

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Acting Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development (Housing and Regeneration Services)

Council : 31 October 2007

Subject: HRA Capital Programme 2007/2008 Budgetary Control Report to 15 September 2007 (Period 5)

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise Members on the progress of the HRA Capital Programme 2007/2008. 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 2007/2008 HRA Capital Programme at its Budget meeting on 8 February 2007. This report details expenditure against the various budget headings up to 15 September 2007.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The budgeted expenditure on the Capital Programme, with matched resources, is £17.002m (see Appendix A).
- 3.2** A summary of the expenditure to 15 September 2007 on each main budget heading is attached at Appendix B. Expenditure to 15 September 2007 totals £4.263m.
- 3.3** Members will note that the actual spend to 15 September 2007 is compared to the phased capital budget at 15 September 2007 amounting to £5.615m, resulting in an underspend of £1.352m.
- 3.4** Details of the actual expenditure and phased budget to 15 September 2007 on each detailed budget heading are attached at Appendix C.
- 3.5** As can be seen there are a number of significant over and under spendings on the various budget lines. This is not unusual as certain projects can be unavoidably delayed, in which case the spend on other projects is very often accelerated.

- 3.6** Details of the projected outturn on the HRA Capital Programme to 31 March 2008 are attached at Appendix D. Members will note that a total spend of £15.028m is predicted, resulting in an underspend of £1.974m.
- 3.7** Members will also note that there are a large number of over and underspendings from the original HRA Capital budget approved at the Council meeting on 8 February 2007.
- 3.8** Members' approval to the revised budgets as detailed in the "Projected Outturn to 31 March 2008" column is therefore required in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations, Section C Control of Expenditure, Paragraph 2.
- 3.9** As per the Council's Financial Regulations the approval of the Head of Finance has been obtained to the budget virement as detailed in Appendix D.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The first financial implication of this report is that the Council has spent £4.263m to the 15 September 2007 against a phased budget of £5.615m resulting in an underspend as at 15 September 2007 of £1.352m.
- 5.2** The second financial implication of this report is that the HRA Capital Programme is predicted to underspend by £1.974m.

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 2008 which could affect the final year end spend.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1** This report identifies an underspend against the phased budget at period 5 of £1.352m.
- 7.2** The report also identifies a projected total underspend of £1.974m and asks for Members' approval for the resultant budget virement.

8. Recommendation

a. Members are asked to,

- i) note the contents of this report,
and
- ii) approve the budget virement as referred to in paragraph 3.8 and detailed on Appendix D.

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Wards Affected: All

Background Papers: None

Appendix: Appendix A – Capital Programme Resources
Appendix B – Summary of Expenditure to 15 Sept 2007
Appendix C – Details of Expenditure to 15 Sept 2007
Appendix D – Projected Outturn to 15 Sept. 2007

