

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 recommended 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 first update on the progress of those schemes and brings together details of activities and finance for each scheme from April to the end of August.

4 Progress

The table in the appendix shows progress on schemes brought forward from 2007/08 and those scheduled for 2008/09. It also identifies those schemes managed under PRINCE2.

As yet a large number of schemes are unable to report any projected under or over spend, as schemes have not yet started. As reporting on the Capital Schemes progresses throughout the year, further information is expected.

Most notably:

- Schemes 12 (Training Improvements - £92.1k) and 22 (Training Facilities - £30k) will be delivered jointly; an appraisal detailing the use of the capital is the subject of a further report.
- Scheme 15 (Telford Lecture Room - £40k) is currently being reviewed and recommendations will be returned to a future meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee.

Conversely a number of schemes have now been completed and these are indicated in 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

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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 – April to August 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	£21k	£18k	£0k	£0k	February 2009	Alan Taylor David Groucott	Project is progressing according the project plan with regular updates to Policy Group.
4	Performance Management	£7k							
	4a Resourcelink	£7k	£0k	£0k	£0k	£7k under spend	October 2008	Louise McKenzie Louise Goodhead	At the outset, the scope for the ResourceLink project included the Training module. A decision was taken not to introduce this within the current project, hence the £7k under spend. Recent developments with requirements for the RCC and diminishing support from the supplier of our current training module raising concerns about its sustainability have now altered this decision. It is proposed that the projected under spend now be used for its original intention, if only at a slightly later date than planned.

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	4b Track	£0k	£0k	£0k	£0k	£0k	November 2008	Alison Pritchard Steve Worrall	The system Track has been purchased, however unknown payments are anticipated for additional licences and support not included in the original contract. These will be financed from the Revenue Budget.
5	Digitisation of Files	£1k	£0k	£1k	£0k	£0k	September 2008	Paul Raymond Louise Goodhead	Project is nearing completion, however some IT issues still remain. It is anticipated that there will be payments in 08/09 to resolve these issues.

Other Capital Schemes

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6	Telford Station Improvements	£60k	£0k	£60k	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Paul Raymond Jon Wagstaff (Kev Faulkner)	The improvements have been scoped and will be made during this financial year.
8	Accommodation for Pumping Unit (Craven Arms)	£75k	£75k	£0k	£0k	£0k	Work Completed July 2008	Paul Raymond Andrew Kelcey	This scheme is completed.

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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	£286k	£160k	£0k	£0k	Fleet replacement programme	Andrew Kelcey Martin Hoole	Three appliances have been ordered. 1 has been delivered and part paid for. 2 are currently in build and will be delivered and paid for prior to March 09. Rising steel costs have increased the original costs of this scheme however these were agreed by Members at July CFA.
11	Boat and Vehicle	£21k	£0k	£0k	£0k	£0k	August 2008	Martin Timmis Martin Hoole	Light weight trailer has been purchased. Officer tasked with identifying suitable vehicle.
12	Training Improvements	£92.1k	£7k	£85.1K	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Andrew Kelcey Louise McKenzie	Three drill towers are planned for this financial year 08/09. Planning permission is currently being sought at a cost of £7k. It is proposed that this scheme be merged with the Training Facilities Scheme for £30k. At CFA in July, Members requested a project appraisal of the scheme as the use of the capital had changed. This is the subject of a further report.

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13	RTC Equipment for Ford Rangers	£27k	£0k	£27k	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Martin Timmis	Equipment is currently being priced.
14	Fire Alarm Installation	£30k	£0k	£30k	£0k	£0k	4 Months TC & WL	Andrew Kelcey	No movement yet on this scheme – dependent upon the Shrewsbury Project
15	Telford Lecture Room	£40k	£0k	See comment	See comment	See comment	See Comment	Andrew Kelcey Phil Clarke	This scheme is currently being reviewed.

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	£0k	£11.4K	£0k	£3.6k under spend	September 2008	Louise McKenzie Shaun Baker	Project is progressing according the project plan with regular updates to Policy Group.
19	L4Ps (Small Fires Unit)	£100k	£0k	£100k	£0k	£0k	March 2009	Cllr Jean Jones Dave Bishton	Review is currently underway to provide members with options for choice of vehicle. This will be reported to CFA in October. The scheme may not be fully spent in 08/09 and may slip in to 09/10 depending on the option approved by Members because of lead in times for vehicle builds.
20	Retained Duty Service Availability System	£25k	£0k	£25k	£0k	£0k	March 2010	Paul Raymond Jon Wagstaff	Research conducted and PID being prepared. The possibility of purchasing the system jointly with a neighbouring Brigade may produce economies of scale, reducing the overall cost.

Other Capital Schemes

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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	£0k	£185k	£555k	£0k	Fleet replacement programme		This capital is for 4 new appliances. 1 has been ordered and is due to be delivered and paid for by Feb 09. 3 are in the process of being ordered and will be delivered and paid for in the next financial year (09/10). Rising steel costs have increased the original costs of this scheme however these were agreed by Members at July CFA. <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>