

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
17 FEBRUARY 2010**

**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 to 31 December 2009.

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.

b) Approves implementation of the capital projects as identified in Paragraph 4.4.

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 capital budget approved for Educational and Community Services in February 2009 was £7.297m. At the Policy and Resources Committee 17 November 2009 the budget was revised to £4.734m as follows:-

	09/10 £000
Land & Buildings	4577
Leisure & healthy Living	157
Totals	4734

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

- 4.2 The total projected expenditure for 2009/10 is £4.428 million. Expenditure to 31 December 2009 is currently £1.706 million. The bulk of expenditure is anticipated to be made over the last quarter. The severe conditions over the winter have caused some delays in projects and this may impact on expenditure. Members will be kept informed of any anticipated changes.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 Projects within the Plan which require separate approval and which have reached an appropriate stage of development to seek approval are listed below. These projects will be funded from the All Public Facilities budget.

Title	Category	Net Cost £000
Replacement shelving: Burghead Library	Land & Buildings	6
Replacement shelving, seating and work stations: Dufftown Library	Land & Buildings	7
Replacement shelving: Rothes Library	Land & Buildings	7

- 4.5 The Libraries Integration programme has now been agreed, with work scheduled as follows:

Portknockie	Completed/Opened
Findochty	Opened/Minor Works Outstanding
Lossiemouth	8 February 2010 - 9 March 2010
Rothes Nursery	1 February 2010 - 26 March 2010
Rothes Library Toilets	29 March 2010 - 23 April 2010
Rothes Library	5 April 2010 - 30 April 2010

Burghead	22 February 2010 - 2 April 2010
Dufftown	15 March 2010 – 10 May 2010
Hopeman	22 March 2010 - 9 July 2010
Milne's High	Works Underway, completion due September/October 2010

Details of when the transfer of service or re-opening of existing upgraded premises takes place will be dependant on the securing of completion certificates.

The Libraries Integration Programme can be met from existing approved budgets as reported to Policy and Resources Committee on 2 February 2010.

- 4.6 Additional revenue costs associated with staffing, cleaning and energy (less any additional income and savings) have been estimated for the Milne's Learning Centre and Buckie High Performance Space projects. These have been assessed as follows:-

Milne's Learning Centre (completion planned Aug 2010)
2010/11 £5,200 2011/12 £12,800

Buckie High (completion planned Aug 2010)
2010/11 £3,000 2011/12 £8,000

- 4.7 These additional costs will be met from a combination of existing Educational Services budgets. For Milne's, these will be central education, leisure and secondary school budgets. For Buckie High, it will be school and central education budgets.

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.

An additional leisure attendant will be required to supervise the additional facilities at Milne's High. The cost of this has been included within the financial projections dealt with in paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 above.

(d) Consultations

Consultations have been undertaken with Deborah Brands, Principal Accountant; Libraries and Museums Manager; Property Services Manager; Gordon Sinclair, Service Manager (Community Services); Principal Personnel Advisor 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 December 2009.

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Background Papers:

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