

report

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REPORT OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT - PERIOD 9 ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report to the Fire & Rescue Authority on Capital Programme progress in the year 2005/06 to the end of December 2005. This report analyses significant variances against the original programme.

2. BACKGROUND

Budget monitoring is a key aspect of financial management for the Authority. Regular reporting of spending against both the revenue and capital budgets to Senior Management Team and to Members is a check that spending is within available resources and, if necessary, allows for financial resources to be re-assigned to meet changing priorities. The capital monitoring statement is shown as Appendix A to this report. Revenue budget monitoring is the subject of a report elsewhere on this agenda.

3. REPORT

3.1 SUMMARY

3.1.1 The capital budget monitoring statement is showing an underspend to date of -£2,395k.

3.2 SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES

3.2.1 Transport is underspent by -£926k to date. The specifications of appliances have been delayed, pending the outcome of the Best Value Reports on Road Traffic Collision and Special Services Calls. Provision has been made for the procurement of appliances in the 2006/07 capital programme.

3.2.2 Property is currently underspent by -£1,035k, primarily due to the delay in commencing the building of the new fire station at Harworth. This project is now in progress and the projected underspend for 2005/06 is -£193k.

3.2.3 Information Technology is currently underspending by -£433k. This is due to delays in two areas: rolling replacement of infrastructure and development of applications. Projects in these areas have now started to spend. In addition, the Firelink project is a national development which is now unlikely to commence in 2005/06. The projected underspend on Information Technology for 2005/06 is -£72k.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are set out within the body of the report.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

There is no impact on equality issues arising from this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Budget monitoring and the regular receipt of financial reports is key to managing one of the most significant risks to the organisation, that of financial risk. The process of budget monitoring is a key risk management control measure as are the management actions which are stimulated by such reporting. Finance division staff work collaboratively with budget holders in monitoring capital budgets and financial performance.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the contents of this report.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION

None.

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CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING AS AT DECEMBER 2005

	<u>Budget</u> <u>2005-</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Under/</u> <u>Over</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>Outturn</u>	<u>Outturn</u> <u>Variance</u>
	<u>£000's</u>	<u>£000's</u>	<u>£000's</u>	<u>£000's</u>	<u>£000's</u>
Transport					
Pumping Appliances	328		-328		-328
Specialist Appliances	320		-320		-320
Small vehicles	414	136	-278	294	-120
	1,062	136	-926	294	-768
Property					
Harworth	700	42	-658	537	-163
Acquisitions	100	18	-82	100	
Major Schemes	300	270	-30	310	10
Equilities	400	135	-265	360	-40
	1,500	465	-1,035	1,307	-193
I.T					
Infrastructure Refreshment	309	144	-165	286	-23
Infrastructure Additions	227	198	-29	198	-29
Application Development	140		-140	220	80
Firelink Project	100		-100		-100
	776	343	-433	704	-72
Total	3,338	943	-2,395	2,305	-1,033