ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE Education Culture & Sport

DATE 15 September 2011

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TITLE OF REPORT Capital Monitoring – EC&S Projects

REPORT NUMBER: EPI/11/229

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise the Committee of the capital spend to date for the Education Culture & Sport projects included within the Non-Housing Capital Programme.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee note the current position.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The monies required to fund these projects are achieved through external borrowing, capital receipts and grant income. These projects are all accommodated within the Non-Housing Capital Programme. Any underspend, carry forward or overspend will have implications for the programme. There are no issues at present that would result in such implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no other implications at this time but as projects progress or indeed fail to progress then other implications may arise and will be reported at an appropriate Committee.

BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

As reported at the Finance & Resources Committee in June 2011 the overall responsibility for the monitoring/management of the Capital Programme lies with the Head of Asset Management & Operations. The Planning & Monitoring Officer within Asset Management & Operations is in regular contact with the Service Representative and the Capital Accountant, reporting in the first instance to the Corporate Asset Group. This ensures that the spend figures are always up to date and accurate.

Education Culture & Sport has a total of £0.958 million allocated to it from the Non-Housing Capital Programme. The projects included in the programme are:-

- 1) Music School Accommodation
- 2) Outdoor Education Move to Kingswells
- 3) Information Communication Technology Connectivity
- 4) Replacement of Education Management Information System
- 5) Bucksburn / Newhills Proposed Amalgamation
- 6) Provision for Children with Complex Needs
- 7) Oldmachar Academy Heating/Ventilation

The total expenditure at the end of period 4 is £6,000 which is a spend so far of 0.62%. Appendix A provides a detailed breakdown of this spend.

Discussions so far have not identified any under or over spend predictions. Variances in monthly spend compared to predicted spend have been identified in some cases, which has resulted in spend profiles being amended.

An update on the Capital position will be reported to this Committee in November.

6. IMPACT

Corporate - The capital programme encompasses projects which link to the Community Plan, Single Outcome Agreement, Corporate and Individual Service Plans and Vibrant, Dynamic & Forward Looking.

Public - This report will be of interest to the public as it outlines the Council's capital spending to date on Education Culture & Sport Projects.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Non-Housing Capital Programme 2011/12 – Monitoring Report approved at Finance & Resources Committee on 17 June 2011.

8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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Appendix A - Non Housing Capital: Education, Culture & Sport spend to Period 4 (July)

Project I.D.	Project Description	Total Budget 11/12 £'000	Projected Spend Full Year £'000	Actual Spend to July 31 £'000	Legal Commitments to July 31 £'000	Percent of Budget Spend to July 31			
682	Music School Accommodation	5	6	6	0	120			
Notes Project completed and Making Good Defects Certificate issued.									
742	Outdoor Education Move to Kingswells	6	6	0	6	100			
Notes Payment of £6,000 to contractor to settle final account due in September.									
750	Information Communication Technology Connectivity	105	105	0	49	0			
Notes Project carried forward from last year. Milestone payments due in August and October.									
751	Replacement of Education Management Information System	474	474	0	107	0			
Notes Budget re	Notes Budget required for seconding staff. As of July, staff are still not in place. Discussions are ongoing regarding potential savings on this project.								

Appendix A Continued - Non Housing Capital: Education, Culture & Sport spend to Period 4 (July)

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773	Bucksburn / Newhills Proposed Amalgamation	50	50	0	4	0			
Notes Budget exclusively for Design Team professional fees.									
776	Provision for Children with Complex Needs	316	316	0	220	0			
Notes Budget to pay decant works and further investigative works.									
780	Oldmachar Academy Heating/Ventilation	2	2	0	2	0			
Notes Project completed on budget– Certificate of Making Good Defects has been issued.									