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SUBJECT:	REVIEW OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME	REF: JRH/SAC
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	SWADLINCOTE, NORTH WEST, HILTON, WILLINGTON	TERMS OF REFERENCE: F3

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that Members approve an amendment to the capital programme for the adoption of works at George Holmes Way and additions to the programme for the land drainage works in Scropton and payment of the compensation claim for Willington Reservoir.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To obtain Member's approval to three amendments to the capital programme.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Three separate items of capital expenditure require the consideration of the Committee as follows.

George Holmes Way

3.2 The approved capital programme for this year contains £10,500 to carry out the required works to complete the surfacing of the roads and footways to adoption standards. Three quotations for this work have been received and the lowest was £14,500.

3.3 Completion of the adoption works is essential so that its future maintenance can be passed to the County Council; until such time as this is done the road remains a liability on the Council who will continue to have to carry out maintenance and repairs. Members are therefore asked to approve the increased expenditure required so works can be undertaken prior to the end of the year.

Watercourse at Scropton

- 3.4 During the floods of November 2000 several properties were affected at Scropton. Investigations have shown that one of the causes is an inadequate culvert on the main watercourse running adjacent to Watery Lane and connecting, under the railway, into Foston Brook.
- 3.5 Quotations have been obtained to carry out the necessary works to enlarge this culvert and the lowest was £8,250. This will enable a much larger culvert to be provided and for water to get away more quickly.
- 3.6 The culvert is situated under land owned by Foston and Scropton Parish Council who have agreed to meet one half of the cost of the improvements in partnership with the Council. Members are asked to approve these works as an addition to the capital programme so that the improvements can be carried out at the end of November and the flooding risks reduced.

Willington Reservoir

- 3.7 In 1990 the District Council entered into negotiations with Severn Trent Water Limited for the grant of a Deed of Easement over some land that they owned in Willington. The aim of this easement was to improve and construct drainage works pursuant to Section 98 of the Land Drainage Act 1976. In accordance with statutory procedures it was agreed that the District Council would pay compensation of £30,000 to Severn Trent. In 1997 90% of that figure (£27,000) was paid to them. The Council was liable to pay interest on the balance of £3,000 from 23rd October 1995 until its payment on completion of the easement Severn Trent's legal fees amounting to £450.00.
- 3.8 Interest has been calculated to 15th November 2001 in the sum of £823.20. Severn Trent's legal representative has confirmed that provided completion takes place by no later than 1st December 2001, the interest may remain as calculated to that date. Therefore the total amount payable is £4,273.20

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The resources outlined above can be accommodated within the Council's capital programme for 2001/2 by a combination of additional receipts and uncommitted resources from existing schemes.

5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 The amendments to the Capital Programme are required in order to meet our legal or service obligations. Resources exist, within the programme, to accommodate those amendments.