

**The County Farms Estate**

**Capital Monitoring (month 4) 2019/20**

**Report of the County Treasurer**

**1      Capital Monitoring (month 4) 2019/20**

1.1      The Capital budget presented to Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and approved at County Council on 21 February 2019 included schemes totalling £600,000.

1.2      Added to this is slippage (subject to approval) of £558,337 taking the total capital budget for 2019/20 to £1,158,337.

**2.      Nitrate Vulnerable Zone Compliance**

2.1      Currently one new slurry store is at an early feasibility and design stage with a view to potentially being required in 2020/21.

2.2      The 2019/20 budget of £474,041 will not be spent in year on NVZ compliant schemes and has thus been redeployed to enable more farmhouse renovation and improvement schemes to be carried out in year.

**3.      Compensation Payments (Tenants Improvements, etc..)**

3.1      Forecast spend currently stands at nil, but this excludes any liability that may fall due in year or at 25 March 2020.

**4.      Enhancements and Improvements**

4.1      Forecast spend currently stands at £1,158,337 in total. The 2019/20 capital programme has been agreed.

4.2      Retention money is being held during the 12 month defect period for 14 schemes completed in the previous year

4.3      Expenditure has been incurred on 3 schemes started in 2018/19 but completed this year

4.4      Expenditure is being incurred on 4 schemes started this year

4.5 A further 6 schemes are being designed, specified and tendered with a view to works being completed this financial year.

4.6 This budget will also be used to deliver a programme of improvement works required to deal with The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 and associated General Binding Rules for septic tanks and small sewage treatment plants for domestic properties.

## **5. Land Acquisitions**

5.1 Currently no potential land purchases have been identified.

## **6. Options/Alternatives**

6.1 Alternative options have been considered and discounted as they are believed to either be contrary to current Estate policy and/or not in the best financial interests of the Estate.

## **7. Consultations/Representations/Technical Data**

7.1 The views and opinions of the Devon Federation of Young Farmers Clubs and the Estate Tenants Association will be presented by the two co-opted members to the committee.

7.2 No other parties have been consulted and no other representations have been received

7.3 The technical data is believed to be true and accurate.

## **8. Financial Considerations**

8.1 The Author is not aware of any financial issues arising from this report.

## **9. Environmental Impact Considerations (including Climate Change)**

9.1 The Author is not aware of any environmental impact (including climate change) issues arising from this report.

## **10. Equality Considerations**

10.1 The Author is not aware of any equality issues arising from this report.

## **11. Legal Considerations**

11.1 The Author is not aware of any legal issues arising from this report.

## **12. Risk Management Considerations**

12.1 The Author is not aware of any obvious risks to manage.

**13. Public Health Impact**

13.1 The Author is not aware of any public health impact.

**14. Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations**

14.1 The Author has prepared this report in accordance with the findings of the County Farms Estate Strategic Review (April 2010).

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Electoral Divisions: ALL

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

None

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