

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure
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TITLE OF REPORT	Capital Monitoring – Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure Projects
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise the Committee of the capital spend to date for the Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure 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 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.

5. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

As reported at the Finance & Resources Committee in June 2012 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.

Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure has a total of 13 projects, totaling £22.688 million allocated to it from the Non-Housing Capital Programme. The projects and total budget committed to each project included in the programme are:-

- 1) Corp Property Condition & Suitability Programme
£7.71 million
- 2) Cycling Walking Safer Streets Grant
£252,000
- 3) Access From the North
£430,000
- 4) Western Peripheral Route
£4.1 million
- 5) Corporate Office Accommodation
£1 million
- 6) NESTRANS - Capital Grant
£960,000
- 7) 3R's Furniture, Fittings & Equipment and Other Works
£50,000
- 8) Planned Renewal & Replacement of Road Infrastructure
£3.748 million
- 9) Land Acquisition – Contingency
£650,000
- 10) Frederick Street Relocations - Crombie Road
£43,000
- 11) Frederick Street Multi Storey Car Park
£2.345 million
- 12) Hydrogen Buses
£400,000
- 13) City Broadband
£1 million

Spend for all projects to the end of September is £5.1 million, 22% of the total budget. Discussions so far have identified potential 2012/13 underspend in the Hydrogen Buses and City Broadband projects. Spend profiles provided by the project's budget holder show it is anticipated that any underspend this financial year will be picked up in

the following financial year(s). The three year capital business plan ensures that a project will not underspend within the three year period.

Appendix A provides a breakdown of expenditure to date and relevant supporting information as necessary.

An update on the capital position will be reported to this Committee on 22 January 2013.

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 Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure projects.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Non-Housing Capital Programme 2012/13 – Capital Monitoring Report approved at Finance & Resources Committee on 19 June 2012

8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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Appendix A: Spend to date

Project Description	Budget Holder	Total Budget 12/13	Budget 13/14	Budget 14/15	Spend to end Sep.
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Corp Property Condition & Suitability Programme	Neil Esslemont	7,710	7,400	7,400	1,652
Cycling Walking Safer Streets Grant	Doug Ritchie	252	232	341	38
Access From the North	Tom Rogers	430	7,010	6,400	63
Western Peripheral Route	John Wilson	4,100	1,000	600	0
Corporate Office Accommodation	Hugh Murdoch	1,000	0	0	53
NESTRANS - Capital Grant	Joanna Murray	960	882	1,295	480
3R's Furniture, Fittings & Equipment and Other Works	Graeme Craig	50	0	0	15
Planned Renewal & Replacement of Road Infrastructure	Mike Cheyne	3,748	3,768	3,659	1,640
Land Acquisition - Contingency	Stephen Booth	650	0	0	1
Frederick Street Relocations - Crombie Road	Jim Forbes	43	0	0	254
Frederick Street Multi Storey Car Park	Ian Taylor	2,345	0	0	881
Hydrogen Buses	Jan Falconer	400	400	400	0
City Broadband	Jan Falconer	1,000	1,000	0	25
Totals		22,688	21,692	20,095	5,100

- Over half of the budget for Planned Renewal & Replacement of Road Infrastructure has been spent, Works are ongoing and the full budget is profiled to be spent this financial year.
- The Condition & Suitability budget continues to be spent. Further commitments totalling £3 million are currently being undertaken. The full project budget is currently profiled to be spent this financial year.
- Given the recent court decision to reject a further appeal against the Western Peripheral Route, the budget holder of this project will proceed with a detailed spend profile as soon as possible. A project plan and expected out turn for 2012/13 and the next two financial years will be reported to the next meeting of this committee if available.
- The Corporate Office Accommodation budget has been split into 5 sub headings:
 - Marischal College Improvements
 - Town House: Replacement Sound System
 - Town House: Refurbishment & Upgraded Security
 - Frederick Street: Ground Floor & External Envelope Repairs
 - Upgrading Offices

Due to the complexity and nature of the projects defined it is confirmed that most of this budget will slip to 2013 / 14. However, it is intended to

have all contracts legally committed this financial year. To date, £53,000 has been spent on office moves and improvements to Marischal College.

- The Frederick Street Relocations – Crombie Road project involved the relocation of the Education, Culture & Sport Reserve Collection to vacant Council owned industrial units at Crombie Road. Much of the required refurbishment to this unit was from the dilapidations budget, paid for by the outgoing tenant. This “transfer” is still to be processed and will help bring the total expenditure back into line.
- The City Broadband capital project budget of £2 million has been reprofiled. It is believed that the only spend for this project will be to purchase expert advice in order to undertake an accelerated procurement process, at a cost of £42,000 with the remaining £1.9 million profiled for 2013/14.
- Similarly, the Hydrogen Buses project has been reprofiled and now anticipates the full spend will be made in 2013/2014: £800,000 for the 4 buses in December 2013 and £1.2 million for the remaining buses in April 2014.
- Issues relating to Frederick Street Multi Storey Car Park reported to the previous EP&I Committee have now been resolved and expenditure is continuing according to the project plan. The car park facility is on target to open on 19 November 2012.
- £70,000 has been spent from the Land Acquisition – Contingency budget but has yet to show in the ledger. This will show in October’s ledger. This acquisition was 46.28 acres of land at Mill of Dyce, Dyce.
- The NESTRANS Capital grant spend is following the original spend profile. £480,000 in September will be followed by the same amount again in February.