

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM: Head of Contract & Asset Management

REPORT NUMBER: G 175

TO: Strategy Committee

DATE OF MEETING: 10th January 2008

2007/08 CAPITAL PROGRAMME – NON COMMITTED SCHEMES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval to implement schemes within the Council's General Fund capital programme that are ready to proceed.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That expenditure from the Council's General Fund is approved to carry out the proposed schemes detailed in the table in paragraph 3.1 below.

The Committee is able to resolve this matter.

3. KEY INFORMATION

3.1 The Head of Contract & Asset Management requests that the following schemes proceed from the General Fund. Approval is therefore required for:

Budget	Work Category	Estimated Cost (£)	Balance of Budget Remaining after approval of these schemes (£)
£57,800 (07/08)	Planned Maintenance – Corporate Buildings: Demountable extension to vehicle repair bay at Chilton Depot	29,850	Nil
43,400 (07/08) 72,250 (08/09)	Planned Maintenance – Car Parks: Installation of tickets machines in the short-stay car parks in Sudbury and replacement of existing ticket machines in the short-stay car parks in Hadleigh, together with associated information signs	86,900	Nil (07/08) 28,750 (08/09)

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications. The schemes can be funded from the existing budgets.

5. **RISK ASSESSMENT**

There are no risks associated with this report.

6. **KEY INFORMATION**

6a. **Chilton Depot**

The servicing of the vehicles employed on the joint waste and recycling contract is undertaken at Chilton Depot. One bay in the existing workshop has a maintenance pit for working under the vehicles. However the bay is not sufficiently long enough to accommodate the longer vehicles from Mid Suffolk (nor the new vehicles proposed in 2009) unless they protrude into the open air. This is not a satisfactory arrangement in terms of working conditions for the maintenance staff. There is a need therefore to extend this bay to ensure the vehicles are enclosed.

Conventional construction methods i.e. steel frame and cladding with foundations would cost between £50,000 and £60,000.

However as we are currently searching for a new depot site a demountable structure is proposed, which can be re-used elsewhere at a later date. This is an industrial 'poly-tunnel' on small concrete foundations.

The cost of the work (estimated at £29,850) will be incorporated into joint calculations for depot provision with Mid Suffolk, who have in turn refurbished their office complex at Creting Road, Stowmarket for the Joint Client Team.

6b. **Car Parks**

The Council's short-stay car parks in Sudbury are not equipped with ticket machines. Enforcement is currently carried out by the manual recording of registration numbers and the bay number in which a vehicle is parked. This is extremely inefficient, particularly in wet weather, and does not allow the car park warden to cover all the parking spaces within the three-hour restriction period.

It is proposed therefore to install ticket machines to allow efficient enforcement, and hence greater income. The work will include the provision of concrete bases and power supplies for the machines. In addition new clearer information signs will be provided (these are required in any event due to the new parking orders coming into force in 2008).

In Hadleigh the existing ticket machines are life-expired. It is proposed therefore to replace them in order to standardise our equipment across all our car parks.

These works will start in financial year 07/08 and continue into 08/09.

7. **APPENDICES AND BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO:**

NONE

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