

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Enterprise, Strategic Planning & Infrastructure
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TITLE OF REPORT	Capital Monitoring – Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure Projects
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise the Committee of the capital spend to date for the Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure 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.

Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure has a total of 16 projects, totaling £43.882 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) Corporate Property Condition & Suitability Programme
£10.075 million
- 2) Cycling Walking Safer Streets Grant
£232,000
- 3) Access From the North
£5.293 million
- 4) Western Peripheral Route
£4.945 million
- 5) Corporate Office Accommodation
£1 million
- 6) NESTRANS - Capital Grant
£882,000
- 7) Fleet Replacement
£3 million
- 8) Planned Renewal & Replacement of Road Infrastructure
£4.224 million
- 9) Land Acquisition – Contingency
£554,000
- 10) Hydrogen Buses
£7 million (including external funding)

- 11) City Broadband
£1.949 million
- 12) St Nicholas House Demolition
£2.713 million
- 13) Central Aberdeen Infrastructure: South College Street
£1.4 million
- 14) Central Aberdeen Infrastructure: Berryden Corridor
£250,000
- 15) Central Aberdeen Infrastructure: Union Street Pedestrianisation
£265,000
- 16) A96 park & Choose / Dyce Drive Link Road
£100,000

Spend for all projects to the end of January is £23.046 million.

Appendix A shows a breakdown by project of spend to date and applicable supporting information.

An update on the capital position will be reported to this Committee on 3 June 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 Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure 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 – Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure projects 2013-14 to 2017-18**

Project Description	Revised Budget 2013/14	Spend to January 2013	Profiled out- turn 2013/14	Five year budget '13-'18	Legal Commit- ments	Profiled out- turn 2013-18
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Corp Property Condition & Suitability Programme	10,075	4,618	5,968	39,675	2,430	39,675
Cycling Walking Safer Streets Grant	232	72	232	573	17	573
Access From the North	5,293	1,448	1,667	15,473	50	15,062
Western Peripheral Route	4,945	7,135	7,335	7,345	0	9,035
Corporate Office Accommodation	1,000	302	352	1,000	50	1,000
NESTRANS - Capital Grant	882	882	882	6,062	882	6,062
Fleet Replacement	3,000	1,804	3,004	15,000	2,000	15,000
Planned Renewal & Replacement of Road Infrastructure	4,224	2,959	4,224	19,883	466	19,883
Land Acquisition - Contingency	554	0	0	554	0	0
Hydrogen Buses	7,000	1,954	7,000	11,000	5,046	11,000
City Broadband	1,949	72	72	1,949	0	2,022
St. Nicholas House Demolition	2,713	1,170	2,062	2,713	1,543	2,712
South College Street	1,400	2	5	5,500	0	5,505
Berryden Corridor	250	99	103	5,550	0	12,553
Union Street Pedestrianisation	265	88	137	9,000	40	9,037
A96 Park & Choose / Dyce Drive Link Road	100	442	702	15,200	50	15,162
Totals	43,882	23,046	33,744	156,477	12,574	164,280

- The Condition & Suitability Programme now has a combined spend and commitment of over £7 million. A significant amount of refurbishment works will be taking place in schools across the summer in 2014/15.
- Access from the North's maximum project outturn for 2013/14 is £2 million. The minimum projected outturn is £1.5 million. The difference between the spend profile outturn and the maximum projected is primarily due to land purchase costs which the budget holder expect will be incurred in 2014/15 but there is a low possibility that this could slip into March 2013/14.
- Following Reconciliation with Transport Scotland, the Councils share of preparation works for the Western Peripheral Route has been confirmed as £7.135 million to the end of January. £1.7 million is expected to following February.
- Corporate Office Accommodation budget has now completed relocation of Education, Culture & Sport staff to Frederick Street. Refurbishment of the Old Town House will be complete by the end of this financial year. Remaining projects for Chief Executive's new office and improved security at Marischal College will be initiated next financial year.
- It is anticipated that over £3 million will be spent on fleet replacement this financial year.
- St Nicholas House Demolition has been delayed with the discovery of asbestos in a number of window frames. The anticipated completion date is August 2014, however this will not have any impact on the Marischal Square development.
- Berryden Corridor's maximum project outturn for 2013/14 is £250,000. The minimum projected outturn is £100,000. The difference between the spend profile figure and the maximum figure is due to the possibility that the purchase of a flat would occur in 2013/14, however, it is unlikely that this will happen this financial year.
- The A96 Park & Choose / Dyce Drive Link Road's maximum project outturn for 2013/14 is £750,000. The minimum projected outturn is £580,000. The difference between the spend profile figure and the minimum figure is due to expenditure on utilities that are expected in 2013/14 but may overrun into 2014/15.