

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Council: 26 October 2011

Subject: General Services Capital Budgetary Control Report to 31 August 2011 (Period 5)

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the General Services Capital Plan for 2011/12.

2. Background

- 2.1 The revised Capital Plan for 2011/12 was reported to Council on 28 September 2011 with an updated planned spend of £21.890m.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 Since Council on 28 September 2011 there have been new resources identified within Housing, Environmental and Economic Development and an amendment to resources previously identified within Educational Services which funds the following projects and have a nil effect on the net capital budget:

Funding agreed by Council 28 September 2011	£21.890m
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<u>Earmarked Revenue Funded Projects</u> Regeneration Fund	£1.000m
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<u>Reduction to Council Funded Projects</u> Schools Regeneration	(£0.500m)
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<u>New Contribution Funded Projects</u> Argyll Park	£0.037m
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Revised capital plan	£22.427m
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- 3.2 The regeneration fund was identified and agreed as part of the Council's revenue budget in February 2011. Proposals for the use of this fund were agreed by the HEED Committee on 8 June 2011 and include environmental projects, site improvements and infrastructure works and community and social options.
- 3.3 The reduction to Council funded projects of £0.500m relates to the new school builds at Bonhill and Goldenhill. This has arisen as a result of an audit adjustment required to the Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 and this sum has now been accrued from 2010/11 funds into 2011/12 funds resulting in a reduction in funding needed from the 2011/12 budget.

- 3.4 The new contribution funding of £0.037m in relation to Argyll Park represents the final insurance settlement regarding reinstatement works.
- 3.5 Appendix A details the current forecast for resources and expenditure (both totalling £22.427m).
- 3.6 Appendix B details the funding allocations, summarises expenditure to date totalling £3.711m and lists the major projects estimated to cost £0.100m and over. When compared to the profiled budget of £3.629m, this indicates an overspend position currently of £0.082m (2.26% of the year to date budget).

4. People Implications

- 4.1 There are no people implications.

5. Financial implications

- 5.1 Currently expenditure shows an adverse variance of £0.070m compared to the profiled budget. 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) If departments overspend on any capital budget this will have a detrimental effect on the capital programme in current and future years.

7. Equalities, Health & Humans Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 7.1 No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact in relation to the changes noted in section 3.1. The equalities impact in relation to the proposed projects to be funded from the Regeneration Fund will be considered as the projects are developed

8. Strategic Assessment

- 8.1 The Council has identified four main strategic priorities for 2011/2012, 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** The 2011/2012 capital plan reported to Council in September has been updated for new funding projects. Spend to date is slightly higher than the profiled budget, 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 appendices A and B.

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Appendices: A Available Resources
B Projects by Department

Background Papers: General Services Capital Plan 2011/12
- Council 28 September 2011

Wards Affected: All wards affected.