

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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

Council: 24 November 2010

**Subject: HRA Capital Programme 2010/2011 Budgetary Control Report
to 30 September 2010 (Period 6)**

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Council on the progress of the HRA Capital Programme 2010/2011. Budgetary control statements for the HRA Capital Programme are also presented to the Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee to allow the Committee to monitor performance.

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 budget headings up to 30 September 2010.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The projected expenditure on the Capital Programme, with matched projected resources, is £20.592m (see Appendix A).
- 3.2** A summary of the expenditure to 30 September 2010 on each main budget heading is attached at Appendix B. Expenditure to 30 December 2010 totals £5.225m.
- 3.3** Members will note that the actual spend to 30 September 2010 is compared to the phased capital budget at 30 September 2010 amounting to £5.749m, resulting in an underspend of £0.524m.
- 3.4** Details of the actual expenditure and phased budget to 30 September 2010 on each detailed budget heading are attached at Appendix C.
- 3.5** An explanation of variances over £100,000 is given below;
- i) Structural Works - Underspending £255,000

The project at South Drumry is running behind schedule for the following reasons;

The repair work is proving to be more complex and demanding than originally anticipated, with the room available for safe, simultaneous working extremely limited. This has also meant that the works overall are taking longer than originally planned.

Whilst the houses are unoccupied, the opportunity has been taken to carry out a substantial amount of additional work to meet SHQS to minimise future disturbance. Work has included the installation of new electrics, new plumbing, new heating, new kitchens and new bathrooms.

As a result of all the work undertaken there has been significantly more damage to existing decoration than was originally envisioned and tenants are currently being offered an allowance to help re-instate decoration.

ii) Re-roofing/Gutter Improvements - Underspending £125,000

It is anticipated that extremely competitive pricing will render a saving of around £200,000 by the financial year end.

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no implications.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The Council has spent £5.225m to the 30 September 2010 against a phased budget of £5.749m resulting in an underspend of £0.524m.

5.2 The budgetary position will be closely monitored and management action will be taken to ensure the maximum spend on the HRA Capital Programme.

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 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 30 September 2010
Appendix C - Details of Expenditure to 30 September 2010

Background Papers: None

Ward Affected: All