



**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
11 JUNE 2008**

SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGETS 2008/09

BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of the projects and patterns of expenditure projected for Capital Budgets within Educational Services for 2008/09.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section D (14) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to the consideration of Capital and Revenue Budgets and long term financial plans.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that Committee:-

- a) **Notes the current position regarding the Educational Services' Capital Programme;**
- b) **Approves implementation of the school projects as identified in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Special Meeting of Council on 14 February 2008, Members approved the Capital Plan for 2008/09 and agreed Service Committee approval was required prior to individual capital projects being implemented (paragraph 6.1 refers).
- 3.2 The capital budgets covered in this report are those contained within the Educational Services Capital Plan (**Appendix 1**).

4. BUDGET DETAIL

- 4.1 The total approved Capital budget for Educational Services for the period 2008 to 2009 is as follows:-

	08/09 £000
Land & Buildings	4,159
Leisure & Healthy Living	0
Totals	4,159

The list of individual projects proposed within the headings is detailed in **Appendix 1**.

4.2 The major projects that have approval and are being progressed are listed below:-

- ◇ New Elgin Primary: Interagency Base (carried forward from 07/08)
- ◇ Tomintoul Primary: Separation of Services (carried forward from 07/08)
- ◇ Keith Grammar: Heating and Ventilation (carried forward from 07/08)
- ◇ Buckie Synthetic Turf Pitch.
- ◇ Speyside Synthetic Turf Pitch.

4.3 Projects within the Plan which require separate approval and which have reached an appropriate stage of development to seek approval are listed below.

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Title	Category	Net Cost £000
Speyside High: Gutter Replacements	Land & Buildings	50
East End Primary: Replacement Flat Roofs	Land & Buildings	170
Hythehill Primary: Resurfacing Tarmac Areas	Land & Buildings	65
Hythehill Primary: Replacement Flat Roofs & Windows	Land & Buildings	125
Lossiemouth High: Replacement Windows & Flat Roofs	Land & Buildings	70
Buckie High: Replacement Flat Roofs	Land & Buildings	100
Kinloss Primary: Curtain Walling	Land & Buildings	100
Dallas Primary: Slating Roof	Land & Buildings	68
Greenwards Primary: Replacement Flat Roofs	Land & Buildings	180

4.4 Approval for two further projects that will require advancement of funding from 2009/10 is also sought. These projects are:

- Portgordon Primary slate roof: Following recent inspections it has been identified that the slate roof at Portgordon Primary is in urgent

need of attention. Improvements to this roof had been planned for 09/10 but approval is sought to bring these forward to this financial year with works being undertaken during the Summer break. The anticipated cost is £75,000.

- Buckie High heating upgrade: It had been anticipated that this project would span financial years 08/09 and 09/10 with £350,000 budgeted for this financial year and £200,000 for next. However, it is both possible and desirable to complete the works this financial year at an estimated cost of £547,000.

4.5 It is anticipated that advancement of both these projects can be accommodated within the existing 2008/09 budget as the major spend for the changing facilities associated with the Buckie and Speyside synthetic turf pitch projects will be made in 2009/10. However, should this not prove to be the case the Director of Educational Services will submit a report to the Policy and Resources Committee requesting re-phasing of the 2009/10 capital programme for schools.

4.6 Other projects requiring approval will be brought forward as and when they reach the appropriate stage of development.

4.7 The total approved gross expenditure for 2008/09 is £4.159 million. In addition, carryforwards totalling £744,000 will be considered by Moray Council on 2 July 2008. Expenditure to 31 April 2008 is currently £40k. It is anticipated the major spend will take place in the last 2 quarters of the financial year.

5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) **Corporate Development Plan/Community Plan/Service Improvement Plan**

This report supports the Council's corporate working principles of efficiency, effectiveness and economy. It also supports the Educational Service's Improvement Plan objective of providing quality facilities.

(b) **Policy and Legal**

There are no policy implications arising directly from this report. The Council has a legal obligation to provide access to services under the Disability Discrimination Act.

(c) **Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)**

The financial implications arising from this report are as detailed in the body of this report. The heating and ventilation projects proposed for approval should lead to decreased energy consumption and have a positive impact on revenue budgets.

There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

(d) Consultations

Consultations have been undertaken with Deborah Brands, Principal Accountant and Eddie Milne, Principal Quantity Surveyor and, where comments have been received, these have been included within the report.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 That Committee notes the current position regarding the Educational Services programme for 2008/09 and implementation of the school projects as identified at paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4.**

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Background Papers:

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