

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure
DATE	9 November 2010
DIRECTOR	Gordon McIntosh
TITLE OF REPORT	Capital Budget Progress Report
REPORT NUMBER:	EPI/10/268

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update to Committee of the progress being made on the various projects within the Non-Housing Capital Programme, previously approved by Council, which are currently aligned to Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure services.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the content of this report in relation to the projects outlined at Appendix A.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The monies required to fund the capital programme are achieved through external borrowing, capital receipts and grant income. Action will be taken to ensure that capital spend in 2010/11 is kept within the finances available and budgeted for.

- 3.2 The overall cost of Capital is calculated on a Council-wide basis and therefore the impact on the Council will be included within the summary report to Finance and Resources Committee. It is important that approved projects are managed and monitored in a robust way to ensure there is accuracy in relation to expenditure projections and thereby enable the Council to calculate and evaluate the overall need for, and cost of, borrowing.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Failure to invest adequately in the Council's asset base may lead to the Council not complying with current health and safety requirements nor capturing the benefits that can be derived from, for example, improved design and construction practices.

- 4.2 If the continuation of close budgetary control is not exercised and maintained the Council may operate out-with the capital control mechanisms laid down by the Scottish Government in relation to the Prudential Code for the 2010/2011 Non Housing Capital Programme.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

- 5.1 Appendix A outlines the Non-Housing Capital Programme projects aligned to Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure services and provides for each project the budget for 2010/11, spend to the end of September 2010 and forecast out-turn. The appendix also outlines future years' budget profiles and any current project forecast variance.
- 5.2 The spend to the end of September 2010 only reflects payments made and processed. It excludes commitments that have been made which will be due to be paid by the end of the year. Such commitments will be reflected in the forecast position.
- 5.3 Comments from project managers are included in the narrative where appropriate.
- 5.4 A number of project budgets for 2010/11 have been updated to include amounts carried forward from 2009/10. These carry-forwards were agreed at the Finance and Resources Committee meeting of the 28 September 2010. The amounts carried forward against each project is noted in Appendix A.

6. IMPACT

Corporate – the projects considered in this report contribute to a number of the key priorities within the Community Plan and the Single Outcome Agreement in relation to improving the transport infrastructure, redeveloping the city centre and supporting the economic development of the city.

Public – this report is likely to be of interest to the public as a number of the projects covered by this report involve significant amounts of capital expenditure and have a high public profile.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Financial ledger data extracted for the period.

8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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663 Corporate Office Accommodation	67,928	24,852	33,215	7,949	25,879	33,215	8,470	1,327	0	67,928	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
For the acquisition and renovation of Marischal College for Corporate Office Accommodation. Current commitments include those for works to be undertaken in 2011/12.											
86 Lighting Improvements	1,400	Rolling	500	29	153	500	400	500	0	1,400	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Replacement and enhancement of street lighting columns. An additional £200k was committed to this project at the Finance and Resources committee of 11 May 2010.											
88 Traffic Calming & Road Safety	600	Rolling	166	6	67	166	150	150	150	600	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Various initiatives throughout the city to improve road safety and meet transportation strategy objectives. The budget for 2010/11 includes £16k carried forward from 2009/10											

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217 MTS Associated Road Improvements - Wellington Rd Phase 5	5,813	5,734	79	118	22	140	0	0	0	5,835	22
Project Description/Project Cost Work is progressing on finalising the contract with snagging work, settlement of variations and payment of retention monies. The 2010/11 budget includes £69k carried forward from 2009/10. This project will be overspent because additional payments had to be made for the purchase of land that was omitted in the original Compulsory Purchase Order.											
296 Roads Maintenance Resurfacing	3,833	Rolling	2,833	431	949	2,833	450	550	0	3,833	0
Project Description/Project Cost Reconstruction and resurfacing of roads throughout the City. Expenditure was reprofiled early in 2010 due to weather-related delays and an additional £1.85 million was committed to the project at the Finance and Resources committee on the 11 May 2010.											

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413 Footway Improvements	1,232	Rolling	732	73	217	732	250	250	0	1,232	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Reconstruction and resurfacing of footways throughout the city. A further £200k was committed to this project at the Finance and Resources committee on the 11 May 2010.											
470 Road Network - Weak Bridges	178	Rolling	78	11	0	78	50	50	0	178	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Programme for upgrading or protecting of bridges to bring the structures up to an acceptable load bearing standard.											
471 Road Network - Bridge Major Maintenance Programme	150	Rolling	50	0	0	50	50	50	0	150	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Major maintenance works.											

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550 Signage	173	Rolling	73	9	19	73	50	50	0	173	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
This budget is made up a number of schemes to improve existing and supply new signage throughout the city. This project includes £23k carried forward from 2009/10.											
551 Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets (CWSS)	365	Rolling	365	15	350	365	0	0	0	365	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
This budget is made up of a number of road improvement schemes and initiatives throughout the city to improve road safety and encourage cycling and walking. Grant funded by the Scottish Government.											
587 Access from the North	12,630	Rolling	1,000	56	47	1,000	3,200	4,930	3,500	12,630	0
Project Description/Project Cost.											
This project relates to the proposed 3 rd Don crossing. Study and design work has already been undertaken.											

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627 Western Peripheral Route	14,949	8,831	4,200	0	550	4,200	800	200	200	14,949	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Estimated Aberdeen City Council contribution towards the construction of the Western Peripheral Route. Profile changed to reflect not for profit distribution model of funding but with current cost estimates and timescales. Will require to be updated following completion of the statutory procedures.											
647 Newhills Manse T Junction	385	282	103	1	24	103	0	0	0	385	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Residual payments in relation to improvements to the T Junction at Newhills Manse and surrounding road networks. An additional £95k was committed to this project at the Finance and Resources committee on 10 May 2010. A further £3k was carried forward from 2009/10.											
660 Central Aberdeen Transport Infrastructure	5,840	Rolling	770	1	709	770	60	155	4,855	5,840	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
To develop and progress the various traffic management and infrastructure improvements necessary to achieve the pedestrianisation of Union Street. The revised budget for 2010/11 includes £710 carried forward from 2009/10.											

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703 Traffic Signal Safety Upgrade	1,600	Rolling	400	50	240	400	400	400	400	1,600	0
Project Description/Project Cost Replacement of traffic signal equipment with low voltage units.											
715 MTS - Berryden Road Improvements	7,735	Rolling	335	26	99	325	400	1,210	5,800	7,735	0
Project Description/Project Cost Construction of a new dual carriageway road in Berryden which will make a substantial contribution to the reshaping of traffic systems within the City Centre. The current year's budget for this project includes £10k carried forward from 2009/10. It was agreed at the Finance and Resources committee of the 11 March 2010 that £200k of budget be brought forward from 2011/12.											
716 A96 Park & Ride/Dyce Drive Link Road	11,500	Rolling	1,500	12	10	1,500	3,000	4,500	2,500	11,500	0
Project Description/Project Cost Works proposed to assist in the early delivery of employment land and to assist in the linkages between transport infrastructure in the area.											

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721 Wellington Bridge - Preservation Works Phase 2-4	161	Rolling	161	3	0	161	0	0	0	161	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Preservation work & architectural lighting.											
757 Union Street Cable Support System for Banners & Festive Lights	82	Rolling	82	6	0	82	0	0	0	82	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
To undertake an assessment of the support system.											
216 Car Parking: Extend Pay & Display	225	Rolling	225	70	45	225	0	0	0	225	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Work on this scheme was delayed due to adverse weather conditions during December 2009 – February 2010 and the timing of the expenditure was reprofiled between 2009/10 and 2010/11 as a result.											

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739 Replacement Programme for Pay & Display Machines	100	Rolling	100	0	0	100	0	0	0	100	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
A replacement programme for pay and display machines as they reach the end of their working life. Weather-related delays over winter 2009/10 resulted in the spend being carried forward into 2010/11.											
781 Golden Square Car Parking	43	0	43	0	0	43	0	0	0	43	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Purchase of parking ticket machines, signage and lining as part of the Council taking over the parking in the square.											
646 Glashieburn Flood Protection	185	Rolling	165	-30	165	165	20	0	0	185	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
To prevent the flood of properties at Lochside Drive, which entails the construction of attenuation ponds. £35k was added to the estimate for 10/11 but this has been recovered.											

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734 Flood Prevention	200	Rolling	50	0	0	50	50	50	50	200	0
Project Description/Project Cost Improvement to various sections of open watercourses and culverts throughout the city.											
Drainage Works	250	0	250	13	172	250	0	0	0	250	0
Project Description/Project Cost It was approved at the Finance and Resources committee of 11 May 2010 that an amount be allocated to carry out various drainage improvements across the city.											
462 Council Travel Plan	89	79	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	89	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
563 Vehicle Replacement	6,000	Rolling	1,500	839	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,000	0
Project Description/Project Cost Annual vehicle replacement programme.											

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666 Corporate Asset Management System	1,285	1,085	200	81	119	200	0	0	0	1,285	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
This project was transferred to EP&I from Corporate Governance. The 2010/11 budget includes £88k carried forward from 2009/10.											
758 Upgrade of MOT Station	35	0	35	0	35	35	0	0	0	35	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
For the upgrading of the MOT station with an automatic test lane. The 2010/11 budget includes £35k carried forward from 2009/10.											
765 Nestrans - Capital Grant	5,644	Rolling	1,411	1,411	0	1,411	1,411	1,411	1,411	5,644	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Amount included within the Council's General Capital Grant, which must be paid to Nestrans.											

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782 Biomass Heating – Duthie Park Winter Gardens	125	0	125	0	100	125	0	0	0	125	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Replacement of existing oil and gas heating systems at Duthie Park Winter Gardens with a biomass system.											
783 Wifi Infrastructure (Communities)	170	0	81	3	0	81	89	0	0	170	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
This relates to the implementation of the wireless network across the city's regeneration areas.											

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294 Corp Property Replacement/Renewal	29,696	Rolling	8,244	2,828	2,374	8,244	7,975	7,975	8,975	29,696	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Ongoing property renewals and replacements. Expenditure has been reprofiled for 09/10 and 10/11 due to weather-related delays and slippage in building programmes. The 2010/11 budget includes £464k carried forward from 2009/10.											
Total Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure	180,601	40,863	59,081	14,011	32,355	59,132	28,775	25,258	29,341	180,623	22

Notes:

Spend as at 30/09/10 reflects payments made only and not the costs of commitments made for orders placed or work in progress for accepted tenders which will be reflected in the forecast position.

Future Years Budget Profiles are subject to further review and then approval by Council.