

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Education Culture and Sport
DATE	24/11/11
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TITLE OF REPORT	Capital Monitoring – Education, Culture & Sport Projects
REPORT NUMBER:	ECS/11/075

1. 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(S)

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 under-spend, carry forward or overspend will have implications for the programme. An under-spend is currently predicted as detailed in section 5.

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.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

As reported at the previous meeting of this Committee 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 is the second capital monitoring report of 2011/12 flowing from this arrangement.

Education Culture & Sport has a total of £958,000 million allocated to it from the Non-Housing Capital Programme. The projects included in the programme are:-

- 1) Dyce 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 7 is £289,000, a spend of 30%, with a further 20% legally committed. Appendix A provides a detailed breakdown of this spend.

The Service currently forecast that there will be an overall underspend against budget of £185,000. Officials from Asset Management & Operations will continue to work closely with the Service to assess the robustness of the forecast outturn.

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

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 29 September 2011

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Appendix A - Non Housing Capital: Education, Culture & Sport spend to Period 7 (October)

Education, Culture & Sport: All Projects spend to October

Capital no.		Total Budget £'000	Year Projection £'000	Spend to October £'000
751	Replacement of Education M.I.S.	474	363	38
776	Provision for Children with Complex Needs	316	222	174
750	I.C.T. Connectivity	105	173	66
773	Bucksburn / Newhills Proposed Amalgamation	50	8	5
742	Outdoor Education Move to Kingswells	6	1	0
682	Music School Accommodation	5	6	6
780	Oldmachar Academy Heating/Ventilation	2	0	0
Totals		958	773	289

Education, Culture & Sport: By Project

Capital Item 751: Replacement of Education M.I.S.

Total Budget £'000	Year Projection £'000	Spend to October £'000	Spend to Date %
474	363	38	8

- Legal commitment has been made for cost of training.
- Expenditure will increase when seconded staff salaries begin to appear in the ledger.
- Current profile showing an anticipated underspend of £111,000.

Capital Item 776: Provision for Children with Complex Needs

Total Budget £'000	Year Projection £'000	Spend to October £'000	Spend to Date %
316	222	174	55

- Current spend profile indicates a projected underspend of £94,000.
- Remaining expenditure exclusively on Design Team fees.

Capital Item 750: I.C.T. Connectivity

Total Budget £'000	Year Projection £'000	Spend to October £'000	Spend to Date %
105	173	66	63

- Current profile shows projected overspend.
- Overspend may be a result of budget holder not budgeting for the involvement of a team to administer health & safety regulations, resulting in the need for Design team involvement. This project has moved from being an Education, Culture & Sport project to a joint venture with Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure involvement.
- Budget holders to investigate alternative means of funding projected overspend.

Capital Item 773: Bucksburn / Newhills Proposed Amalgamation

Total Budget £'000	Year Projection £'000	Spend to October £'000	Spend to Date %
50	8	5	10

- Spend for this financial year exclusively on Design team fees.

Capital Item 742: Outdoor Education Move to Kingswells

Total Budget £'000	Year Projection £'000	Spend to October £'000	Spend to Date %
6	1	0	0

- Final account profiled to be settled in late November, £5,000 under budget.

Capital Item 682: Music School Accommodation

Total Budget £'000	Year Projection £'000	Spend to October £'000	Spend to Date %
5	6	6	120

- Project completed £1,000 over budget due to settlement of final account.

Capital Item 780: Oldmachar Academy Heating/Ventilation

Total Budget £'000	Year Projection £'000	Spend to October £'000	Spend to Date %
2	0	0	0

- Project has been completed and final account settled with no further fees to pay. The £2,000 contingency budget allocated to this project is not required and therefore reported as a saving.