

CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL

Report to Council

Date of Meeting: 16 May 2013

Subject: Additional General Capital Grant 2013-2014

Report by: Accountancy Manager

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to amend the approved General Services Capital Programme for 2013/14 by bringing forward spend planned to be incurred in 2014/15. This is in order to fulfil the conditions of the grant specified by the Scottish Government in respect of additional grant awarded.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that Council
- 2.1.1. allocates the additional £400k General Capital Grant to bring forward Property Asset Management Improvements from 2014/15 to 2013/14.

3.0 Considerations

Background

- 3.1 The Council approved its General Services capital programme for 2013/14 at the Special meeting on 8th February. The programme was supported by a General Capital Grant of £3.679m as advised in the Local Government Finance settlement figures in November 2012.
- 3.2 As a result of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Budget Statement, additional capital funding for 2012/13 and 2013/14 is available for new local government capital projects. This extra money represents local government's share of the capital funding consequentials accruing to Scotland as a result of the budget. This represents £11k and £386k respectively for 2012/13 and 2013/14 for Clackmannanshire Council.
- 3.3 The award of the additional grant is conditional on:
- Council confirming in writing that this additional grant will be spent on projects that are ready to be delivered and are not already funded in its capital programmes for 2012/13 or 2013/14; and

- Council will provide high level details of planned expenditure on significant projects or work areas likely to be brought forward to meet the grant conditions.

This information is to be provided no later than 30 June 2013, followed by final confirmation at the end of the year.

- 3.4 Due to the relatively small amount allocated for 2012/13 it is acceptable to combine the two financial year figures as far as new projects are concerned, thus giving the Council £397k to allocate.
- 3.5 The Head of Facilities Management was asked to review the approved programme for future years to consider what could be brought forward for this sum, and he has proposed that the Property Asset Management Improvements budget of £400k currently allocated in 2014/15 is brought forward to 2013/14 . This project is the replacement of the amenity block at Kelliebank for use of waste, fleet, lands and craft staff. The current facilities are inadequate in quality and size at Kelliebank. The facilities fail acceptable modern standards and are within a poor condition temporary unit that is beyond repair. This windfall funding would bring forward this very necessary improvement.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 This additional grant provides the opportunity to bring forward work not already budgeted for in 2013/14. The proposal outlined in paragraph 3.5 meets the conditions of the grant and resolves an asset management issue earlier than planned.

5.0 Sustainability Implications

- 5.1 There are no sustainability implications.

6.0 Resource Implications

6.1 Financial Details

- 6.2 There financial implications are outlines within the report. Yes

- 6.3 Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

6.4 Staffing

- 6.5 *None*

7.0 Exempt Reports

Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

8.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) Our Priorities (Please double click on the check box)

- The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses
- Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive
- People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment
- Our communities are safer
- Vulnerable people and families are supported
- Substance misuse and its effects are reduced
- Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing
- The environment is protected and enhanced for all
- The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence

(2) Council Policies (Please detail)

9.0 Equalities Impact

9.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes No

10.0 Legality

10.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

11.0 Appendices

11.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

None

12.0 Background Papers

12.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes (please list the documents below) No

General Services Revenue and Capital Budget 2013/14 - 2015/16 and 2013/14 - 2019/20. Report to Special Council 8th February 2013.

Notification of General Capital Grant 2013-14. Letter from Scottish Government 27th February 2013.

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