

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure
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DIRECTOR	Gordon McIntosh
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.

As part of the Council's three year business plan, capital expenditure is now monitored within a three year timescale where appropriate. This has given budget holders the ability to profile within a three year period. In year monitoring will continue, alongside monitoring the larger three year capital programme.

Some projects are now profiled for little or indeed no expenditure in the current financial year. In these instances, budget holders have profiled the intended expenditure in the appropriate financial year. Budget holders who are profiling slippage on a legally committed project into the next financial year(s) are also profiling this expenditure into the appropriate year.

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 Service Representatives 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 14 projects, totaling £23,688,000 allocated to it from the Non-Housing Capital Programme. The projects and total budget committed to each project for 2012/13 included in the programme are:-

- 1) Corp Property Condition & Suitability Programme
£7,710,000
- 2) Cycling Walking Safer Streets Grant
£252,000
- 3) Access From the North
£430,000
- 4) Western Peripheral Route
£4,100,000
- 5) Corporate Office Accommodation
£1,000,000
- 6) NESTRANS - Capital Grant
£960,000
- 7) 3R's Furniture, Fittings & Equipment and Other Works
£50,000
- 8) Planned Renewal & Replacement of Road Infrastructure
£3,748,000
- 9) Land Acquisition – Contingency
£650,000
- 10) Frederick Street Relocations - Crombie Road
£43,000

11)Frederick Street Multi Storey Car Park
£2,345,000

12)Hydrogen Buses
£400,000

13)City Broadband
£1,000,000

14)St. Nicholas House Demolition
£1,000,000

Spend for all projects to end of January is £10,109,000. 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 21 May 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

2012-13 Monitor

Project Description	2012/13 revised budget	Spend to end Jan.	Spend to date
	£'000	£'000	%
Corp Property Condition & Suitability Programme	7,710	3,363	44
Cycling Walking Safer Streets Grant	252	72	28
Access From the North	430	162	38
Western Peripheral Route	4,100	218	5
Corporate Office Accommodation	1,000	54	5
NESTRANS - Capital Grant	960	480	50
3R's Furniture, Fittings & Equipment and Other Works	50	18	37
Planned Renewal & Replacement of Road Infrastructure	3,748	2,279	61
Land Acquisition - Contingency	650	1	0
Frederick Street Relocations - Crombie Road	43	293	682
Frederick Street Multi Storey Car Park	2,345	2,305	98
Hydrogen Buses	400	0	0
City Broadband	1,000	35	4
St. Nicholas House Demolition	1,000	828	83
	23,688	10,109	

2012-15 Monitor

Project Description	Budget 2012/13- 2014/15	Total profiled out - turn	Variance
	£'000	£'000	%
Corp Property Condition & Suitability Programme	22,510	22,510	100
Cycling Walking Safer Streets Grant	825	825	100
Access From the North	13,840	13,476	97
Western Peripheral Route	5,700	5,700	100
Corporate Office Accommodation	1,000	1,000	100
NESTRANS - Capital Grant	3,137	3,137	100
3R's Furniture, Fittings & Equipment and Other Works	50	37	75
Planned Renewal & Replacement of Road Infrastructure	11,175	11,175	100
Land Acquisition - Contingency	650	650	100
Frederick Street Relocations - Crombie Road	43	293	682
Frederick Street Multi Storey Car Park	2,345	2,345	100
Hydrogen Buses	1,200	1,200	100
City Broadband	2,000	2,000	100
St. Nicholas House Demolition	3,692	3,692	100
	68,167	68,040	

- At present, the Condition & Suitability Programme is currently profiled to underspend by £2,476,000 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 the beginning 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.
- A contract for the refurbishment of the ground floor of Frederick Street has now been accepted. The majority of these works are funded through the Condition & Suitability budget, however approximately £130,000 will be funded through the Corporate Office Accommodation budget.
- To date, no other commitments have been made on this budget. It is expected that the majority will be spent in 2013/14.
- The NESTRANS Grant is paid in two equal installments, the first of which was paid in December. The second payment has now been paid.
- Frederick Street Relocations – Crombie Road has concluded on budget. The transfer of revenue funding to balance the expenditure on this project will take place before the end of the financial year.
- Works to Frederick Street Multi Storey Park were completed, and the car park opened to the public at the end of December 2012. The project is still profiled to be concluded on budget.
- There will be no expenditure on the Hydrogen Buses project this financial year. However, December 2013 is profiled for £800,000 expenditure for the purchase of 4 buses. April 2014 is profiled for £1,200,000 expenditure for the remaining buses.
- City Broadband project is profiled for spend this financial year to purchase expert advice in order to undertake an accelerated procurement process, with the remaining £1,958,000 profiled for expenditure in 2013/14.
- St Nicholas House Demolition was added to the capital programme on 15/1/13, following approval of the recommendations set out in report EPI-12-267. £828,000 has been spent to end of January on the works leading in to the demolition.