

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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**COMMITTEE:** Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure  
**DATE:** 27 October 2009  
**REPORT BY:** Director and City Chamberlain  
**TITLE OF REPORT:** Capital Budget Progress Report  
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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update to Committee of the progress being made on the various projects within the Non-Housing Capital Programme, previously approved by Council, which are aligned to Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure services.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- a) Considers and notes the content of this report in relation to the projects outlined at Appendix A.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The monies required to fund the capital programme are achieved through external borrowing, capital receipts and grant income. The General Fund has adequate resources available to finance the capital spend in 2009/2010.
- 3.2 The overall cost of Capital is calculated on a Council-wide basis and therefore the impact on the Council will be included within the summary report to Finance and Resources Committee. It is important that approved projects are managed and monitored in a robust way to ensure there is accuracy in relation to expenditure projections and thereby enable the Council to calculate and evaluate the overall need for, and cost of, borrowing

### 4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 4.1 The Council operates within overall capital control mechanisms laid down by the Scottish Government as well as recommended accounting practice and policies in accordance with the Prudential Code.

## **5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Failure to invest adequately in the Council's asset base may lead to the Council not complying with current health and safety requirements nor capturing the benefits that can be derived from, for example, improved design and construction practices.
- 5.2 If the continuation of close budgetary control is not exercised and maintained the Council may operate out-with the capital control mechanisms laid down by the Scottish Government in relation to the Prudential Code for the 2009/2010 Non Housing Capital Programme.

## **6. REPORT**

- 6.1 Appendix A outlines the Non-Housing Capital Programme projects aligned to Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure services and provides for each project the budget for 2009/10, spend to the end of August 2009 and forecast out-turn.
- 6.2 Comments on particular projects, where appropriate, are included in the narrative.
- 6.3 It should be noted that the budgeted figures include slippage from 2008/09.

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## **9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Financial ledger data, extracted for the period.

## Non-Housing Capital Projects – Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure

Project	Previous Spend £'000	Total Budget 2009/10 (inc carry forward) £'000	Expenditure as at 31 August 2009 £'000	Forecast Out-turn £'000	Project Description / Project Progress
663 Corporate Office Accommodation	12,703	23,989	1,920	23,989	For the acquisition and renovation of Marischal College for Corporate Office Accommodation.
86 Lighting Improvements	Rolling	200	3	200	Continuing replacement and enhancement of potentially dangerous street lighting columns. Completed works to date value £25k.
88 Traffic Calming & Road Safety	Rolling	160	6	160	<p>Various initiatives throughout the city to improve road safety and meet transportation strategy objectives.</p> <p>A large number of these schemes have just completed the final stage of the legal process for the required traffic regulation orders and are to be reported to the E P &amp; I Committees in October and November 2009. These schemes are planned to be implemented in the last quarter of the financial year.</p> <p>Approx £32K of the overall budget has already been awarded / committed and the schemes are currently ongoing or completed and awaiting internal re-charging.</p>
217 MTS Associated Road Improvements – Wellington Road Phase 5	5,423	430	77	430	<p>Completion of the Wellington Road dual carriageway between Charleston interchange and its junction with Langdykes Road.</p> <p>Work is progressing on finalising the contract with snagging work, settlement of variations and retention monies being paid prior to the end of March 2010. The bulk of the expenditure is expected between November 2009 and March 2010.</p>

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296 Road Maintenance Resurfacing	Rolling	1,723	3	1,723	<p>Reconstruction and resurfacing of roads throughout the City.</p> <p>To date around £350K of work have been completed but not necessarily billed. Of the overall budget currently £790K is committed to in-house contractor, £240K is being tendered and the balance of £208K is being prepared for tender.</p> <p>£134K scheduled for works on Ellon Road is being reallocated to a reserve list scheme as discussion are ongoing with utilities about timing of their and our works. Will be put back to 2010/11.</p>
413 Footway Improvements	Rolling	632	1	632	<p>Reconstruction and resurfacing of footways throughout the city.</p> <p>To date around £78K of work have been completed but not necessarily billed.</p> <p>Of the overall budget currently £480K is committed to in-house contractor and £74K is being prepared for tender. These works are traditionally scheduled for second half of year as the type of works lends itself to completion when winter maintenance activities are ongoing.</p>

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470 Road Network - Weak Bridges	Rolling	118	7	118	<p>Programme for upgrading or protecting of bridges to bring the structures up to an acceptable load bearing standard.</p> <p>The total budget is expected to be spent by the year end.</p>
471 Road Network – Bridge Major Maintenance Programme	Rolling	50	0	50	<p>Major maintenance work.</p> <p>The total budget is expected to be spent by the year end.</p>
550 Signage	Rolling	92	8	92	<p>This budget is made up a number of schemes to improve existing and supply new signage throughout the city.</p> <p>It has always been planned that the majority of this budget would be spent towards the end of the financial year once staff resources become available from completing other capital budget projects.</p> <p>Approx £26K of the overall budget has already been awarded / committed and the schemes are currently ongoing or completed and awaiting internal re-charging.</p>

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551 Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets (CWSS)	Rolling	365	11	365	<p>This budget is made up of a number of road improvement schemes and initiatives throughout the city to improve road safety and encourage cycling and walking. Grant funded by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>A large number of these schemes have just completed the final stage of the legal process for the required traffic regulation orders and are to be reported to the E P &amp; I Committees in October and November 2009. These schemes are planned to be implemented in the last quarter of the financial year.</p> <p>Approx £88K of the overall budget has already been awarded / committed and the schemes are currently ongoing or completed and awaiting internal re-charging.</p>
587 Access From the North	Rolling	200	16	200	For the performance of a study into a new crossing of the River Don, thereafter costs associated with a possible public inquiry and subsequent construction.
627 Western Peripheral Route	5,600	3,949	1,544	3,949	Estimated Aberdeen City Council contribution towards the construction of the Western Peripheral Route.

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660 Central Aberdeen Transport Infrastructure	Rolling	1,030	243	1,030	To develop and progress the various traffic management and infrastructure improvements necessary to achieve the pedestrianisation of Union Street.  On target to spend budget providing Property and Legal get the land purchase concluded. Details available in June business case and previous proformas.
703 Traffic Signal Safety Upgrade	507	575	34	575	Replacement of traffic signal equipment with safe low voltage units.
724 Roads Safety ITS Unit Schemes	56	60	0	60	Carried forward from 2008/09.
715 MTS - Berryden Road Improvements	608	385	124	385	Construction of a new dual carriageway road in Berryden which will make a substantial contribution to the reshaping of traffic systems within the City Centre.  On target to spend budget. Most of the costs relate to staff time, consultancy and ground surveys.
716 A96 Park & Ride/Dyce Drive Link Road	14	100	25	100	Works proposed to assist in the early delivery of employment land and to assist in the linkages between transport infrastructure in the area.
721 Wellington Bridge – Preservation Works Phases 2-4	950	171	0	150	Preservation work & architectural lighting.  Estimated outturn for the year is £150k. Tender to go out for works at the end of November.

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647 Newhills Manse T Junction	280	10	0	10	Residual payments in relation to improvements to the T Junction at Newhills Manse and surrounding road networks.
743 Upgrade of Footpaths at Heathryfold	0	15	1	15	To undertake improvements to remote footpaths/car parks/drainage in part of Heathryfold to a suitable standard to allow their adoption by the Council.
757 Union Street Cable Support System for Banners & Festive Lights	22	18	1	6	To undertake an assessment of the support system.  Estimated outturn for the year is £6k. A report is going to the EP&I Committee in November for future works.
216 Car Parking: Extend Pay & Display	Rolling	566	10	566	Progression of controlled parking strategy in peripheral areas zones.  This scheme is currently out as a competitive tender and the tender will be returned this week and hopefully awarded soon after.  Once awarded the contract is due for completion by late February 2010 and the controlled parking area will go live on 1 April 2010.  Due to the fact that this tender has still to be returned, the predicted out-turn figure is per the overall approved budget for the project and we are still on target to complete the budget spend.



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735 Car Parking: Extend Pay & Display – Zone M Rosemount Area	Rolling	145	3	145	<p>Consultation now complete. Awaiting confirmation of future funding to purchase and install parking meters in the extended area.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the scheme will be completed during December 2009 and the controlled parking area will go live on 1 January 2010. Therefore, we are still on target to complete the budget spend.</p>
739 Replacement Programme for Pay & Display Machines	0	100	0	100	A replacement programme for pay and display machines as they reach the end of their working life.
646 Glashieburn Flood Prevention	152	175	4	25	<p>To prevent the flood of properties at Lochside Drive, which entails the construction of attenuation ponds.</p> <p>Estimated outturn for the year end is £25k. A report is going the January EP&amp;I Committee on future works.</p>
734 Flood Prevention	206	94	0	94	<p>Improvement to various sections of open watercourses and culverts throughout the city.</p> <p>Work to date of £17k has yet to be billed. The remaining £77k is committed to the in-house contractor.</p>
362 Railings/Metalwork – Repairs & Maintenance	Rolling	139	1	139	To be used to replace various railways and metalwork in the City.
363 Improve City Gateways/Appearance of Routes into the City	Rolling	76	0	76	Physical hard and soft landscape improvements to the main access and exit points of the City. Planned work includes Wellington Road, Beach Boulevard and Powis Place.

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462 Council Travel Plan	56	25	0	25	This budget is being used to provide facilities to support the Council's staff travel plan.  On target to spend budget. Details of spend can be found in Committee Reports and June business case.
563 Vehicle Replacement	Rolling	1,500	733	1500	Annual vehicle replacement programme.
758 Upgrading the MOT Station	0	35	0	35	For the upgrading of the MOT station with an automatic test lane.
567 Memorials in City Cemeteries	Rolling	65	0	65	Inspection of stability and safety of memorials and re-erection of headstones.
765 Nestrans – Capital Grant	1,334	1,411	0	1,411	Amount included within the Council's General Capital Grant, which must be paid to Nestrans.  Once period 6 has been invoiced 9% of budget will have been spent. At least 95% of budget should have been spent by the year end.
662 Wifi Infrastructure		33	36	36	This relates to the implementation of the wireless network across the city's regeneration areas
294 Corp Property Replacement/Renewal Programme	Rolling	5,696	651	5,696	Ongoing programme to enhance the life of the overall property portfolio. Now includes various previously separate budgets such as Health & Safety and Disability Discrimination Act works. Procurement/award process underway
<b>Total Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure</b>		<b>44,332</b>	<b>5,462</b>	<b>44,335</b>	