

DECISION ITEM



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
MANAGEMENT TEAM	ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE	10 NOVEMBER 2015	6

BUDGET SETTING – PRIORITISATION OF CAPITAL BIDS

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The Council has a duty to manage its assets and capital resources in order to best deliver its objectives as set out in the Corporate Plan.

The consideration of capital bids for inclusion or otherwise within the Council's approved Capital Programme is a key component of the budget-setting process and contributes to the longer-term management of the Council's resources in an efficient and effective manner. This report requests that Members provide that consideration and prioritisation process in respect of the capitals bids for 2016/17 which fall within the terms of reference of this Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is requested :

1. To consider and provide any feedback or comments on each of the capital bids relevant to this Committee's terms of reference as shown at Appendix A to this report;
2. To provide a prioritised list of bids supported by the Committee for further consideration by the Budget Working Group; and
3. To note that a report in relation to Disabled Facilities Grants will be presented at the next meeting of the committee.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

To Promote the Enhancement of The Natural & Built Environment (Place)	√	To Encourage Cohesive Communities (People)	√
To Promote a Thriving Economy (Prosperity)	√	To Meet Expectations of our Customers (Performance)	√

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The capital bids that are relevant to the terms of reference of this Committee are considered and prioritised each year as part of the annual budget-setting process. There have been no previous decisions in respect of these capital bids.

REPORT

1. The Council has a duty to manage its assets and capital resources in order to best deliver its objectives as set out in the Corporate Plan.
2. The prioritisation of capital investment according to a well-defined and rational approach is especially important in helping to prioritise resources when the demand for such resources exceeds the total of the resources available. This process is defined within the Council's Capital Strategy, the latest revision of which was approved by Council on 12th October 2015.
3. A key element of the prioritisation process, as described within the Capital Strategy, is the consideration of capital bids by the Council's Programme Committees. The capital bids for 2016/17 received to date which fall within the terms of reference of this committee are shown at Appendix A to this report. The Committee is requested to consider and prioritise the capital bids relevant to this Committee's terms of reference.
4. The Budget Working Group has initially reviewed all of the capital bids prepared. The Group felt that with regards to a bid in relation to Disabled Facilities Grants that additional information was required to allow for a proper consideration of the merits of the proposal. In order to facilitate this it was recommended that a report containing a full analysis of the current position with regard to Disabled Facilities Grants be presented to the Environment, Health and Housing Committee at the earliest opportunity, which is scheduled for January.
5. The role of the Council's Programme Committees in the consideration and prioritisation of capital bids is also referenced within the Timetable for Developing Budget Proposals 2016/17 report which was approved by the Finance and Democracy Committee at the meeting of 28th September 2015.
6. Once capital bids have been prioritised by each programme committees, the Budget Working Group will review the outcome of the deliberations of programme committees and will make recommendations to the Finance and Democracy Committee via an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) report on a proposed budget package which will include capital budget proposals.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The consideration of capital bids for inclusion or otherwise within the Council's approved Capital Programme is a key component of the proper financial management of the Council's resources. This report requests that Members provide that consideration and prioritisation process in respect of the capitals bids for 2016/17 which fall within the remit of this Committee.
Legal	None arising directly from this report
Community Safety	None arising directly from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising directly from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising directly from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising directly from this report

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Council Report - Approved Capital Strategy	12 th October 2015	www.Fylde.gov.uk
Finance and Democracy Committee - Timetable for Developing Budget Proposals 2016/17	28 th September 2015	www.Fylde.gov.uk

Attached documents

Appendix A – Capital Bids for Consideration and Prioritisation:

1. Lytham Park Chapel – Windbreak Canopy