

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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**COMMITTEE:** Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure  
**DATE:** 23 February 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 December 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 December 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.
- 6.4 As a direct result of the adverse weather conditions experienced during December and January, work on a number of projects has been delayed and the timing of expenditure has had to be reviewed, resulting in these projects having to carry forward expenditure into 2010/11. The outturns for the current year have been updated to reflect the revised projections.

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## **9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Financial ledger data, extracted for the period.

## Non-Housing Capital Projects – Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure

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663 Corporate Office Accommodation	67,928	12,703	21,724	7,094	3,641	10,735	34,693	8,470	1,327	67,928	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
For the acquisition and renovation of Marischal College for Corporate Office Accommodation.											
86 Lighting Improvements	1,393	Rolling	200	50	0	193	300	400	500	1,393	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Replacement and enhancement of potentially dangerous street lighting columns.											
88 Traffic Calming & Road Safety	610	Rolling	160	28	0	160	150	150	150	610	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
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
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
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	12	0	1,090	983	450	550	3,073	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Reconstruction and resurfacing of roads throughout the City. Expenditure has been reprofiled due to weather-related delays											
413 Footway Improvements	1,382	Rolling	632	2	0	350	532	250	250	1,382	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Reconstruction and resurfacing of footways throughout the city. Expenditure has been reprofiled due to weather related delays.											

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470 Road Network - Weak Bridges	268	Rolling	118	36	0	90	78	50	50	268	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
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
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Major maintenance work.											
550 Signage	242	Rolling	92	19	0	92	50	50	50	242	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
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	52	0	365	365	0	0	730	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
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	1,000	3,200	4,930	9,330	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
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. The profile of expenditure has been amended to reflect the current estimate of land purchases.											
627 Western Peripheral Route	14,749	5,600	3,949	3,325	0	3,949	4,200	800	200	14,749	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Estimated Aberdeen City Council contribution towards the construction of the Western Peripheral Route. Profile changed to reflect not for profit distribution model of funding but with current cost estimates and timescales. Will require to be updated following completion of the statutory procedures.											
647 Newhills Manse T Junction	290	280	10	0	0	5	5	0	0	290	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
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
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
To develop and progress the various traffic management and infrastructure improvements necessary to achieve the pedestrianisation of Union Street.											
703 Traffic Signal Safety Upgrade	2,197	507	575	107	0	490	400	400	400	2,275	(78)
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Replacement of traffic signal equipment with safe low voltage units.											
715 MTS - Berryden Road Improvements	2,903	608	385	149	211	360	125	600	1,210	2,903	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
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	5	1	20	1,500	3,000	4,500	9,034	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
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	10	161	0	0	1,121	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Preservation work & architectural lighting. Estimated £150k tender went out for works end of November. Spend reprofiled between 09/10 and 10/11 due to need to re-tender works											
724 Roads Safety ITS Unit Schemes	167	107	60	0	0	60	0	0	0	167	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
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
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
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	82	0	0	110	(70)
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
To undertake an assessment of the support system. £70k added to 10/11 per report to Finance & Resources Committee 10/12/09											
216 Car Parking: Extend Pay & Display	575	Rolling	566	28	0	350	225	0	0	575	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
This scheme is currently out as a competitive tender and the tender will be returned this week and hopefully awarded soon after. Spend reprofiled between 09/10 and 10/11 due to recent adverse weather which has delayed works.											

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735 Car Parking: Extend Pay & Display - Zone M Rosemount Area	135	Rolling	145	16	0	135	0	0	0	135	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
This scheme was completed during December 2009 and the controlled parking area went live on 1 January 2010.											
739 Replacement Programme for Pay & Display Machines	100	0	100	0	0	0	100	0	0	100	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
A replacement programme for pay and display machines as they reach the end of their working life.											
646 Glashieburn Flood Protection	327	152	175	14	0	25	165	20	0	362	(35)
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
To prevent the flood of properties at Lochside Drive, which entails the construction of attenuation ponds. £35k has been added to the estimate for 10/11 but this may be recoverable.											

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734 Flood Prevention	406	206	94	0	0	50	50	50	50	406	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Improvement to various sections of open watercourses and culverts throughout the city.											
362 Railings / Metalwork - Repairs & Maintenance	103	Rolling	139	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	102
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
To be used to replace various railways and metalwork in the City. It is now estimated that further work on this project will not proceed at least until AWPR is operational.											
462 Council Travel Plan	89	54	25	0	9	25	10	0	0	89	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
This budget is being used to provide facilities to support the Council's staff travel plan.											

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563 Vehicle Replacement	6,000	Rolling	1,500	738	762	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,000	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Annual vehicle replacement programme. Orders totaling £500,000 were placed during October 2009.											
662 Wifi Infrastructure	508	472	33	40	0	40	0	0	0	512	(4)
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
This relates to the implementation of the wireless network across the city's regeneration areas											
758 Upgrade of MOT Station	35	0	35	0	0	35	0	0	0	35	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
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
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Amount included within the Council's General Capital Grant, which must be paid to Nestrans.											

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768 Energising Aberdeen	1,700	Rolling	1,700	1,377	0	1,700	0	0	0	1,700	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Outstanding commitments of a capital nature from the previously ring fenced grant.											
294 Corp Property Replacement/Re newal	29,696	Rolling	5,696	2,045	0	4,966	7,780	7,975	8,975	1,700	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Ongoing property renewals and replacements. Expenditure has been reprofiled for 09/10 and 10/11 due to weather-related delays and slippage in building programmes.											
<b>Total Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure</b>	<b>168,098</b>	<b>27,098</b>	<b>43,626</b>	<b>15,580</b>	<b>7,010</b>	<b>29,878</b>	<b>55,985</b>	<b>28,886</b>	<b>26,258</b>	<b>140,126</b>	<b>7</b>

## Notes:

Spend as at 31/12/09 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.