

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	Housing & Environment
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TITLE OF REPORT	Capital Monitoring – Housing & Environment Projects
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise the Committee of the capital spend to date for the Housing & Environment 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. There are no issues at present that would result in such implications. As part of the Council's five year business plan, capital expenditure is now monitored within a five year timescale where appropriate. This has given budget holders the ability to profile across the full five years. In year monitoring will continue, alongside monitoring the complete 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 June 2012 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.

Housing & Environment has a total of 4 projects, totaling £14.742 million allocated to it from the 2013/14 Non-Housing Capital Programme. The projects and total budget committed to each project included in the programme are:-

- 1) Duthie Park & Winter Gardens – Cost Net of HLF  
£158,000
- 2) Private Sector Housing Grant  
£1.094 million
- 3) Victoria House  
£2.452 million
- 4) Waste: Implement Waste Strategy  
£11.038 million

Spend for all projects to the end of November is £1.546 million. Spend profiles provided by budget holders show it is anticipated that underspend this financial year will be picked up in the following financial year(s).

Appendix A provides a breakdown of expenditure to date.

An update on the capital position will be reported to this Committee on 11 March 2014.

## 6. IMPACT

Corporate - The capital programme encompasses projects which link to the Community Plan, Single Outcome Agreement, Corporate and Individual Service Plans and Vibrant, Dynamic & Forward Looking.

Public - This report will be of interest to the public as it outlines the Council's capital spending to date on Housing & Environment projects.


7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

There are specific risks with each of the projects which are managed by the budget holders and the project teams. The Corporate Asset Group have responsibility for managing and delivering the overall capital programme.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Non-Housing Capital Programme 2012/13 – Capital Monitoring Report approved at Finance & Resources Committee on 19 June 2012

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**Appendix A:  
Capital Monitoring – Housing & Environment projects 2013-14 to 2017-18**

Project Description	Revised Budget 2013/14 £'000	Spend to November 2013 £'000	Five year budget '13-'18 £'000	Legal Commit- ments £'000	Profiled out- turn 2013-18 £'000
Duthie Park & Winter Gardens - Cost Net of HLF	158	131	158	18	158
Private Sector Housing Grant	1,094	350	6,206	80	4,540
Victoria House	2,452	343	2,452	2,175	2,518
Waste: Implement Waste Strategy	11,038	721	26,363	0	26,363
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14,742</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>35,179</b>	<b>2,273</b>	<b>33,579</b>

\*Revised budget includes carry forward / adjustments approved by Finance & Resources Committee.

- Victoria House is working to programme, estimated to conclude in August 2014. Budget holder is working with the Design Team in Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure to identify savings from the contract that will put the project back on budget. This will be concluded as soon as possible.
- Discussions have taken place with the Waste Strategy budget holder regarding expenditure on this project. The current spend profile is on budget, following a detailed breakdown of each element of the project being provided to Asset Management. The budget holder is holding discussions with SITA Recycling and Resource Management in February who will advise on the current proposals. A detailed summary of works will be provided to this Committee following these discussions.