

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

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 December 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.

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 end of December is £8.520 million. Variances in monthly spend compared to predicted spend have been identified in some cases, which has resulted in spend profiles being amended.

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

An update on the capital position will be reported to this Committee on 19 March 2013.

6. IMPACT

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

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 Dec.
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Corp Property Condition & Suitability Programme	Neil Esslemont	7,710	7,400	7,400	3,077
Cycling Walking Safer Streets Grant	Doug Ritchie	252	232	341	69
Access From the North	Tom Rogers	430	7,010	6,400	141
Western Peripheral Route	John Wilson	4,100	1,000	600	0
Corporate Office Accommodation	Hugh Murdoch	1,000	0	0	54
NESTRANS - Capital Grant	Joanna Murray	960	882	1,295	480
3R's Furniture, Fittings & Equipment and Other Works	Graeme Craig	50	0	0	17
Planned Renewal & Replacement of Road Infrastructure	Mike Cheyne	3,748	3,768	3,659	2,091
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	2,305
Hydrogen Buses	Jan Falconer	400	400	400	0
City Broadband	Jan Falconer	1,000	1,000	0	30
Totals		22,688	21,692	20,095	8,520

- At present, the Condition & Suitability Programme is currently profiled to underspend by £1.5 million this financial year. However, the budget holder intends legally committing as close to the full budget as possible this financial year. As part of the three year capital plan, the committed works can be promptly carried out and spent at the beginning of 2013/14. The Design Team will have a full compliment of staff at the beginning of 2013/14, allowing a greater number of projects to be undertaken from day one of the financial year.
- A full spend profile is yet to be completed for the Western Peripheral Route project. This will take some time given the current negotiations with Aberdeenshire Council regarding this significant and large piece of work.
- The Corporate Office Accommodation budget has still not been committed. Discussions are still taking place as to exactly what works will be carried out - cost estimates will be provided soon in order to identify what works are possible with the available budget.
- Works to Frederick Street Multi Storey Park have been completed and the car park opened to the public at the end of December 2012. The project is profiled to be concluded on budget.
- Frederick Street Relocations – Crombie Road has concluded on budget.

- As part of the three year capital plan, the majority of the budgets for the Hydrogen Buses and City Broadband projects will slip to 2013/14. The only spend to date has been on consultants fees on the Broadband project.