

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON  
14 APRIL 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 project identified in Paragraph 4.4.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 At the Special Meeting of Council on 12 February 2009 (para 3 refers), 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 on 17 November 2009, the budget was revised to £4.734m as follows:-

	<b>09/10 £000</b>
Land & Buildings	4577
Leisure & healthy Living	157

<b>Totals</b>	<b>4734</b>
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The list of individual projects proposed within the headings is detailed in **Appendix 1**.

- 4.2 The total projected expenditure for 2009/10 is £3.856 million. Expenditure to 28 February 2010 is currently £2.042 million. Substantial expenditure is anticipated over the final weeks of the year, however, the severe conditions over the winter have caused delays in major projects such as Milne's and Buckie and this is likely to suppress expenditure for this financial year.
- 4.3 Members will note the anticipated overspend in this year's budget for Elgin High School sports facilities project. Professional fees were incurred developing the project to scheme design stage, the point at which capital and operating costs could be estimated. These fees would normally be made in staged payments. However, as the project has been delayed by a year it has been necessary to make full payment on all work completed. Should the project continue, these payments would be deducted from any final fee. This matter was reported to Policy and Resources Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
- 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.
  - ◇ The Libraries Integration Programme.
  - ◇ The Child Protection Unit.
- 4.5 Projects within the Plan which require separate approval and which have reached an appropriate stage of development to seek approval are listed below.

Title			Category	Net Cost £000
Greenwards	Primary	School	Land & Buildings	90
electrical rewire				

## **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.

### **(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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