

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Council – 30 August 2006

Subject: General Services Capital Budgetary Control Report: Period 3 (2006/2007)

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the General Services Capital plan for 2006/2007.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council agreed the 2006/07 General Services Capital Programme at its meeting on 22 February 2006 and an updated position was reported to Council in June.
- 2.2 At the Council meeting in June, Members were asked to approve additional spend in respect of Schools Regeneration and Schools Other (Appendix IV) with funding sources identified for these additional costs. This was continued pending additional information being provided in respect of the reasons for the differences between the original and revised estimates shown under Schools Regeneration.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 Appendix I details the current forecast for resources and expenditure (both totalling £22.025m). Included in this figure is a level of slippage identified as required within resources (£3.085m).
- 3.2 Appendix II details the ring fenced funding allocations and highlights expenditure to date totalling £0.257m. When compared to the profiled budget of £0.218m, this indicates an overspend position currently of £0.039m.
- 3.3 Appendix III details Council funded projects and highlights expenditure to date totalling £0.563m. When compared to the profiled budget of £0.636m, this indicates an underspend position currently of £0.073m.
- 3.4 Overall, the capital budget shows a year to date underspend of £0.034m (4% of the year to date budget), highlighting that currently spend is broadly in line with the budget.
- 3.5 Currently the anticipated capital receipts figure is £7.245m (as noted in Appendix I). This is an increase of £0.862m from that reported to Council in June and is due to additional assets being identified for sale in 2006/07. This will continue to be closely monitored during the financial year, with appropriate action taken as necessary.

3.6 There have been a number of adjustments made to the Capital Plan reported to Members in June to bring the figures in line with those now reported within the appendices. In particular, the following amendments to the plan are highlighted:

- (a) Additional ringfenced expenditure and resources have been identified within the Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services budget of £0.095m in respect of West Trans, with a nil effect on the net capital budget.
- (b) The removal of both expenditure and resources in respect of the Private Sector Housing Grant which is no longer being reported within capital expenditure. This has a nil effect on the net capital budget.

3.7 Appendix IV details the main reasons for the differences between the original and revised estimates shown under School Regeneration as noted in 2.2 above. The proposed funding sources remain as reported to Council in June:

- (a) Initial savings from the early closure of Braidfield High School; thereafter
- (b) Annual ongoing savings from the reduced PPP project team budget.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The anticipated spend per Appendix II and III is fully funded through identified resources per Appendix I.

5.2 The annual revenue resources required to fund the additional capital spend identified in Appendix IV is estimated at £0.254m. Proposed resources have been identified per 3.7.

6. Conclusions

6.1 The 2006/2007 capital plan reported to Council in June has been updated for known changes. Currently spend is broadly in line with the profiled budget.

6.2 The report seeks Members approval for identified additional expenditure within Education (Appendix IV) and for the source of funding that spend (point 3.7).

7. Recommendations

7.1 Members are asked to

- (a) approve the updated capital plan as outlined in appendices I, II and III.

- (b) agree the additional expenditure in relation to schools regeneration and schools other as outlined in Appendix IV and the funding source as outlined in 3.7.

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Background Papers: Ledger output
Previous Council capital reports

Wards Affected: All wards affected.