

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure
DATE: 12 January 2010
REPORT BY: Director and City Chamberlain
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 currently aligned to Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure 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 Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure services and provides for each project the budget for 2009/10, spend to the end of November 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 November 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, where appropriate, are included in the narrative.

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9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Financial ledger data, extracted for the period.

Non-Housing Capital Projects – Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure

Project	Total Approved Project Costs (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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663 Corporate Office Accommodation	67,928	12,703	21,724	5,280	5,455	10,735	34,693	8,470	1,327	67,928	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
For the acquisition and renovation of Marischal College for Corporate Office Accommodation.											
86 Lighting Improvements	1,393	Rolling	200	49	0	193	300	400	500	1,393	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Replacement and enhancement of potentially dangerous street lighting columns.											
88 Traffic Calming & Road Safety	610	Rolling	160	25	0	160	150	150	150	610	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
A large number of these schemes have just completed the final stage of the legal process for the required traffic regulation orders and were reported 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.											

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217 MTS Associated Road Improvements - Wellington Rd Phase 5	5,813	5,423	430	114	0	380	10	0	0	5,813	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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 from now until March 2010.											
296 Roads Maintenance Resurfacing	3,073	Rolling	1,723	9	0	1,495	578	450	550	3,073	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Reconstruction and resurfacing of roads throughout the City.											
413 Footway Improvements	1,382	Rolling	632	2	0	591	291	250	250	1,382	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Reconstruction and resurfacing of footways throughout the city.											

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470 Road Network - Weak Bridges	268	Rolling	118	34	0	90	78	50	50	268	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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	200	Rolling	50	0	0	50	50	50	50	200	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Major maintenance work.											
550 Signage	242	Rolling	92	17	0	92	50	50	50	242	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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)	730	Rolling	365	25	0	365	365	0	0	730	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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	9,330	Rolling	200	60	0	200	1,200	3,200	4,730	9,330	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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	26,694	5,600	3,949	3,325	0	3,949	5,737	6,048	5,360	26,694	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Estimated Aberdeen City Council contribution towards the construction of the Western Peripheral Route.											
647 Newhills Manse T Junction	290	280	10	0	0	5	5	0	0	290	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Residual payments in relation to improvements to the T Junction at Newhills Manse and surrounding road networks.											

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660 Central Aberdeen Transport Infrastructure	1,305	Rolling	1,030	264	975	1,030	60	60	155	1,305	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
To develop and progress the various traffic management and infrastructure improvements necessary to achieve the pedestrianisation of Union Street.											
703 Traffic Signal Safety Upgrade	2,275	507	575	107	0	568	400	400	400	2,275	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Replacement of traffic signal equipment with safe low voltage units.											
715 MTS - Berryden Road Improvements	2,903	608	385	138	260	360	125	600	1,210	2,903	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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.											

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716 A96 Park & Ride/Dyce Drive Link Road	9,034	14	100	7	1	20	1,500	3,000	4,500	9,034	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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 application.											
721 Wellington Bridge - Preservation Works Phase 2-4	1,121	950	171	1	0	150	21	0	0	1,121	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Preservation work & architectural lighting. Estimated £150k tender went out for works end of November											
724 Roads Safety ITS Unit Schemes	167	107	60	0	0	60	0	0	0	167	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Carried forward from 2008/09.											

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743 Upgrade of Footpaths at Heathryfold	5	0	15	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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	40	22	18	3	0	6	12	0	0	40	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
To undertake an assessment of the support system. Report went to November committee on future works											
216 Car Parking: Extend Pay & Display	575	Rolling	566	25	0	566	9	0	0	575	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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.											

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735 Car Parking: Extend Pay & Display - Zone M Rosemount Area	135	Rolling	145	13	0	135	0	0	0	135	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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	100	0	100	0	0	0	100	0	0	100	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
A replacement programme for pay and display machines as they reach the end of their working life.											
646 Glashieburn Flood Protection	327	152	175	10	0	25	130	20	0	327	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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.											

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734 Flood Prevention	406	206	94	0	0	50	50	50	50	406	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Improvement to various sections of open watercourses and culverts throughout the city.											
362 Railings / Metalwork - Repairs & Maintenance	103	Rolling	139	1	0	100	3	0	0	103	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
To be used to replace various railways and metalwork in the City.											
363 Improve City Gateways / Appearance of Routes In	76	Rolling	76	0	0	76	0	0	0	76	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
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.											

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462 Council Travel Plan	89	54	25	0	9	25	10	0	0	89	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
This budget is being used to provide facilities to support the Council's staff travel plan.											
563 Vehicle Replacement	6,000	Rolling	1,500	853	647	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,000	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Annual vehicle replacement programme. Orders totaling £500,000 were placed during October 2009.											
567 Memorials in City Cemeteries	215	Rolling	65	0	0	65	50	50	50	215	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Inspection of stability and safety of memorials and re-erection of headstones.											
662 Wifi Infrastructure	508	472	33	36	0	36	0	0	0	508	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
This relates to the implementation of the wireless network across the city's regeneration areas											

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758 Upgrade of MOT Station	35	0	35	0	0	35	0	0	0	35	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
For the upgrading of the MOT station with an automatic test lane.											
765 Nestrans - Capital Grant	5,644	Rolling	1,411	0	1,411	1,411	1,411	1,411	1,411	5,644	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Amount included within the Council's General Capital Grant, which must be paid to Nestrans.											
768 Energising Aberdeen	1,700	Rolling	1,700	0	0	1,700	0	0	0	1,700	0
Project Description/Project Cost											
Outstanding commitments of a capital nature from the previously ring fenced grant.											
Total Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure	150,716	27,098	38,071	10,398	8,758	26,228	48,888	26,209	22,293	150,716	0

Notes:

Spend as at 31/10/09 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.