

Appendix B – Commentary on Service Capital Forecasts

Service	Slippage	New (or net nil)	Over budget	Under spend	Net 2020-21 change
Adult Social Care					-
Business & Customers	12				12
Children & Families					-
Communities Services	- 1,613	4,122		- 34	2,475
Education Services	1,395	325	663	- 44	2,339
Enabling Services	- 268	2,449			2,181
Environment Services	- 6,380	551	204	- 78	- 5,703
Fire	- 993	52	0		- 941
Governance & Policy					-
People Commissioning					-
Grand Total	- 7,847	7,499	867	- 156	363

Detailed explanation at a Service level is provided in **Appendix C - Annexes A to M**. The main reasons for the movement to future years in the quarter compared to the approved budget are:

Business & Customers - £0.012m scheme brought forward

- A contribution to the Hawkes Point project has meant spend on improving the customer experience has happened sooner than expected (£0.012m).

Communities Services – Slippage of (£1.613m) caused by: -

- Delays on Transforming Nuneaton (£0.902m). Preliminary work on the delivery of the new building has been delayed due issues around gaining vacant possession of the site, which is needed to allow for demolition and a clean site ready for development, and the appointment of the main project management team; expected delivery has now been pushed back by 1 year and therefore the forecast has been adjusted to recognise this.
- Delays on integrated transport cycling schemes in Leamington to Kenilworth (£0.5m) due to uncertainty around land acquisitions and Nuneaton to Coventry (£0.262m) as a result of delays to the finalisation of the design detail.
- The remainder relates to small changes in time frames on a number of other projects, please see the annex.

Education Services – £1.395m caused by: -

- Newdigate Primary School expansion £1.405m is completing ahead of schedule.
- The remainder is small changes in time frames on a number of other projects, please see the annex.

Enabling Services – (£0.268m) slippage caused by: -

- ICT spending has been delayed allowing time to review datacentre related outcomes and spend with the new ICT leadership group (£0.268m).

Environment Services – Slippage of (£6.380m) caused by: -

- £3.649m relates to S278 projects. The time frame for undertaking these is reviewed based on progress around each development.
- £2.262m of area delegated schemes have been brought forward as a result of changes to the use of these funds (see Cabinet report dated 11th June 2020)
- £1.973m delay on the A47 Hinckley. This scheme has now been split into two more phases as current estimates based on more detailed design have identified that the current budget is insufficient to deliver the full scope of the original project. Phase 2 (cycle provision) will now be delivered in 2021/22 with the scope and timescales of further junction improvements to be decided dependant on the amount of additional funding being approved.
- £1.135m delay on the A46 Stoneleigh due to the approval process with Highways England being protracted. The timescale around gaining Highways England approvals was a known risk at the outset of the project and as such costs associated with it have been allowed for in the risk budget. The shift in spend from 20/21 to 21/22 presented here will not result in any increased costs that cannot be managed in the available budget.
- £0.895m of delays on historic bridge maintenance resulting from a re-prioritisation of schemes and the discovery of a protected species at Baginton.
- £0.400m delay relating to A46 Stanks Island where claims are expected to fall in 2021-22.
- The remainder is smaller changes in time frames on a number of other projects, please see the annex.

Fire & Rescue Service – Slippage of (£0.993m) caused by: -

- Leamington Fire HQ - £0.011m of slippage caused by the project being put on pause pending a review of the Local Authority's reinstatement plan for offices post Covid.
- Delayed spending of £0.042m on the Fire Services Network equipment specifically relating to vision upgrade caused by the timescales for tenders.
- £0.050m of delays on expected equipment purchases related to Edraulic rescue tools.
- The training suite of projects (slippage of £0.890m) and £0.513m of funding redistributed between projects within the overarching training scheme and slippage of £0.890m

The Fire Training Capital Scheme is progressing, and tenders have been received via an open market tender for the Kingsbury and Stratford sites. Due to current market conditions and an increase in demand for contractors both tenders exceed the original estimates. Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service has carried out several value engineering exercises with the design consultant and are unable to reduce the design and specification any further without impacting on their fundamental training requirements. This has necessitated the transfer of funding between individual projects. Works are likely to commence on these two sites during December 2020.

There has been a delay with the Lea Marston site due to additional planning conditions, the Service is hopeful that this site will be presented to the December 2020 Planning Committee, with a view to receiving and evaluating tenders by February 2021.

The Service has taken the decision to temporarily pause the water rescue training provision at the Environment Agency site, until the Lea Marston tender evaluation has been carried out. At this point the Service will be able to review the deliverability of the suite of training schemes within the existing budget, and if necessary, consider alternative funding arrangements. This element of the scheme is nevertheless an important training asset which is linked to the Integrated Risk Management Plan. When compared to other Fire and Rescue Services, Warwickshire has a significantly high number of rescues from water (per head of population) and this facility directly links to climate change, which is a foreseeable increasing risk for the communities of Warwickshire into the future.

The delays on projects means the expected benefits of the schemes will not be realised to the original time frame.