

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE:	Education, Culture and Sport
DATE:	24 November 2009
REPORT BY:	Director and City Chamberlain
TITLE OF REPORT:	Capital Budget Progress Report
REPORT NUMBER:	ECS/09/072

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 Education, Culture and Sport 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 Education, Culture and Sport services and provides for each project the budget for 2009/10, spend to the end of September 2009 and forecast out-turn.
- 6.2 Comments on particular projects, where appropriate, are included in the narrative. All budget holders were requested to provide an updated position/narrative prior to the submission of this report.
- 6.3 The spend to the end of September only reflects payments made and processed. It excludes commitments that have been made and will be due to be paid by the year-end.
- 6.4 It should be noted that the budgeted figures include slippage from 2008/09 where, for various reasons expenditure has fallen into the following financial year.

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Financial ledger data, extracted for the period.

Non-Housing Capital Projects - Education, Culture and Sport

Project ID	Project Description	Previous Spend £'000	Total Budget 2009/10 (inc carry forward) £'000	Actual Expenditure Sept 2009 £'000	Forecast Outturn 2009/10 £'000	Project Description / Project Progress
Schools Estate						
371	School Development Plans	rolling	300	1	300	Programme of works to schools.
611	Hanover Street Primary School Refurbishment	7,742	204	10	204	Refurbishment of Hanover Street Primary.
651	Aberdeen Grammar School - Games Hall Replacement	2,299	31	58	58	Retention payment for the Aberdeen Grammar School Hall, completed in 2007/08.
680	3R's Temporary Accommodation	930	18	2	18	Provide temporary accommodation for schools to permit demolition and redevelopment work on existing school sites under the 3r's project.
682	Music School Accommodation	1,154	2,529	1,799	2,887	To provide for the boarding requirements of 40 boarders at the Music School.
742	Outdoor Education Move to Kingswells	54	450	18	450	To convert the old school at Kingswells to accommodate the Outdoor Education Services, this will enable the service to move out of Summerhill.
754	Bridge of Don Alterations	40	220	108	220	Works to address HMIE Inspectors concerns.
755	Northfield Academy - Transformation Plan	7	148	121	148	To enable the school refurbishment to be completed.
759	School Estates Strategy	1,722	306	54	306	This was approved at Urgent Business Committee on 12 May 2008 for work to be complete on Westerton, Donbank, Walker Road, Cornhill and Skene Square Schools.
772	Renovate Sunnybank School	0	800	0	500	New project to renovate Sunnybank School. About to go to tender.
773	Bucksburn/Newhills New School	0	250	0	60	New project to look at the options for a new school
776	Provision for Children with Complex Needs (Initial Allocation)	0	150	0	70	
	Kingswells Primary School Extension - Retention	159	3	0	25	Retention payment plus final fees
		14,107	5,409	2,172	5,246	

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Schools - ICT

710	Curricular PC Replacement Programme	1,472	1,183	58	1,183	To establish a curricular ICT refresh project to procure, image and install PC's & monitors, to improve connectivity within school establishments, to ensure servers and interactive whiteboards are installed in schools and generally to improve ICT provision in schools
744	3R's New Schools ICT Provision	144	2,506	982	2,506	Provision of wireless network, telephone systems, servers, classroom and departmental provision of ICT for the new campuses, both primary and secondary
750	Information Communication Technology Connectivity	0	700	0	573	Procurement of consultancy resource to carry out a comprehensive investigation of the Council's future options for connectivity and to implement the preferred solution.
751	Upgrade to Management Information System	0	120	0	120	Project currently at tender stage, estimated date of approval of award of contract, February 2010
		1,616	4,509	1,040	4,382	

Schools - Other Equipment

581	Science & Technology Equipment	rolling		9	9	
774	Adequate Funding for TASSCC Equipment & Advisory Service	0	30	0	30	New budget to provide adequate funding.
778	3R's Furniture, Fittings & Equipment and Other Works	0	3,000	0	2,907	Cults and Bucksburn Academy's now complete. Remaining schools to be delivered between January and April 2010.
		0	3,030	9	2,946	

Sports

556	Rubislaw/Harlaw Playing Fields	4,288	551	310	551	Improving the pavilion and changing accommodation at Rubislaw and Harlaw. The 2009/10 budget carry forward is subject to approval of the Finance & Resources Committee in December 2009.
653	Inchgarth Community Facilities	340		3	3	This is a retention payment for previously completed work

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655	Changing Facilities Upgrade - Aulton/Hazlehead	4,840	1,195	174	1,191	Replacement of the Aulton & Hazlehead changing facilities and pitches
656	Regional Sports Facility - Phase 1	10,058	519	536	536	Development of a regional standard indoor and outdoor sports facility, which is a partnership with University of Aberdeen and Sports Scotland
717	Regional Sports Facility - 50m Pool	40	560	0	560	To develop a 50m pool to adjoin the Regional Sports Facility
741	Links Ice Arena Refrigeration Plant	102	1,451	713	1,334	Replacement of Linx Ice Arena refrigeration plant
745	Hazlehead Golf Project	0	50	0	2	The decision of council on 20 May 2009 to discontinue this project mean that the remaining budget allocation is not required.
747	Regional Sports Facility - Phase 2	0	50	0	50	Development of a mix of external pitches on the Linksfield site to complement the RSF Phase 1
753	Community Stadium	14	126	4	126	On 19 December 2007, the Council approved a budget of £300,000 from Non Housing Capital to deliver the feasibility study work
760	Sports Strategy	256	100		100	This budget will cover projects not already identified as projects in their own right eg. gymnastics and enhancement to fitness suites
		19,938	4,602	1,739	4,453	

Culture & Leisure

681	Aberdeen Arts Centre Refurbishment	418		39	39	To carry out works on central heating, mechanical and water services in the Aberdeen Arts Centre
763	Music Hall Ceiling & Roof Space	1	400	325	399	Refurbishment work to the ceiling and roof space
767	Peacock Visual Arts	0	170	0	170	Contribution towards a new centre
768	Energising Aberdeen	Rolling	1,700	0	1,700	Outstanding commitments of a capital nature from the previously ring fenced grant
770	Beach Ballroom Floor Replacement	0	610	2	594	Replace the floor and floor coverings
		419	2,880	366	2,902	

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Parks						
244	Duthie Park & Winter Gardens - Cost Net of Heritage Lottery Funding	129	171	0	0	Refurbishment and improvement to the historic fabric of Duthie Park and Winter Gardens. Expenditure allocated was mainly for Consultants Fees now estimated to be paid in next financial year.
		129	171	0	0	
Other						
706	Woodside Customer Access Point	597	1,402	822	1,665	Work now completed. Building opened October 2009.
727	Rosemount Community Education Centre	0	25	0	25	Refurbishment of Rosemount Community Education Centre. Feasibility Study costs
		597	1,427	822	1,690	
Total - Education, Culture and Sport		36,806	22,028	6,147	21,619	