

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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

Council: 28 April 2010

Subject: HRA Capital Programme 2009/2010 Budgetary Control Report to 15 March 2010 (Period 11)

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Council on the progress of the HRA Capital Programme 2009/2010. 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 2009/2010 HRA Capital Programme at its meeting on 25 February 2009. At its meeting on 24 February 2010, Council was presented with probable outturn figures for the HRA Capital Programme and approved the revised HRA Capital budget which totals £16.595m. This report details expenditure against the various probable outturn headings up to 15 March 2010.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The projected expenditure on the Capital Programme, with matched projected resources, is £16.595m (see Appendix A).
- 3.2** A summary of the expenditure to 15 March 2010 on each main budget heading is attached at Appendix B. Expenditure to 15 March 2010 totals £12.257m.
- 3.3** Members will note that the actual spend to 15 March 2010 is compared to the phased capital probable outturn at 15 March 2010 amounting to £12.773m, resulting in an underspending of £0.516m.
- 3.4** Details of the actual expenditure and phased probable outturn to 15 March 2010 on each detailed budget heading are attached at Appendix C.
- 3.5** An explanation of variances over £100,000 is given below;

- i) Multi-Storey Comprehensive Area Renewal - Underspending £321,000

This underspend is as a result of the contract having been severely affected during its lifetime to date by extreme weather conditions which has delayed work on site to a significant extent.

- ii) Structural Works - Underspending £216,000

This underspend is as a result of unforeseen operational delays on site including programme difficulties with utility companies which are currently being addressed by the contractor.

- iii) Re-roofing - Underspending £166,000

This underspend is as a result of a number of account submissions still to be submitted by the contractor and both phasing and weather delay issues.

- iv) Dampness Eradication Action Plan - Overspending (£105,000)

This overspend is as a result of there having been no definitive budget set for this work at the start of the financial year. It being agreed by Council that this be financed from a re-profiling of the 2009/2010 HRA Capital Programme budget and virement from other natural underspends.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The Council has spent £12.257m to the 15 March 2010 against a phased probable outturn of £12.773m resulting in an underspend as at 15 March 2010 of £0.516m.

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 2010 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 15 March 2010
Appendix C - Details of Expenditure to 15 March 2010

Background Papers: None

Ward Affected: All