

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Housing & Environment
DATE	11 March 2014
DIRECTOR	Gordon McIntosh
TITLE OF REPORT	Capital Monitoring – Housing & Environment Projects
REPORT NUMBER:	EPI/13/153

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 January is £2.954 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 and supporting information where appropriate.

An update on the capital position will be reported to this Committee on 20 May 2014.

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

Project Description	Revised Budget 2013/14 £'000	Spend to January 2013 £'000	Profiled out-turn 2013/14 £'000	Five year budget '13-'18 £'000	Legal Commitments £'000	Profiled out-turn 2013-18 £'000
Duthie Park & Winter Gardens - Cost Net of HLF	158	142	152	158	10	152
Private Sector Housing Grant	1,094	432	520	6,206	197	3,920
Victoria House	2,452	444	670	2,452	2,096	2,502
Waste: Implement Waste Strategy	11,038	1,936	2,563	26,363	600	26,363
Totals	14,742	2,954	3,905	35,179	2,903	32,937

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

- The final account for the restoration works at Duthie Park is still to be agreed with the main contractor. There will be minimal expenditure early next financial year to settle this.
- The Victoria House Design Team has confirmed that contingencies have been reduced in the contract, allowing savings of £57,000 to be made. This will allow the project to be delivered within the authorised capital budget commitment. The overall project will be completed in Summer 2014.
- The Waste Strategy budget holder continues to re – profile each aspect of the Waste Strategy. All of these will become more refined next financial year following discussions with CITA.