

# WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

## Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Council – 24 February 2010

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### Subject: General Services Capital Budgetary Control Report: Period 9, 2009/10

#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Council on the General Services Capital plan for 2009/10.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 The Council agreed the 2009/10 General Services Capital Programme at its meeting on 25 March 2009 and an updated position was reported to Council in December.

#### 3. Main Issues

- 3.1 Appendix I summarises the current forecast for resources and expenditure (both totalling £26.104m). Deducted in this figure are resources expected to be carried forward into 2010/11 (£3.860m).
- 3.2 Appendix II details the capital projects, summarises expenditure to date totalling £11.555m and lists the major projects estimated to cost £0.100m and over.
- 3.3 When compared to the probable outturn to date of £11.602m overall, the capital budget shows a year to date underspend of £0.047m (0.4% of the year to date probable outturn).
- 3.4 If required, any remaining underspend will be carried forward as slippage into 2010/11 and matched with available resources.
- 3.5 Per Appendix I, the anticipated resources figure has been updated following some revisions to the level of capital receipts expected. The capital receipts position will continue to be closely monitored during the financial year, with appropriate action taken if any issues arise.
- 3.6 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:

Argyll Park	£0.196m
Shopfront Improvements	<u>£0.021m</u>
	<u>£0.217m</u>

#### 4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1 There are no personnel issues.

## **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1** Additional funding identified has been matched against related expenditure.
- 5.2** Currently expenditure shows a favourable variance of £0.047m (0.4% of the year to date) compared to the probable outturn.

## **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 Impact Assessment**

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

## **8. Conclusions & Officer's Recommendations**

- 8.1** The 2009/10 capital plan reported to Council in December has been updated for known changes. Currently capital is underspent against the probable outturn to date.
- 8.2** Members are asked to approve the updated capital plan and 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.  
General Services Capital Budgetary Control –  
Council 16 December 2009.

**Wards Affected:** All wards affected.