

COMMITTEE: GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD

DATE: 4 November 2011

TITLE OF REPORT: Capital Monitoring Report

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Board on the progress of the 2011-12 Capital Plan, provide an update on the projected out-turn for the year, and highlight any changes since the last Board.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

To consider and note the contents of the report.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Capital Plan sets out the Force's proposed investment in capital assets for the current and subsequent 3 financial years. The approved budget for 2011-12 amounts to £4.362m, and is funded by way of capital grant, capital receipts and revenue financing.

The Capital Plan is overseen by the Force's Programme Board, with any minor adjustments being reflected in a transfer from or to the Unallocated Capital Funds.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

It is important that the Force continues to invest in its infrastructure and systems in order that it can enhance the operational capacity and generate efficiencies for front line policing.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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6. REPORT

A copy of the Capital Plan for 2011-12 is attached at Appendix A. The total budget allocated within the Force's Capital Plan for 2011-12 remains unchanged at £4.362m.

The Force recently submitted a bid to Scottish Water for the purchase of land in order to build new custody facilities. The bid was successful but is conditional upon the Force being awarded planning permission for the construction of appropriate buildings. It is unlikely therefore that the purchase of the land will conclude this financial year, and consequently there is unlikely to be any capital spend associated with this project prior to 2012-13.

A small number of new capital schemes were recently approved by the Force's Programme Board and have been included in the Capital Plan. This includes a further investment of £245,000 for refurbishing and improving some of the Force's properties (line 1), as well as the extension of the Police Station in Torry (line 10). The Force will also be purchasing some new equipment in order to meet operational requirements (lines 9 and 12).

This additional expenditure has been met from the Unallocated Capital Funds (line 16). The total balance of Unallocated Capital Funds now stands at £2.021m, however the projected total expenditure against the Capital Plan assumes that this balance will be fully expended by the end of this financial year.

The Force currently receives the Capital Grant funding as part of the monthly requisition drawn down from the Constituent Authorities. The amounts are paid in equal instalments, however the Treasurer to the Board is considering whether or not the Force should be reimbursed for spend as it occurs. This would reduce the need to repay and then re-requisition the following year, any Capital Grant at the year end if the situation arose where the Capital Grant funding had not been fully expended.

The Force's Programme Board is considering a number of other bids for capital resources. Should these bids be successful, then the projects will be included within the Force's Capital Plan for ratification by the Board.

National Project

Work is also progressing on the National Performance Platform Project. The budget for the current financial year is £277,000, and spend will be funded from the Efficient Government Grant carried forward from the previous financial year. The profile of spend and associated grant funding is included within Appendix B.

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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