

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development

**Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee:
4 February 2009**

**Subject: HRA Capital Programme 2008/2009 Budgetary Control Report
to 15 December 2008 (Period 8)**

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on the progress of the HRA Capital Programme 2008/2009. Budgetary control statements for the HRA Capital Programme are also presented to the full Council to allow Members to monitor performance.

2. Background

- 2.1** Council agreed the 2008/2009 HRA Capital Programme at its Budget meeting on 14 February 2008. At its meeting on 17 December 2008, Council was presented with probable outturn figures for the HRA Capital Programme and approved the revised HRA Capital probable outturns which still totalled £16.902m. This report details expenditure against the various probable outturn headings up to 15 December 2008.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The projected expenditure on the Capital Programme, with matched projected resources, is £16.902m (see Appendix A).
- 3.2** A summary of the expenditure to 15 December 2008 on each main heading is attached at Appendix B. Expenditure to 15 December 2008 totals £10.361m.
- 3.3** The Committee will note that the actual spend to 15 December 2008 is compared to the phased capital probable outturn at 15 December 2008 amounting to £10.456m, resulting in a spend of £0.095m less than anticipated in the phased probable outturn.
- 3.4** Details of the actual expenditure and phased probable outturn to 15 December 2008 on each detailed project are attached at Appendix C.
- 3.5** Brief explanations of the main variances are as follows;

i) Multi-Storey Comprehensive Area Renewal - Underspending £266,000

This underspending is the result of the timing of the expenditure being behind the predicted phasing at this point in the financial year.

ii) Central Heating - Overspending (£156,000)

This overspend is as a result of more obsolete boilers and systems being discovered during annual gas maintenance visits. However it is still anticipated that the year end spend should be around the probable outturn of £2.5m.

iii) Overclad Projects - Overspending (£191,000)

The original budget for this project was £400,000 which was reduced to a probable outturn of £100,000. However this projected outturn was pitched too low and it is anticipated that the year end spend will be around £300,000.

3.6 Although we are anticipating some overspends on specific budget lines, the year end position overall is still being predicted as a total spend of around £16.902m.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The financial implication of this report is that the Council has spent £10.361m to the 15 December 2008 against a phased budget of £10.456m resulting in a phased underspend as at 15 December 2008 of £0.095m.

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 2009 which could affect the year end spend.

7. Conclusion

7.1 The report identifies a phased underspend against phased probable outturn of £0.095m, but the year end position is still being predicted as a total spend of around £16.902m.

8. Recommendation

8.1 The Committee asked to note the contents of this report.

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Appendices: Appendix A - Capital Programme Resources
Appendix B - Summary of Expenditure to 15 Dec. 2008
Appendix C - Details of Expenditure to 15 Dec. 2008

Background Papers: None

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