

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Council – 27 April 2011

Subject: General Services Capital Budgetary Control Report: Period 11 (2010/11)

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to update Council on the General Services Capital plan for 2010/11.

2. Background

- 2.1** The Council agreed the 2010/11 General Services Capital Programme at its meeting 24 February 2010 and an updated position was reported to Council on 30 March 2011.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** Appendix I summarises the current forecast for resources and expenditure (both totalling £20.774m). Deducted in this figure are resources expected to be carried forward into 2011/12 (£2.238m) and also expenditure identified to slip into 2011/12.
- 3.2** Appendix II details the capital projects, summarises expenditure to date totalling £16.586m and lists the major projects estimated to cost £0.100m and over.
- 3.3** When compared to the revised budget to date of £16.336m overall, the capital budget shows a year to date overspend of £0.250m (1.53% of the year to date revised budget). This overspend is due to an acceleration of 2011/12 committed capital projects which will be adjusted accordingly in the 2011/12 capital plan.
- 3.4** Additional expenditure and resources have been identified within Housing, Environmental and Economic Development which have a nil effect on the net capital budget, as follows:

Housing Environmental and Economic Development
Civic Heart

£0.099m

3.5 An explanation of variances over £0.100m is given below;

(a) Zero Waste Fund – Adverse £0.137m

This is due to reallocation of expenditure from the revenue account

(b) School Regeneration – Adverse £0.220m

Further invoices have been received in relation to Bonhill and Goldenhill. These invoices relate to various additional costs (including those associated with two extension of time claims) which have been submitted by the main contractor, details of which were identified to Council on 15 December 2010. This overspend will be funded by under spend in other areas of the Education capital programme.

(c) Dumbarton Academy Major Adaptations – Favourable £0.125m

Final spend from architects lower than anticipated.

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no people issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 Currently expenditure shows an adverse variance of £0.250m (1.53% of the year to date) compared to the revised budget.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 The main risks are as follows:

- (a) Within the resources noted as available there is an element of capital receipts identified which are only estimates at this stage and not guaranteed. These figures could change and, as a result, the capital plans may require to be altered.
- (b) If departments overspend on any capital budget this will have a detrimental effect on the capital programme in current and future years.

7. Equalities, Health & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)

7.1 No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

- 8.1** The 2010/11 capital plan reported to Council on 30 March 2011 has been updated for known changes. Currently capital is overspent against the revised budget to date. Any overspend at the year end will be adjusted for within 2011/12 to ensure a nil overall effect. However action will be taken, where possible, to minimise any year end overspend.
- 8.2** Members are asked to note the position to date as outlined in appendices I and II.

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Appendices: Appendix I Available Resources
Appendix II Projects by Department

Background Papers: Ledger Output.

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Wards Affected: All wards affected.