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Finance and Resources Committee

CAPITAL OUT-TURN FOR 2010/2011

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

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Purpose of Report:

To report to Members on the out-turn of the Capital Programme for 2010/2011 and seek approval for slippage to be carried forward to 2011/2012.

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1. BACKGROUND

The out-turn on the capital programme is not reported as part of the final accounts process as the performance against the programme is a matter for budget monitoring rather than the final accounts. Nevertheless it is important that Members are kept abreast of capital spending and also are given the opportunity to approve carry forwards between years

2. REPORT

SUMMARY

2.1 The out-turn for capital spending during 2010/2011 is given in full as Appendix A and shows an underspend of £1.719m. In summary this is made up as follows:

Transport	-1,015m
Property	-0.229m
ICT	-0.491m
Equipment	+0.017m

2.2 The most significant items are two rescue pumps which were delivered in 2011/2012 (£299,000) and 4 special appliance chassis which are yet to be delivered (£691,000). Other smaller items related to light vehicles and the outreach vehicle which is now awaiting livery at Highfields.

2.3 The property programme contains various under and over spends the most significant of which are:

Underspend

Carlton Rebuild	£387,000 (out-turn approx £150,000 under)
Professional Fees	£ 84,000
Battery Chargers	£ 37,000 (allocated elsewhere by F&R)

Overspend

Mansfield	£ 87,000 (previously reported)
Sale of House at Carlton	£100,000 (not yet on market)
Stockhill	£ 36,000 (problems with roof)

2.4 Against the backdrop of the entire programme of £4.356m these variances are not considered to be very significant particularly when those related to Carlton are removed.

2.5 There is a small overspend relating to equipment which was due to the replacement of faulty equipment in the gymnasiums on station and at HQ.

- 2.6 The largest variation in the ICT Capital Programme relates to the business automation project (£145,000) which has yet to begin. This was delayed in part due to the issue of the three counties ICT initiative and in part due to the pressure of work around the Fire Cover Review. It is hoped to start this in 2011/2012. The renewal of the HR system (£93,000) which was phased to begin in 2010 has started as a project but is yet to incur any significant costs.
- 2.7 The mobile computing project was delayed until 2011/2012 and the CFRMIS Upgrade has not yet begun.
- 2.8 Projects such as the Firelink project and the Regional Finance project are substantially complete (finance project went live in January 2011) but the last remaining bills have yet to come through.
- 2.9 Overall the performance against the capital programme was fairly good although it is clear that some projects need to be progressed more rapidly in 2011/2012.

Slippage

- 2.10 Those projects which have been delayed or are naturally spread over more than one year require their budgets to be slipped forward into 2011/2012. Approval is sought therefore to slip the following amounts forward:

Transport

	£
Rescue Pump Replacement Programme	299,000
Special Appliances	691,000
Small Vehicles	46,000

Property

Tuxford	14,000
Carlton	100,000
Blidworth	20,000
Battery Chargers	37,000
Occupational Health	6,000

Information Technology

Regional Finance System	72,000
HR/MIS Replacement	99,000
Business Process automation	145,000
CFRMIS Operational Intelligence	16,000

Total **1,545,000**

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are set out within the body of the report. Members will be aware that the revenue implications of the proposed slippage are already included within the 2011/2012 budget so there are no additional costs not already budgeted.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no implications for human resources or learning and development in this report.

5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

There are no specific equalities issues arising from this report.

6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are always risks inherent within any capital project relating to under or overspending. The main issue however is the risk the organisation becomes exposed to by not completing a project. There are projects within the slippage that are vital to the performance of the service such as rescue pumps and special appliances as well as other “softer” projects such as business automation from which the organisation hopes to drive efficiencies going forward.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members note the performance of the capital programme and approve the slippage set out in Paragraph 2.10 above.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)

None.

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Appendix A

Capital Budget Monitoring as at 31/3/2011

	<u>2010/11</u> <u>Approved</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2009/2010</u> <u>Slippage</u>	<u>Revised</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>2009/10</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>16th</u> <u>June</u>	<u>Outturn</u> <u>Variance</u>
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
TRANSPORT					
Rescue Pump replacement programme	1,104	0	1,104	805	-299
Special Appliances	795	261	1,056	365	-691
Community Safety Outreach Vehicle	0	0	0	20	20
Small vehicle replacement programme	214	180	394	348	-46
	2,113	441	2,554	1,538	-1,015
PROPERTY					
Highfields Fire Station	11		11	87	76
East Leake Fire Station	10		10	32	22
Southwell Fire Station				11	11
Misterton Fire Station	12		12	10	-2
Stockhill Fire station	3	71	74	110	36
Tuxford Fire Station	465	263	728	714	-14
Carlton Rebuild	1,660	1,248	2,908	2,521	-387
Blidworth Fire Station	20		20		-20
Mansfield Fire Station	60	292	352	439	87
Professional Fees		189	189	105	-84
Retentions	45		45	31	-14
Fuel Tanks				6	6
Battery Chargers	45		45	8	-37
Occupational Health Unit	22		22	16	-6
Furniture and Fittings	40		40	36	-4
Sale of Carlton House	-100		-100		100
	2,293	2,063	4,356	4,126	-229
Gym Equipment	0		0	17	17
	0	0	0	17	17
IT. & COMMUNICATIONS					
Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery	30	58	88	70	-18
Business Process Automation	25	120	145	0	-145
Information Systems Developments	0	1	1	9	8
Mobile Computing	0	74	74	4	-70
HR System	0	105	105	12	-93
Regional Finance System	49	74	123	52	-71
Business Expansion	40		40	15	-25
Replacement Equipment	90	8	98	88	-10
Fire Link	0	42	42	0	-42
CFRMIS	26		26	1	-25
	260	482	742	251	-491
GRAND TOTAL	4,666	2,986	7,652	5,933	-1,719