

REPORT TO: EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 9 APRIL 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) **Approves the programme of Capital Works proposed for Educational Services as identified within Appendix 1;**
- b) **Approves implementation of the school projects as identified in Paragraph 4.4.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 It is the practice of this Committee to receive a report at the beginning of the new financial year identifying the major projects proposed to be undertaken.
- 3.2 At the Special Meeting of Council on 14 February 2008, Members approved the Capital Plan for 2008/09 and agreed that Service Committee approval was required prior to individual capital projects being implemented (paragraph 6.1 refers).
- 3.3 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:-

	08/09 £000
Land & Buildings	3,819
Leisure & Healthy Living	0
Totals	3,819

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

- 4.2 The Capital Programme for 2008/09 will also include an element of carryforward from 2007/08. This carry forward is anticipated to be £548k.
- 4.3 The major projects that have approval and are being progressed are listed below:-
- ◇ New Elgin Primary: Interagency Base (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)
- 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.

Title	Category	Net Cost £000
Buckie Synthetic Turf Pitch	Land & Buildings	306
Speyside Synthetic Turf Pitch	Land & Buildings	506

- 4.5 Other projects requiring approval will be brought forward as and when they reach the appropriate stage of development.

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 Deborah Brands, Principal Accountant; Eddie Milne, Principal Quantity Surveyor & Alistair Campbell, Libraries & Museums Officer and, where comments have been received, these have been included within the report.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 That Committee approves the programme of Capital Works proposed for Educational Services for 2008/09 and the implementation of the school projects as identified at 4.4.**

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Background Papers:

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