

The County Farms Estate

Capital Monitoring (Final Outturn) 2016/17 and Capital Monitoring (Month 2) 2017/18

Report of the County Treasurer

1 Capital Monitoring (Final Outturn) 2016/17

- 1.1 The capital programme for county farms for 2016/17 totalled £2,591,498.
- 1.2 The month 10 monitoring position was reported to the Farms Estate Committee at its meeting of 22 February 2017 (CT/17/12 refers).
- 1.3 Total spend in 2016/17 amounted to £1,107,944.
- 1.4 There were a number of schemes completed in 2016/17 with some over or under spend due to variations between estimates and actuals, or minor contract variances post scheme approval. These were largely self-balancing and as such required no further action.
- 1.5 Scheme slippage to 2017/18 stood at £1,483,554, including £1,013,345 in respect of all Nitrate Vulnerable Zone compliant schemes and £470,209 on a number of farmhouse renovation and improvement schemes, some of which required planning consent and/or building control approval.

2 Capital Monitoring (Month 2) 2017/18

- 2.1 The Capital programme presented to Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee on 24th January 2017 (and subsequently approved by County Council) included schemes totalling £600,000.
- 2.2 Added to this was slippage of £1,483,554 taking the total capital scheme for 2017/18 to £2,083,554.

3. Nitrate Vulnerable Zone Compliance

- 3.1 One slurry store is currently in the process of being constructed, as at month 2, no actual spend had been recorded.
- 3.2 Currently one new concrete box slurry store is planned to be constructed, and one clay lined lagoon is being designed and specified.
- 3.3 Forecast spend stands at £1,013,345 on NVZ compliant schemes for 2017/18.

4 Compensation Payments (Tenants Improvements, etc..)

4.1 Forecast spend currently stands at nil but this excludes any liability that may yet fall due in year or at 25 March 2018. Potential for future compensation payments in year.

5 Enhancements and Improvements

5.1 Forecast spend currently stands at £450,209 in total but the 2017/18 capital programme has not yet been finalised.

6 Land Acquisitions

6.1 Currently no potential land purchases have been identified.

7 Options/Alternatives

7.1 Alternative options have been considered and discounted as they are neither practical nor in the financial best interests of the Authority.

8 Consultations/Representations/Technical Data

8.1 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.

8.2 No other parties have been consulted and no other representations for or against the proposal have been received.

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

9 Considerations

9.1 The Author is not aware of any financial, sustainability, carbon impact, equality, legal, risk management or public health issues arising from this report.

10 Summary/Conclusions/Reasons for Recommendations

10.1 The Author has prepared this report in accordance with the Councils capital funding procedures and guidelines.

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Electoral Divisions: ALL

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

None

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