

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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

Council – 23 February 2011

**Subject: HRA Capital Programme 2010/2011 Budgetary Control Report to
31 December 2010 (Period 9)**

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, Environmental 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 probable outturn headings up to 31 December 2010.

3. Main Issues

3.1 The projected expenditure on the Capital Programme, with matched estimated resources, is £16.556m (see Appendix A).

3.2 A summary of the expenditure to 31 December 2010 on each main budget heading is attached at Appendix B. Expenditure to 31 December 2010 totals £8.689m.

3.3 Members will note that the actual spend to 31 December 2010 is compared to the phased capital probable outturn at 31 December 2010 amounting to £9.500m, resulting in a favourable variance of £0.811m.

3.4 Details of the actual expenditure and phased probable outturn to 31 December 2010 on each detailed budget heading are attached at Appendix C.

3.5 An explanation of variances over £100,000 is given below;

i) Re-roofing/Gutter Improvements – Favourable £0.302m

The severe inclement weather has impacted on each contractor's ability to carry out roof works.

ii) Central Heating – Favourable £0.349m

The severe weather has adversely impacted on both delivery of materials and the general ability of contractors to travel to engage in work on site and external preparatory work (e.g. external flues, gas mains)

iii) Lift Upgrades – Favourable £0.244m

The first payment for the new contract is not due until March when materials are delivered to site, projected spend has been revised on the basis of contractor's advice that only 75% of materials will initially be delivered to site.

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no people implications.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The Council has spent £8.689m to 31 December 2010 against a phased probable outturn of £9.500m resulting in a favourable variance of £0.811m. Action has been taken, where possible, to minimise slippage being carried forward into 2011/12.

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 The report identifies a favourable variance against the phased probable outturn as at 31 December 2010 of £0.811m.

8.2 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 31/12/10
Appendix C - Details of Expenditure to 31/12/10

Background Papers: Ledger output
HRA Capital Budgetary Control Report –
Council 26 January 2011

Wards Affected: All wards affected