

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 17 December 2013

Decision No: (CAB 13/14 11621)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOUSING AND SUSTAINABILITY
SUBJECT:	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECT APPROVAL 2013/14 AND 2014/15
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THE DECISION

- (i) To approve a virement of £200,000 in 2014/15 from the unapproved provision for 'DN: Future Decent Neighbourhood Schemes', within the HRA Capital Programme, to provide a new budget for the 'DN: Estate Improvement Programme'.
- (ii) To approve a virement of £475,000 in 2014/15 from the unapproved provision for 'Communal Area works – Future Projects', within the HRA Capital Programme, to increase the budget for the 'Weston Court - Communal Area Works' scheme from £1.5M to £1.975M.
- (iii) To approve a series of virements, totalling £1,425,000, from the unapproved provision for Communal Area Works – Future Projects, within the HRA Capital Programme, to provide new budgets for specific schemes, as detailed in Table 1 below.

	2013/14	2014/15	TOTAL
	000s	000s	000s
Well Maintained Communal Facilities			
Ventnor Court Electric Scooter Storage	120	40	160
James Street Electric Scooter Storage and Canopy	200	155	355
Milner Court Electric Scooter Storage	30	130	160
Floor Coverings on Communal Corridors	250	250	500
Bassett Green Community Facilities Refurbishment	150	100	250
Total Well Maintained communal Facilities	750	675	1,425

- (iv) To approve, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, spend on schemes in the HRA Capital Programme as detailed in the table below.

	2013/14	2014/15	TOTAL
	000s	000s	000s
Warm and Energy Efficient			
Renewable Energy Sources (including solar PV and ground/air source pumps)	100	0	100
Total – Warm and Energy Efficient	100	0	100
Well Maintained Communal Facilities			
Ventnor Court Electric Scooter Storage	120	40	160
James Street Electric Scooter Storage and Canopy	200	155	355
Milner Court Electric Scooter Storage	30	130	160
Floor Coverings to Communal Corridors	250	250	500
Bassett Green Community Facilities Refurbishment	150	100	250
Communal Area Works	100	50	150
Weston Court – Communal Area Works	125	1,850	1,975
DN: Estate Improvement Programme	0	200	200
Total Well Maintained Communal Facilities	975	2,775	3,750
Total	1,075	2,775	3,850

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Financial Procedure Rules state that all schemes already in the capital programme up to the value of £500,000 require approval by the relevant Chief Officer, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and Chief Financial Officer. Schemes between £200,000 and £500,000 also need to be published on the Officer Forward Plan. Schemes between £500,000 and £2 million will require Cabinet approval. The schemes in this report fall into all of these categories but are presented in one report to Cabinet for completeness.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. There have been various consultation meetings with tenant groups and leaseholder during the last 8 months with regard to the proposed programme of capital expenditure associated with the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Self-Financing regime.
2. These works form part of the approved 5 year Capital Programme (formally approved in February 2013).
3. The alternative option of not undertaking the works identified would leave the Council's homes and surrounding areas in their present condition and would not accord with the view expressed during the consultation process or with the Council's policies of providing homes that comply with the four agreed headings of:
 - Safe Wind and Weather tight

- Warm and Energy Efficient
- Modern Facilities
- Well Maintained Communal Facilities

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 17 December 2013

Decision Maker: The Cabinet

Proper Officer: Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable)* *(this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*