

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services
Council: 28 March 2012

Subject: General Services Capital Budgetary Control Report: Period 11 (2011/12)

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Council on the General Services Capital plan for 2011/12.

2. Background

2.1 The 2011/2012 General Services Capital Programme was last reported to Council on 29 February 2011, with a probable outturn of £17.943m matched by a probable resource of this value.

2.2 This report details the estimated probable income and expenditure against the various budget headings up to 29 February 2012.

3. Main Issues

3.1 Since 29 February 2012 a new resource has been identified within Legal and Regulatory Services, related to contaminated land works, which has a nil effect on the net capital budget. This has the following effect on funded projects:

Probable income agreed by Council 29 February 2012	£17.943m
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<u>Add: New Contribution Funded Projects</u> SEPA - Contaminated Land Works	£0.033m
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Revised probable outturn	£17.976m
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3.2 Resources achieved to date total £8.554mm. When compared to the probable outturn to date of £8.824m this indicates a favourable position currently of £0.270m (3.26% of the year to date probable outturn) indicating that the General Services is likely to exceed the probable outturn mainly due to the generation of additional land and vehicle sales and additional in-year revenue funding related to the increased regeneration works (discussed at 3.3 below).

3.3 Expenditure incurred to date totals £10.373m. When compared to the probable outturn to date of £10.112m, this indicates an overspend position currently of £0.261m (2.58% of the year to date probable outturn) mainly due to costs incurred in relation to regeneration works and Knowle burn flooding works. These overspends related to the timing of the spend rather than an overspend against budget. In line with year end capital procedures the final slippage balance that requires to be carried forward into 2012/13 will be adjusted to reflect actual spend incurred in 2011/12.

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no people implications.

5. Financial implications

5.1 When compared to the probable outturn to date resources shows a favourable variance of £0.270m, while expenditure shows an adverse variance of £0.261m. The situation will be monitored and action taken as necessary.

6 Risk Analysis

6.1 The main risks are as follows:

- (a) As a consequence of current market conditions, capital receipts may either not be received or they may be less than anticipated.
- (b) The present variance should be viewed in the knowledge that there are a number of factors which could arise between now and 31 March 2012 which could affect the year end spend.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

7.1 No equalities impact assessment was required in relation to this report.

8. Strategic Assessment

8.1 The Council has identified four main strategic priorities, namely Social & Economic Regeneration, Financial Strategy, Asset Management Strategy; and Fit for Purpose Services.

8.2 The General Services capital plan contributes to both Social & Economic Regeneration and the Asset Management Strategy in relation to regeneration and marketing of West Dunbartonshire Council, infrastructure, attainment and achievement, modern schools and care homes amongst others.

9. Conclusions and Recommendations

9.1 Both resources and spend to date are higher than the probable outturn to date by £0.270m and £0.261m respectively, however, this will be monitored and appropriate action taken as necessary.

9.2 Members are asked to note the position to date as outlined in the attached appendix.

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Appendices: General Services Capital Programme
Financial Year 2011/12 – Probable Outturn

Background Papers: General Services Capital Plan 2011/12
- Council 29 February 2012

Wards Affected: All wards affected.