

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON  
20 AUGUST 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 paragraph 4.3.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 At the Special Meeting of Council on 14 February 2008 (para. 6.1 of the minute refers), the Capital Plan for 2008/09 was approved. It was further agreed that Council approval was required prior to individual capital projects being implemented.
- 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:-

	<b>08/09 £000</b>
Land & Buildings	4,963
Vehicles, Plant & Equipment	15
Leisure & Healthy Living	346
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,324</b>

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

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

- ◇ New Elgin Primary: Interagency Base (carried forward from 07/08)
- ◇ Falconer Museum Improvements (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.
- ◇ Buckie Skateboard Park.
- ◇ Elgin Skateboard Park (Moray Wheels).
- ◇ East End Primary: Replacement Flat Roofs.
- ◇ Hythehill Primary: Replacement Windows and Flat Roofs.
- ◇ Buckie High: Replacement Flat Roofs.
- ◇ Buckie High: Heating Upgrade.
- ◇ Milne's High: Heating Upgrade.
- ◇ Kinloss primary: Curtain Walling Replacement.
- ◇ Greenwards primary: Replacement Flat Roofs.

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.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Net Cost £000</b>
Elgin High School: Improvements to Heating and Ventilation	Land & Buildings	54
Elgin Academy: Improvements to Heating and Ventilation	Land & Buildings	15
Legionella Preventative Works:	Land & Buildings	30

Various School		
Hard Play Area Improvements: Various Primary Schools	Land & Buildings	64

- 4.4 Other projects requiring approval will be brought forward as and when they reach the appropriate stage of development.
- 4.5 Towards the end of last academic year, asbestos was identified in the roof void at Portessie Primary. Left undisturbed the material did not present a hazard. The work to remove and make safe this material was undertaken during the Summer break with the result that it was not possible to carry out the proposed electrical upgrade. This project will now be completed next financial year.
- 4.6 A submission was made for European Funding to support the Speyside High School biomass heating project. The total anticipated cost of the project was £400,000 with the Council contributing £198,000 and the remainder being grant funded. Unfortunately, this project, along with another similar NHS sponsored project for Forres, has been rejected. However, other potential sources of external funding will be sought to support this project and members will be kept informed of progress.
- 4.7 The integration of school and community library facilities at Findochty, Portknockie and Rothes are programmed to take place this financial year. Portknockie and Rothes libraries are the subject of a European Funding bid and the time frames for completion may be influenced by this. Committee will be regularly updated on progress.
- 4.8 The total approved gross expenditure, including carryforwards, for 2008/09 is £5.324 million. Expenditure to 30 June 2008 is currently £352k. 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 Educational Services Senior Management Team, Deborah Brands, Principal Accountant, Eddie Milne, Principal Quantity Surveyor and Reni Milburn, Principal Development Officer and, where comments have been received, these have been included within the report.

**6. CONCLUSION**

**6.1 That Committee:**

- (a) notes the current position regarding the Educational Services programme for 2008/09;**
- (b) approves implementation of the school projects as identified in paragraph 4.3.**

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Background Papers:

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