

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE:	Education, Culture and Sport
DATE:	7 January 2010
REPORT BY:	Director and City Chamberlain
TITLE OF REPORT:	Capital Budget Progress Report
REPORT NUMBER:	ECS/09/084

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 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 Corporate Governance services and provides for each project the budget for 2009/10, spend to the end of October 2009 and forecast out-turn. The appendix also outlines future years budget profiles and any current project forecast variance.
- 6.2 The spend to the end of October 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. Such commitments will be reflected in the forecast position.
- 6.3 Comments on particular projects from budget managers, where appropriate, are included in the narrative.
- 6.4 A review of projects is being undertaken specifically the benefits to be derived from ICT investment.

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7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Financial ledger data, extracted for the period.

Non-Housing Capital Projects - Education, Culture and Sport

Project	Total Approved Project Cost (from 2009/10 for rolling projects) £'000	Previous Years Project Spend £'000	2009/10				Future Years Budget Profiles			Total Forecast Costs £'000	Project Forecast Variance £'000
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SCHOOLS ESTATE											
371 School Development Plans	300	0	300	1	299	300	0	0	0	300	0
Project Description/Project Cost Programme of works to schools. These are a range of projects identified by Head Teachers in their school											
611 Hanover Street Primary School Refurbishment	7,946	7,742	204	10	194	204	0	0	0	7,946	0
Project Description/Project Cost Refurbishment of Hanover Street Primary. Upgrade of granite Victorian											
651 Aberdeen Grammar School - Games Hall Replacement	2,330	2,299	31	58	0	58	0	0	0	2,357	27
Project Description/Project Cost Retention payment for the Aberdeen Grammar School Hall, completed in 2007/08											
674 Walker Road Primary School - Refurbishment	4,765	4,364	401	76	325	401	0	0	0	4,765	0
Project Description/Project Cost Payment of outstanding retention as approved by the Finance & Resources Committee as of 9th December 2009											
680 3R's Temporary Accommodation	948	930	18	2	16	18	0	0	0	948	0
Project Description/Project Cost Provide temporary accommodation for schools to permit demolition and redevelopment work on existing school sites under the 3R's project. Projects that are due to be completed will not require further temporary accommodation.											
682 Music School Accommodation	3,683	1,154	2,529	2,247	640	2,887	0	0	0	4,041	358
Project Description/Project Cost To provide for the boarding requirements of 40 boarders at the Music School. Accommodation will open in January 2010.											

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742 Outdoor Education Move to Kingswells	504	54	450	76	374	450	0	0	0	504	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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	260	40	220	111	109	220	0	0	0	260	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Works to address HMle Inspectors concerns. Variety of improvements to											
755 Northfield Academy Transformation Plan	155	7	148	121	27	148	0	0	0	155	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
To enable the school refurbishment to be completed.											
759 School Estates Strategy	2,028	1,722	306	69	237	306	0	0	0	2,028	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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. Agreed works have now been completed.											
772 Renovate Sunnybank School	1,000	0	800	0	800	800	200	0	0	1,000	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
New project to renovate Sunnybank School. This work ensures secure access to the community wing of the school and provides a new base for the English as an Additional Language (EAL) Unit. This will enable full decant of St											
773 Bucksburn/Newhills New School	250	0	250	0	250	250	0	0	0	250	0
Project Description/Project											
New project to look at the options for a new school. Feasibility study is being conducted on both											
776 Provision for Children with Complex Needs (Initial Allocation)	150	0	150	0	150	150	0	0	0	150	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Kingswells Primary School Extension - Retention	162	159	3	0	3	3	0	0	0	162	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Retention Payment plus final fees											

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SCHOOLS - ICT											
710 Curricular PC Replacement Programme	6,105	1,472	1,183	59	1,124	1,183	1,150	1,150	1,150	6,105	0
Project Description/Project Cost 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	3,150	144	2,506	1,355	1,151	2,506	500	0	0	3,150	0
Project Description/Project Cost 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	700	0	700	0	573	573	0	0	0	573	-127
Project Description/Project Cost 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	120	0	120	0	120	120	0	0	0	120	0
Project Description/Project Cost Project currently at tender stage, estimated date of approval of award of contract, February 2010											
SCHOOLS - OTHER EQUIPMENT											
581 Science & Technology Equipment	0	0	0	9	0	9	0	0	0	9	9
Project Description/Project Cost Residual expenditure from 2008-09.											
774 Adequate Funding for TASSCC Equipment & Advisory Service	120	0	30	6	24	30	30	30	30	120	0
Project Description/Project Cost New budget to provide adequate funding. This will ensure that suitable ICT											
778 3R's Furniture, Fittings & Equipment and Other Works	3,000	0	3,000	0	2,907	2,907	974	0	0	3,881	881
Project Description/Project Cost Cults and Bucksburn Academy's now complete. Remaining schools to be delivered between January and April 2010. Since the contracts were drawn up in 2007, it has become apparent that the original provision is insufficient to meet their requirements of the current service provision. Any additional expenditure for future years will require to be an additional funding bid.											

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SPORTS											
556 Rubislaw/Harlaw Playing Fields	3,823	3,311	492	392	100	492	0	0	0	3,803	-20
Project Description/Project Cost Improving the pavilion and changing accommodation at Rubislaw and Harlaw. The 2009/10 budget carry forward has been approved by the Finance & Resources Committee as of 9th December 2009.											
653 Inchgarth Community Facilities	340	340	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	343	3
Project Description/Project Cost This is a retention payment for previously completed work.											
655 Changing Facilities Upgrade - Aulton/Hazlehead	6,916	4,840	1,195	174	1,021	1,195	881	0	0	6,916	0
Project Description/Project Cost Replacement of the Aulton and Hazlehead changing facilities and pitches.											
656 Regional Sports Facility - Phase 1	10,577	10,058	519	536	0	536	0	0	0	10,594	17
Project Description/Project Cost 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	23,000	40	560	0	560	560	6,000	10,000	6,400	23,000	0
Project Description/Project Cost To develop a 50m pool to adjoin the Regional Sports Facility.											
741 Links Ice Arena Refrigeration Plant	1,553	102	1,451	887	564	1,451	0	0	0	1,553	0
Project Description/Project Cost Replacement of Linx Ice Arena refrigeration plant.											
745 Hazlehead Golf Project	50	0	50	0	50	50	0	0	0	50	0
Project Description/Project Cost To enable the delivery strategy for the transfer of Hazlehead Golf Course to a sports trust.											
747 Regional Sports Facility - Phase 2	2,550	0	50	0	50	50	0	2,500	0	2,550	0
Project Description/Project Cost Development of a mix of external pitches on the Linksfield site to complement the RSF Phase 1.											

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753 Community Stadium	140	14	126	4	122	126	0	0	0	140	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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	356	256	100	0	100	100	0	0	0	356	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
This budget will cover projects not already identified as projects in their own right eg. gymnastics and enhancement to fitness studios.											
CULTURE AND LEISURE											
681 Aberdeen Arts Centre Refurbishment	418	418	0	39	0	39	0	0	0	457	39
Project Description/Project Cost											
To carry out works on central heating, mechanical and water services in the Aberdeen Arts Centre.											
763 Music Hall Ceiling & Roof Space	401	1	400	367	33	400	0	0	0	401	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Refurbishment work to the ceiling and roof space.											
767 Peacock Visual Arts	3,000	0	170	0	170	170	500	1,300	1,030	3,000	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Contribution towards a new centre.											
770 Beach Ballroom Floor Replacement	610	0	610	2	608	610	0	0	0	610	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Replace the floor and floor coverings.											
OTHER											
706 Woodside Customer Access Point	2,050	597	1,402	877	525	1,402	51	0	0	2,050	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Work now completed. Building opened October 2009. Expenditure includes additional work approved at Finance Resources Committee on 17th September 2009.											
727 Rosemount Community Education Centre	25	0	25	0	25	25	0	0	0	25	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Retention monies on completed contract.											
Total - Education, Culture and Sport											
	93,485	40,064	20,499	7,481	13,251	20,732	10,286	14,980	8,610	94,672	1,187

Spend as at 31 October 2009 reflects payments made only and not the costs of commitments made for orders placed or work in progress for accepted tenders which will be reflected in the forecast position.

Future Years Budget Profiles are subject to review and then approval by Council in February 2010.