable vanbased replacements which are more versatile and cost effective. Van models and types are decided, and order will be placed in September 2023.
Boats	2018/19	£0	£8k	2023	Martin Barclay	A new Zodiac IRB Craft (Inflatable Rescue Boat) has been delivered and is in service.
Hydraulic Equipment replacement	2021/22	£0	£67k	Ongoing	Martin Barclay	Hydraulic equipment replacement is a rolling scheme for the next five years to replace life expired tools and hose.

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Name of Scheme	Year scheme started	Spend in 23/24	Current Balance	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
Replacement of Fire Kit	2021/22	£117k	-£34k	March 2023	Andrew Kelcey	All of the kit has been received and 90% has been issued.
Officer Emergency Response Vehicles (OERVs)	2021/22	£0	£459k	2023	Martin Barclay	OERVs have been split into two batches and batch one (11 cars) has been delivered to our converter for 999 equipment install. Batch two (13 cars) has been ordered and will be delivered in 3 batches. Overspend is currently stated though the sale of 11 second-hand cars will be income back into the scheme, £15 – 20k per car dependent on mileage and condition.
BA Upgrade	2022/23	£0k	£350k	TBC	Andrew Kelcey	A £90k scheme has been agreed and instructed to improve the cleaning and decontamination of sets.
Replacement of Fire Safety Vehicles	2021/22	£14k	£41k	TBC	Martin Barclay	The new outreach vehicle has been purchased and is in use in its base form, there is budget remaining for the purchase of technology to deliver the function and for the racking/stowage of any purchased technical equipment.

ICT

Name of Scheme	Year scheme started	Spend in 23/24	Current Balance	What is the Scheme End Date?	Senior Responsible Owner and Project Manager or Point of Contact	Update
IT infrastructure (including MDT Software Upgrades and Net Motion)	All schemes from 2014/15	£4k	£63k	Ongoing	Sally Edwards	The latest purchase has been the replacement of the audio-visual displays in Fire Control which will provide the basis for commercial grade audio visual requirements in the Telford building programme.
Alerters and Station End Equipment	2021/22	£69k	£126k	TBC	Sally Edwards	Alerter devices awaiting delivery, delays from supplier.