

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Council - 27 February 2008

Subject: General Services Capital Budgetary Control Report: Period 9, 2007/2008

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Council on the General Services Capital plan for 2007/2008.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council agreed the 2007/08 General Services Capital Programme at its meeting on 8 February 2007 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 £18.617m). Included in this figure are resources expected to be carried forward into 2008/09 (£1.028m).
- 3.2 Appendix II details the ring fenced funding allocations and highlights expenditure to date totalling £0.901m. When compared to the probable outturn to date of £0.994m, it indicates an underspend position of £0.093m.
- 3.3 Appendix III details Council funded projects and highlights expenditure to date totalling £5.556m. When compared to the probable outturn to date of £6.365m, this indicates an underspend position currently of £0.809m.
- 3.4 Overall, the capital budget shows a year to date underspend of £0.902m (12.3% of the year to date probable outturn).
- 3.5 If required, any remaining underspend will be carried forward as slippage into 2008/09 and matched with available resources.
- 3.6 Per Appendix I, the anticipated receipts figure has been updated to £2.785m following some revisions to the level of receipts expected. The capital receipts position will continue to be closely monitored during the financial year, with appropriate action taken if any issues arise.

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** Current anticipated receipts from sale of assets are £2.785m. This will be continue to be monitored and action taken as necessary.
- 5.3** Currently expenditure shows a favourable variance of £0.902m (12.3% of the year to date) compared to the probable outturn.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** 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.
- 6.2** Included within the available resources is grant income from the Scottish Government for school fund and contaminated land. If expenditure is not fully incurred before 31 March 2008 then any balance of the grant not utilised may require to be returned to the Scottish Government.
- 6.3** Included within the available resources is grant income from the Scottish Government for spend to save initiatives. If expenditure is not fully incurred before 30 June 2008 then any balance of the grant not utilised may require to be returned to the Scottish Government.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1** The 2007/08 capital plan reported to Council in December has been updated for known changes. Currently spend is underspent against the probable outturn to date.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1** Members are asked to approve the updated capital plan as outlined in appendices I, II and III.

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Wards Affected: All wards affected.

Appendices: Appendix I Available Resources
Appendix II Ringfenced Projects
Appendix III Council Funded Projects

Background Papers: Ledger output.
General Services Capital Plan 2007/08 –
Council 8 February 2007.
General Services Capital Budgetary Control (Period 7)
– Council 19 December 2007.

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