

# **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Report by the Chief Executive**

**Council - 19 December 2007**

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**Subject : General Services Capital Budgetary Control Report: Period 7, 2007/2008**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to update Members 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 on 31 October 2007.

### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** Appendix I details the current forecast for resources and expenditure (both totalling £20.016m). Included in this figure is a level of slippage identified as required within resources (£2.576m).
- 3.2** Appendix II details the ring fenced funding allocations and highlights expenditure to date totalling £0.886m. When compared to the profiled budget of £0.895m, this indicates an underspend position of £0.009m.
- 3.3** Appendix III details Council funded projects and highlights expenditure to date totalling £3.793m. When compared to the profiled budget of £3.695m, this indicates that spend is more than anticipated at this stage by £0.098m.
- 3.4** Overall, the capital budget shows a year to date overspend of £0.089m (2% of the year to date budget).
- 3.5** The anticipated receipts figure has been updated to £3.581m 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.
- 3.6** A report was presented to Council on 28 November 2007 concerning Fire Safety in Residential Homes following a fire incident at Langcraigs Residential Unit. It acknowledges that remedial work would be required to bring Langcraigs and all other residential homes up to an acceptable standard. It is estimated that approximately £0.250m will be incurred in the current financial year and this has been budgeted for within the Social Work and Health Improvement capital plan funded from general underspends and re-profiling of some capital projects.

**3.7** The updated capital plan takes into account adjustments required by decisions taken by Council on 31 October, together with a number of revisions as detailed below:

**3.7.1** Due to anticipated delays in some of the projects funded by the spend to save grant, resources have been reallocated to reserve projects within both Housing, Environmental and Economic Development and Educational Services with a small increase in the overall budget of £0.017m funded from slippage.

**3.7.2** Additional expenditure and resources have been identified within the Housing, Environmental and Economic Development which have a nil effect on the net capital budget, as follows:

NEET	£0.145m
SPT Funded Projects	<u>£0.050m</u>
	<u>£0.195m</u>

**3.7.3** Due to anticipated delays in some projects which have become apparent during the start of the probable outturn process, it has been necessary to allocate these into committed expenditure for 2008/09. This process is ongoing and 2007/08 probable outturns on capital spend will be reported to Council in due course.

#### **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 have been revised to £3.581m. This will be continue to be monitored and action taken as necessary.

#### **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.

#### **7. Conclusions**

**7.1** The 2007/08 capital plan reported to Council on 31 October 2007 has been updated for known changes. Currently spend is slightly overspent against the profiled budget.

## **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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**Date: 12 December 2007**

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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 3) –  
Council 29 August 2007.  
General Services Capital Budgetary Control (Period 5) –  
Council 31 October 2007.

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