

Capital Programme 2014/17

Scheme Bid Document - Scheme: Backup Power Generator

Description: Replacement of Argyle Road backup power generator to ensure continuation of services in the event of a power outage.

Service : Corporate Support - Property

Portfolio Holder/Chief Officer : Cllr Ramsay/Jim Carrington-West

Financials :

CAPITAL COSTS	TOTAL	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Gross scheme cost	140	140	0	0
External Contributions (list)				

Net scheme cost	140	140	0	0
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ONGOING REVENUE IMPLICATIONS

(excluding loss of interest)

Running costs

Income streams

Net cost	0	0	0
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Funding Source : Funded from capital reserves. Ongoing revenue costs for maintenance and fuel are to be met from existing revenue budgets.

Other Resource Implications :	
Staffing	Staffing required for overseeing installation and ongoing maintenance is allocated as part of the current Property Team workload.
Asset Values	£140,000

Justification: (Statutory Duty / Community Plan Aims / Key Infrastructure / Additional Savings / Other)

The Argyle Road offices are currently served by an existing generator set with a rated output of only 40kVA, this is located in the basement Generator Room, leading off the Lower Ground Floor Ventilation Plant Room.
For comparison purposes, the incoming 400V 3-phase mains supply to the Council Offices is

rated at 250kVA, and metering has recorded an absolute peak consumption to date of some 208kW. Presently the generator set serves very limited areas.

In light of a review of our Business Continuity Management arrangements and IT resilience it is proposed to install a new generator set of sufficient capacity to serve the whole of the Argyle Road office building, rather than installing or retaining a set of lower output to serve only designated essential supplies/services or to retain a hire agreement for the provision of generation in the event of a mains failure.

The reasons for this are mainly:

- The existing arrangements power only part of the building and although the IT server room is covered by a backup UPS, the air conditioning serving the server room is not covered by the generator. This effectively means that the servers will have to be shutdown in the event of any prolonged power failure. Therefore existing arrangements have a risk in terms of business continuity, service delivery and IT restoration times.
- The option to hire a generator (be that on a guaranteed delivery or not) is covered by a Force Majeure clause. It is highly likely that if we are to suffer a prolonged mains failure it will be due to a Force Majeure, leading to the generator not being delivered. This is considered a high risk option.
- If we retained or replaced with a smaller generator and looked to cover areas so that IT infrastructure may remain operational, the existing electrical distribution within the building would need to be split between essential and non-essential supplies, meaning that we would effectively have two power distribution networks running throughout the building. The cost of providing this would exceed the additional cost of a full-load sized generator set against a part-load sized unit. Furthermore, assuming that distribution was indeed split between essential and non-essential, future changes to service provision requirements and/or relocation of services within the building could result in further additional costs to change distribution arrangements for that service from essential to non-essential, and vice-versa.

A new Generator is estimated to have a serviceable lifespan of approximately 25 years.

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Scheme Bid Document - Scheme: Vehicle Replacement Programme

Description: Purchase of replacement commercial fleet vehicles that have reached the end of their fully depreciated life.

Service: Environmental and Operational Services

Portfolio Holder/Chief Officer: Ian Bosley/Richard Wilson

Financials:

CAPITAL COSTS	TOTAL	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Gross scheme cost	1885	600	645	640
External Contributions (list)				

Net scheme cost	1885	600	645	640
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ONGOING REVENUE IMPLICATIONS

(excluding loss of interest)

Running costs

Income streams

Net cost	0	0	0
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Funding Source: Funding via the vehicle replacement fund which is financed by depreciation charges for all fleet vehicles and from the sale of any vehicles. Depreciation charges are made on all vehicles and met from fixed transport charges on relevant trading account or relevant service budget.

Other Resource Implications :	
Staffing	Managed by fleet management overhead account by existing employees
Asset Values	Approximately £3.0 M

Justification: (Statutory Duty / Community Plan Aims / Key Infrastructure / Additional Savings / Other)

To maintain services, mainly statutory. Supports all the Council's priorities

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Scheme Bid Document - Scheme: Improvement Grants

Description: Statutory Disabled Facility Grants (DFGs) including large-scale voluntary transfer (LSVT), Registered Social Landlords (RSL) aids and adaptations and cost of processing applications

Service : Housing Services

Portfolio Holder/Chief Officer : Cllr M Lowe / Pat Smith

Financials :

CAPITAL COSTS	TOTAL	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Gross scheme cost	1,985	617	684	684
External Contributions				
CLG grant	(1,364)	(410)	(477)	(477)
Net scheme cost	621	207	207	207

ONGOING REVENUE IMPLICATIONS

(excluding loss of interest)

Running costs

Income streams

Net cost	0	0	0
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Funding Source : Government Grant (DCLG) and Council budgets

* : Revenue implications dependent on individual projects.

Other Resource Implications :	
Staffing	Staff costs have been removed over a 5 year period. (Costs now met from existing revenue budgets).
Asset Values	Assets not in Council ownership

Justification: (Statutory Duty / Community Plan Aims / Key Infrastructure / Additional Savings / Other)

It is statutory duty to provide DFGs to the older and or disabled residents in the district. Out of the

total budget, £250,000 is ring fenced for West Kent Housing Association(WKHA) Aids and Adaptations for tenants. Both SDC/HIA and WKHA schemes are eligible for DCLG funding.

The Council has just started managing most of the DFG process in house (December 2013).

The Council will only use the HIA, at the moment, for larger grant applications however the majority of work will be under taken in house by the Housing Advice and Standards team.

It is hoped to provide a more effective service this way and this should show in the budget spend. A review will be taken of the in house service after it has been running a year when a report will be sent to Members to decide whether the service should continue in house or be managed by the HIA.