

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
9 JUNE 2010**

**SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES CAPITAL
BUDGETS 2009/10: END OF YEAR POSITION**

BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of the level of expenditure and final position of the 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 scrutinises and notes the end of year position with regard to the Capital budgets.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee on 26 January 2005 (Para 14 refers), Members determined that reports detailing actual and projected capital with accompanying explanatory information would be presented to each Service Committee.
- 3.2 A copy of the Capital Programme Monitoring pages for Educational and Community Services as at 31 March 2010 is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 3.3 At 31 March 2010, the total expenditure was £3.516 million. Of this total, £3.430 million was spent under the Land and Buildings allocation and £86,000 under Leisure and Healthy Living. The planned budget was £ 4.734m
- 3.4 The main reasons for the variation between planned expenditure and actual expenditure were over estimations in early phase expenditure for projects spanning several financial years and advance professional fees for proposed projects.
- 3.5 The projects spanning several financial years where expenditure in the current phase has been less than anticipated, are the major projects at Buckie and Milne's High Schools and the Child Protection Unit. Whilst expenditure in 2009/10 has been less than estimated, all projects are progressing well and anticipated to be completed within budget.

- 3.6 Advance professional fees of some £200,000 have been incurred on major projects currently planned for implementation over the next three financial years. These include the proposed projects at Elgin High School, Speyside High School and Forres Academy. These costs are necessary if adequate preparatory work and costings are to be completed prior to final approval.
- 3.7 Carryforwards will be considered at the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 25 May 2010. The main projects requiring carryforwards are the projects identified in paragraphs 3.4 and 3.5 above.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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

This report complies with the working principles of the Corporate Plan in terms of accountability and sound financial management.

(b) Policy and Legal

There are no Policy and Legal implications.

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

The financial implications are highlighted within the Report. There are no staffing and property resource implications.

(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.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Committee are asked to consider the report and note there has been capital expenditure of £3.516.**

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Background Papers:

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