

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
2 DECEMBER 2009**

**SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CAPITAL
BUDGETS 2009/10**

BY: DIRECTORS OF EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY 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 and Community Services for 2009/10.

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 and scrutinises the current position regarding the Educational and Community Services Capital Programme.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 At the Special Meeting of Council on 12 February 2009, Committee approved the Capital Plan for 2009/10 and agreed that Service Committee approval was required prior to individual capital projects being implemented. In urgent cases, approval can be sought from the Committee Chairman and department Director.

3.2 The capital budgets covered in this report are those contained within the Educational Services and Community Services Capital Plan (**Appendix 1**).

4. BUDGET DETAIL

4.1 The total approved Capital budget for Educational and Community Services for the period 2009 to 2010 is as follows:-

| | 09/10 £000 |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Land & Buildings | 7140 |
| Leisure & healthy Living | 157 |
| Totals | 7297 |

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

4.2 The total projected expenditure for 2009/10 is £5.037 million. Expenditure to 31 October 2009 is currently £1.262 million. The bulk of expenditure is anticipated to be made over the last quarter. The variance between projected

expenditure and the approved budget is largely accounted for by project delays which are expected to push work into next financial year. The main projects affected by this are; synthetic turf pitches, locality team bases, rewires and the Child Protection Unit. These have previously been reported to this Committee. Savings on some major projects have also contributed to reduced expenditure.

- 4.3 A small number of projects are expected to exceed their budgets for this financial year. In all cases these are projects which span two financial years and expenditure will be contained within their overall budget. A review of planned expenditure will shortly be undertaken when account will be taken of predicted savings and alterations to the programming of projects.
- 4.4 The major projects that have approval and are either complete or being progressed are listed below:-
- ◇ Milne's High Learning Centre: Phase 2
 - ◇ Locality Team Bases: Elgin Academy, Elgin High, Lossiemouth and Milne's High.
 - ◇ Elgin Town Hall: Redevelopment of Supper Room.
 - ◇ Kitchen Upgrades.
 - ◇ Alves Primary: Heating Upgrade.
 - ◇ Forres Academy and Lossiemouth High: Heating Controls.
 - ◇ Keith Grammar: Heating Upgrade.
 - ◇ Buckie High: Performance Space, Classrooms and Changing Pavilion
 - ◇ Provision of fences and refurbishment of Pinefield Changing Pavilion
- 4.5 An update on a number of other projects is detailed below:-

Co-Located Child Protection Unit

A separate report seeking approval to implement this project is included within this committee's agenda.

Buckie Community High School: Performance Space

The project is proceeding on programme. Construction has begun on the foundation for the new performance space and pupils have been decanted to the temporary classrooms.

Milne's High: Learning Centre

The project is proceeding on programme. The sub-structure for the learning centre is complete and the structural frame is being erected. The temporary access and parking arrangements are operating satisfactorily.

5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Single Outcome Agreement/Service Improvement Plan

- (i) This report supports local priorities 3 (Young People) and 4 (Young People and Adult Learners) through the provision of modern, well maintained and suitable facilities.
- (ii) This report supports Action Areas 3 (Equally Well) and 17 (Sports, Arts and Leisure Development) for the Service Improvement Plan.

(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. Projections for revenue costs associated with the major projects at Milne's High, Buckie High and Elgin High are being developed and will be reported to future meetings of this Committee.

There are no staffing implications arising directly from this report.

(d) Consultations

Consultations have been undertaken with Lorraine Paisey, Principal Accountant; Libraries and Museums Manager; Property Services Manager; Gordon Sinclair, Service Manager (Community Services); and Educational Services SMT. Where comments have been received, these have been included within the report.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 The report provides information on the financial position of the capital programme related to the responsibilities of the Children and Young Peoples Services Committee to the end of September 2009.

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Background Papers:

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