

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Education, Culture & Sport
DATE	31 January 2013
DIRECTOR	Gordon McIntosh
TITLE OF REPORT	Capital Monitoring – Education, Culture & Sport Projects
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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 underspend, carry forward or overspend will have implications for the programme. At present, Tullos Pool refurbishment has authorisation to overspend by £77,832, provided by the Head of Asset Management & Operations delegated authority. Details of the overspend are provided in Appendix A of this report.

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.

Education, Culture & Sport has a total of 6 projects, totaling £2.537 million allocated to it from the Non-Housing Capital Programme in 2012/13. The projects and total budget committed to each project included in the programme are:-

- 1) Information Communication Technology Connectivity
£34,000
- 2) Replacement of Education Management Information System
£167,000
- 3) School Estate Strategy - Bucksburn / Newhills
£522,000
- 4) School Estate Strategy – Riverbank
£172,000
- 5) Provision for Children with Complex Needs
£771,000
- 6) Tullos Pool Refurbishment
£871,000

Spend for all projects to end of December is £79,000. 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 28 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 Education, Culture & Sport 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
Information Communication Technology Connectivity	Rosaleen Rentoul	34	0	0	34
Replacement Education Management Information System	David Wright	167	0	0	36
School Estate Strategy - Bucksburn / Newhills	Sharon McNut	522	1,215	7,638	0
School Estate Strategy - Riverbank	Sharon McNut	172	1,490	88	8
Provision for Children with Complex Needs	Sharon McNut	771	5,722	6,393	0
Tullos Pool Refurbishment	David Wright	871	100	0	0
Totals		2,537	8,527	14,119	79

- The budget holder for The Replacement Education Management Information System has advised Asset Management a number of orders will be raised in January. A range of mobile devices for use in schools will be ordered, costing approximately £100,000.
- School Estate Strategy – Bucksburn / Newhills project still does not have a detailed project plan. This will be made available when the budget holder has finalised this with HubCo North.
- A site is still to be selected for the Provision for Children with Complex Needs project.
- Tullos Pool Refurbishment has now had a contract accepted, totaling £1.049 million. The additional spend on this item is 7% over the approved capital budget. The overspend has been authorised by the Head of Asset Management & Operations under his delegated authority.
- It has been necessary to accept the contract over budget as the approved sum was based on a three year old probable cost with no opportunity to check the cost against the cost of living increases before committee approval. In addition, changes to the design requested by the future operator, Sport Aberdeen, have been adopted and approved by Education, Culture & Sport. Pool tank works have increased due to the length of time empty following discussions with pool specialists
- Mitigating measures to minimize the overspend have been employed: Provisional sums have been omitted or reduced; contingencies have been reduced and a Bill of Reduction has been agreed with Education, Culture & Sport and the Preferred Contractor.
- The budget holder has provided a reprofiled plan of works in line with the accepted contract sum. The project has now been profiled for slippage to 13/14 as part of the three year capital plan.