

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure
DATE: 26 November 2009
DIRECTOR: Gordon McIntosh
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 September 2009 and forecast out-turn.
- 6.2 The spend to the end of September 2009 only reflects payments made and processed. It excludes commitments that have been made which will be due to be paid by the end of the year.
- 6.3 Comments on particular projects, where appropriate, are included in the narrative.
- 6.4 It should be noted that the budgeted figures include slippage from 2008/09.

7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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8. 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 30 Sept 2009 £'000	Forecast Out-turn £'000	Project Description / Project Progress
663 Corporate Office Accommodation	12,703	23,989	2,780	23,989	For the acquisition and renovation of Marischal College for Corporate Office Accommodation.
86 Lighting Improvements	Rolling	200	7	200	Replacement and enhancement of potentially dangerous street lighting columns.
88 Traffic Calming & Road Safety	Rolling	160	8	160	A large number of these schemes have just completed the final stage of the legal process for the required traffic regulation orders and reports are going to the EP&I committee in October and November 2009. These schemes are planned to be implemented in the last quarter of the financial year.
217 MTS Associated Road Improvements – Wellington Road Phase 5	5,423	430	114	380	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. Bulk of expenditure expected November 2009 to March 2010.
296 Road Maintenance Resurfacing	Rolling	1,723	6	1,723	Reconstruction and resurfacing of roads throughout the City.
413 Footway Improvements	Rolling	632	1	632	Reconstruction and resurfacing of footways throughout the city.
470 Road Network - Weak Bridges	Rolling	118	13	118	Programme for upgrading or protecting of bridges to bring the structures up to an acceptable load bearing standard.
471 Road Network – Bridge Major Maintenance Programme	Rolling	50	0	50	Major maintenance work.
550 Signage	Rolling	92	12	92	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.

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551 Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets (CWSS)	Rolling	365	13	365	Approx £88K of the overall budget has already been awarded / committed and the schemes are currently ongoing or completed and awaiting internal re-charging.
587 Access From the North	Rolling	200	27	200	Study work and designs are being updated by in house staff and specialist consultants with a view to re-submitting the planning application at the end of the calendar year. Bulk of expenditure expected December 2009 to February 2010.
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.
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.
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	127	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.
716 A96 Park & Ride/Dyce Drive Link Road	14	100	11	20	Most of this cost will be recharged to NESTRANS - they are contributing £150k this year. However £20k of the initial allocation may be required to cover the cost of possible additional staff time re the developing planning.

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721 Wellington Bridge – Preservation Works Phases 2-4	950	171	1	171	Preservation work & architectural lighting. Estimated £150k tender to go out for works end of November
647 Newhills Manse T Junction	280	10	0	5	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	3	6	To undertake an assessment of the support system. Report going to November committee on future works
216 Car Parking: Extend Pay & Display	Rolling	566	10	566	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.
735 Car Parking: Extend Pay & Display – Zone M Rosemount Area	Rolling	145	4	130	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.
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	To prevent the flood of properties at Lochside Drive, which entails the construction of attenuation ponds. Report to go to January committee on future works.
734 Flood Prevention	206	94	0	94	Improvement to various sections of open watercourses and culverts throughout the city.
362 Railings/Metalwork – Repairs & Maintenance	Rolling	139	1	139	To be used to replace various railways and metalwork in the City.

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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.
462 Council Travel Plan	56	25	21	25	This budget is being used to provide facilities to support the Council's staff travel plan.
563 Vehicle Replacement	Rolling	1,500	765	1500	Annual vehicle replacement programme. Orders totaling £500,000 were placed during October 2009.
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 Nestran – Capital Grant	1,334	1,411	0	1,411	Amount included within the Council's General Capital Grant, which must be paid to Nestran.
662 Wifi Infrastructure		33	36	36	This relates to the implementation of the wireless network across the city's regeneration areas
Total Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure		38,636	5,786	38,327	

* Reflects payments made only and not the costs of commitments made for orders placed or work in progress for accepted tenders.