

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development

Council: 30 March 2011

**Subject: HRA Capital Programme 2010/2011 Budgetary Control Report
to 31 January 2011 (Period 10)**

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members on the progress of the HRA Capital Programme 2010/2011.

2. Background

2.1 Council agreed the 2010/2011 HRA Capital Programme at its meeting on 24 February 2010. This report details expenditure against the various probable outturn headings up to 31 January 2011.

3. Main Issues

3.1 The projected expenditure on the Capital Programme, with matched estimated resources, is £16.748m (see Appendix A).

3.2 Additional expenditure and resource of £0.192m have been identified within the HRA Capital Plan related to Warm Deal funding which has a nil effect on the net capital budget.

3.3 Estimated receipts from non right to buy sales have reduced by £0.029m from £0.230m to £0.201m.

3.4 A summary of the expenditure to 31 January 2010 on each main budget heading is attached at Appendix B. Expenditure to 31 January 2011 totals £9.674m.

3.5 Members will note that the actual spend to 31 January 2011 is compared to the phased capital probable outturn at 31 January 2011 amounting to £10.715m, resulting in a favourable variance of £1.041m.

3.6 Details of the actual expenditure and phased probable outturn to 31 January 2011 on each detailed budget heading are attached at Appendix C.

3.7 An explanation of variances over £100,000 is given below;

i) Re-roofing/Gutter Improvements - Favourable £0.313m

The severe inclement weather has impacted on each contractor's ability to carry out roof works.

ii) Void House Strategy - Adverse £0.106m

Capitalised void work has been greater than expected following the concerted efforts to maintain the reduction in the number of empty houses.

iii) Central Heating - Favourable £0.488m

The severe weather has adversely impacted on both delivery of materials and the general ability of contractors to travel to engage in work on site and external preparatory work (e.g. external flues, gas mains)

iv) Lift Upgrades - Favourable £0.274m

The first payment for the new contract is not due until March when materials are delivered to site, projected spend has been revised on the basis of contractor's advice that only 75% of materials will initially be delivered to site. The remaining 25% of materials will be funded from the 2011/12 budget.

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no people implications.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The Council has spent £9.674m to 31 January 2011 against a phased probable outturn of £10.715m resulting in a favourable variance of £1.041m. Action has been taken, where possible, to minimise slippage being carried forward into 2011/12.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 The present variance should be viewed in the knowledge that there are a number of variable factors which could arise between now and 31 March 2011 which could affect the year end spend.

7. Equalities Impact

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

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

8.1 The report identifies a favourable variance against the phased probable outturn as at 31 January 2011 of £1.041m.

8.2 Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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Appendices: Appendix A - Capital Programme Resources
Appendix B - Summary of Expenditure to 31/01/11
Appendix C - Details of Expenditure to 31/01/11

Background Papers: Ledger output
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Wards Affected: All