

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Council – 17 December 2008

Subject: General Services Capital Budgetary Control Report: Period 7 (2008/2009)

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the General Services Capital Plan for 2008/2009.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council agreed the 2008/09 General Services Capital Programme at its meeting on 28 February 2008 and an updated position was reported to Council in October.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 Appendix I details the current forecast for resources and expenditure (both totalling £29.531m).
- 3.2 Appendix II details the funding allocations, summarises expenditure to date totalling £5.167m and lists the major projects estimated to cost £0.100m and over. When compared to the profiled budget of £5.142m, this indicates an overspend position currently of £0.025m (0.5% of the year to date budget), highlighting that expenditure will have to be closely monitored throughout the year.
- 3.3 Currently the anticipated capital receipts figure is £2.840m (as noted in Appendix I). This is a decrease of £0.109m from that reported to Council in October and is due to the anticipated delay in some receipts. The level of capital receipts will continue to be closely monitored during the financial year, with appropriate action taken as necessary.
- 3.4 The General Service Capital Grant is £5.586m (as noted in Appendix I). This is a decrease of £0.330m from that reported to Council in October and is due to the Scottish Government reducing the grant to provide funding for the Affordable Housing Investment Programme. This reduction will be re-offered to the Council by the Scottish Government in 2010/11.

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

Cities Growth Fund (Rediscovering Dumbarton)	£0.200m
Cities Growth Fund (Animating the Canal)	<u>£0.200m</u>
	<u>£0.400m</u>

3.6 Additional expenditure requirements have been identified within Finance and ICT regarding upgrades to the MS exchange system totalling £0.083m which will be funded from slippage.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The anticipated spend per Appendix II is fully funded through identified resources per Appendix I.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 The main risks are as follows:

- (a) 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.
- (b) If departments overspend on any capital budget this will have a detrimental effect on the capital programme in current and future years.

7. Conclusions

7.1 The 2008/2009 capital plan reported to Council in October has been updated for known changes. Currently spend is slightly overspent against the profiled budget; however the year end position is expected to remain within budget.

8. Recommendations

8.1 **Members are asked to approve the updated capital plan including the budget virement, and note the position to date as outlined in appendices I and II.**

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Wards Affected: All wards affected.

Appendices: Appendix I Resources Available
Appendix II Projects by Department

Background Papers: Ledger output Period 7
General Services Capital Plan 2008/09 –
Council 29 October 2008.

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