

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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**COMMITTEE:** Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure  
**DATE:** 07 September 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 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. Action will be taken to ensure that capital spend in 2010/11 is kept within the finances available and budgeted for.
- 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 2010/2011 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 2010/11, spend to the end of June 2010 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 June 2010 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 At the time of writing, the carry forward position from 2009/10 is the subject of a corporate exercise that is looking at potential slippage across all projects. Until this exercise is completed it is not possible to confirm the total approved cost of projects. Appendix A will be updated with the final values for the next committee meeting and a verbal update of the position will be provided to this meeting.

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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 2010/11 for Rolling Projects) £'000	Previous Years Project Spend £'000	2010/11				Future Years Budget Profiles			Total Forecast Costs £'000	Project Forecast Variance £'000
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663 Corporate Office Accommodation	67,928	24,852	32,193	1,326	4,200	32,193	8,470	1,327	0	67,928	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
For the acquisition and renovation of Marischal College for Corporate Office Accommodation.											
86 Lighting Improvements	1,200	Rolling	300	3	0	300	400	500	0	1,200	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Replacement and enhancement of street lighting columns.											
88 Traffic Calming & Road Safety	600	Rolling	150	2	0	150	150	150	150	600	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Various initiatives throughout the city to improve road safety and meet transportation strategy objectives.											

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217 MTS Associated Road Improvements - Wellington Rd Phase 5	5,813	5,734	10	0	0	10	0	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 payment of retention monies.											
296 Roads Maintenance Resurfacing	4,483	Rolling	3,483	59	0	4,483	450	550	0	4,483	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Reconstruction and resurfacing of roads throughout the City. Expenditure was reprofiled early in 2010 due to weather-related delays and an additional £2,5 million was committed to the project at the Finance and Resources committee on the 11 <sup>th</sup> of May 2010.											
413 Footway Improvements	1,032	Rolling	532	42	0	532	250	250	0	1,032	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Reconstruction and resurfacing of footways throughout the city.											

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470 Road Network - Weak Bridges	178	Rolling	78	4	0	78	50	50	0	178	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	150	Rolling	50	0	0	50	50	50	0	150	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Major maintenance works.											
550 Signage	150	Rolling	50	0	0	50	50	50	0	150	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
This budget is made up a number of schemes to improve existing and supply new signage throughout the city.											

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551 Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets (CWSS)	365	Rolling	365	7	0	365	0	0	0	365	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
This budget is made up of a number of road improvement schemes and initiatives throughout the city to improve road safety and encourage cycling and walking. Grant funded by the Scottish Government.											
587 Access from the North	12,630	Rolling	1,000	13	0	1,000	3,200	4,930	3,500	12,630	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Budget is for costs associated with a possible public inquiry and subsequent construction. Study and design work has already been undertaken.											
627 Western Peripheral Route	14,949	8,831	4,200	0	0	4,200	800	200	200	14,949	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	385	282	100	0	0	100	0	0	0	385	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Residual payments in relation to improvements to the T Junction at Newhills Manse and surrounding road networks. An additional £95k was committed to this project at the Finance and Resources committee on 10 May 2010.											

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660 Central Aberdeen Transport Infrastructure	5,130	Rolling	60	1	0	60	60	155	4,855	5,130	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	1,600	Rolling	400	4	0	400	400	400	400	1,600	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Replacement of traffic signal equipment with low voltage units.											
715 MTS - Berryden Road Improvements	7,735	Rolling	325	12	0	125	600	1,210	5,800	7,735	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	11,500	Rolling	1,500	10	0	1,500	3,000	4,500	2,500	11,500	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Works proposed to assist in the early delivery of employment land and to assist in the linkages between transport infrastructure in the area.											
721 Wellington Bridge - Preservation Works Phase 2-4	161	Rolling	161	2	0	161	0	0	0	161	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Preservation work & architectural lighting.											
757 Union Street Cable Support System for Banners & Festive Lights	82	Rolling	82	0	0	82	0	0	0	82	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
To undertake an assessment of the support system.											

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216 Car Parking: Extend Pay & Display	225	Rolling	225	9	0	225	0	0	0	225	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
Work on this scheme was delayed due to adverse weather conditions during December 2009 – February 2010 and the timing of the expenditure was reprofiled between 2009/10 and 2010/11 as a result.											
739 Replacement Programme for Pay & Display Machines	100	Rolling	100	0	0	100	0	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. Weather-related delays over winter 2009/10 resulted in the spend being carried forward into 2010/11.											
646 Glashieburn Flood Protection	362	Rolling	165	-34	0	165	20	0	0	362	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b>											
To prevent the flood of properties at Lochside Drive, which entails the construction of attenuation ponds. £35k was been added to the estimate for 10/11 but this has been recovered.											

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734 Flood Prevention	200	Rolling	50	0	0	50	50	50	50	200	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b> Improvement to various sections of open watercourses and culverts throughout the city.											
462 Council Travel Plan	89	88	10	0	0	10	0	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.											
563 Vehicle Replacement	6,000	Rolling	1,500	509	330	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,000	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b> Annual vehicle replacement programme.											
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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294 Corp Property Replacement/Renewal	33,730	Rolling	7,780	1,203	0	7,780	7,975	8,975	9,000	33,730	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.											
781 Golden Square Car Parking	43	0	43	0	0	43	0	0	0	43	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b> Purchase of parking ticket machines, signage and lining as part of the Council taking over the parking in the square.											

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782 Biomass Heating – Duthie Park Winter Gardens	125	0	125	0	0	125	0	0	0	125	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b> Replacement of existing oil and gas heating systems at Duthie Park Winter Gardens with a biomass system.											
783 Wifi Infrastructure (Communities)	170	0	81	0	0	81	89	0	0	170	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b> This relates to the implementation of the wireless network across the city's regeneration areas.											
10 George Street	575	468	107	0	0	107	0	0	0	575	0
<b>Project Description/Project Cost</b> This project is funded from the Capital Fund and is already ongoing.											
<b>Total Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure</b>	<b>183,334</b>	<b>40,255</b>	<b>56,636</b>	<b>3,172</b>	<b>5,941</b>	<b>57,436</b>	<b>28,975</b>	<b>26,258</b>	<b>29,366</b>	<b>183,334</b>	<b>0</b>

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Notes:

Spend as at 30/06/10 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 further review and then approval by Council.