

Decision No 2012/11



REPORT TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE
REPORT BY: LISA KITTO, CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER
DATE: 15 FEBRUARY 2013
TITLE: 2012/13 CAPITAL MONITORING POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report sets out the latest position in relation to the 2012/13 capital programme and is based on the monitoring position as at the end of December 2012. This is the last monitoring report that will be presented to the Police and Crime Commissioner for the 2012/13 until a final accounts report is presented later in the year.

The revised budget for the 2012/13 capital programme is £15.829m and takes account of the original budget that was set by the former Lancashire Police Authority in February 2012 and further additions to the programme that have been agreed during the year.

RECOMMENDATION

The Police and Crime Commissioner is asked to;

- Note the forecast underspend of £5.147m on the 2012/13 capital programme of which;
 - £1.323m relates to slippage on schemes that need to be carried out in 2013/14
 - £3.354m relates to scheme that were planned for 2012/13 but have been deferred to future years
 - £0.470m relates to underspends on current capital projects and schemes that are no longer required
- Note the requirement for the funding for schemes that have slipped or been deferred to be carried forward to 2013/14
- Note that £470k of the capital programme is available for re-investment in other capital schemes due to underspends on schemes that have completed or for schemes that are no longer required.
- Note that almost £11m of capital investment will have been carried out by 31st March 2013 ensuring that the organisation's infrastructure assets remain robust and fit for purpose.

Decision taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire:

Original decision, as set out in the attached report, approved without amendment (please delete as appropriate)	YES	NO
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Original decision required to be amended and decision as detailed below:

The reasons for the amended decision are as detailed below:

Police and Crime Commissioner: Comments

Declarations of Interest

The PCC is asked to consider any personal / prejudicial interests he may have to disclose in relation to the matter under consideration in accordance with the law, the Nolan Principles and the Code of Conduct.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation.

Signed: Police and Crime Commissioner Date:	Signed: Chief Officer: Date:
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Background

The 2012/13 capital programme for the Police and Crime Commissioner is £15.829m and is made up of the original 2012/13 capital programme as set by the former Police Authority in February 2012 and some further additions that have been agreed throughout the course of the financial year. The capital programme is monitored on a regular basis and this report sets out the forecast out turn position for the year and sets out details of any key or significant variances.

The 2012/13 capital programme is forecast to underspend by £5.147m of which;

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SLIPPAGE

Slippage on the capital programme amounts to £1.323m and is attributable to the schemes set out below. Funding to enable these schemes to be completed in 2013/14 is still required and it is proposed that funding be rolled forward to 2013/14;

- ***Integrated Communications and Control System (£0.488m)***

This forms part of the move to rationalise the provision of contact management. The supplier of the system has been approved however as the award of the contract took longer than anticipated only £0.512m of the original budget provision is expected to be spent in 2012/13.

- ***Digital Speed Camera Upgrade (£0.835m)***

This was a new scheme proposed after the initial programme was set and it was always anticipated the costs would be phased over two years. The slippage reflects this position.

DEFERRED SCHEMES

The following schemes were planned for 2012/13 but have not commenced in line with the original plans. The funding for these projects is still required and it is proposed that all the funding be carried forward to 2013/14. These schemes involved include;

- ***CSP Penetration Testing (£0.060m)***

This scheme is still required however due to capacity issues within the ICT department as a consequence of resources being targeted to other priorities, this work has not commenced. The project will however be completed in 2013/14.

- ***Digital Voice Recording (£1.392m)***

The ongoing issues around the suitability of tenderers to deliver the required product remain. Protracted tendering processes using NPIA's preferred suppliers through the national framework agreement have proved unsuccessful and negotiations are now underway to look at alternative solutions outside the national framework. It is anticipated that this work will be completed in 2013/14.

- **Disaster Recovery (£0.219m)**

A solution for ensuring appropriate disaster recovery arrangements are in place have now been agreed and are being progressed for completion in 2014/15.

- **Accrington Police Station (£1.080m)**

The scheme has been progressing during 2012/13 with various negotiations taking place around a suitable site. It is anticipated that work will commence in 2013/14.

- **Electronic Case Files (£0.6m)**

This scheme has many dependencies including mobile working and a revised or new custody case system. A full end to end digital solution from statement taking to custody processing, to court is the desired solution and is currently being developed. It is envisaged that this work will commence in 2013/14.

SCHEME UNDERSPENDS

There is a small underspend of £67k on the Covert WAN scheme. In addition to this the Customer Relationship Management system is no longer required. This is as a result of alternative approaches to managing customer interfaces being developed, including the use of the e-commerce solution. The saving on the capital programme is £400k.

The funding that was previously earmarked for these projects is therefore available for future investment in capital projects and will form part of the decision making when the 2013/14 capital programme is set.

Whilst there has been a combination of slippage and deferral of expenditure for the reasons set out above, it is worth noting that almost £11m of investment will have been carried out by 31st March 2013 ensuring that the organisation's infrastructure assets remain robust and fit for purpose.

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