

**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
Resources Committee
18 February 2009**

Agenda Item	
Report No	

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S SERVICE 2008/09 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

1 April 2008 to 31 December 2008

Report by The Chief Executive

Summary

This report sets out the current position for The Chief Executive's Service 2008/09 capital budget.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The attached appendix shows the current position for The Chief Executive's Service capital programme for the period ending 31 December 2008.

2 Overview

- 2.1 The appendix shows a series of capital projects amounting to a gross capital budget of £1.782m (£0.798net). The actual gross expenditure incurred in the current financial year from 1 April 2008 to 31 December 2008 amounted to £1.791m (£0.900m net).
- 2.2 The Service Point Network has a gross capital budget of £0.486m of which £0.174m has been spent in the current year. A number of projects have been completed with the installation of the Generator and call recording equipment at the Service Centre and also improvements at Kyle Library and Service Point. The former two projects were completed on budget, the latter was completed under budget by £0.070m.
- 2.3 The largest of the delayed SPN projects, Aviemore, is the smaller part of a bigger development to build a new Primary School and the project has not yet progressed to a stage where the Service Point monies are required. The Education Service is the lead client for this project. The budget for environmental improvements at Lochaber House has been re-allocated to carry out Health and Safety works to the Fort William Service Point. Architects have been appointed and work is expected to commence very soon and be completed early in 2009/10. The delay in SPN improvements at Golspie and Alness has been due to the need to explore several options for re-housing the Service Points before instructing adaptation works on the new premises. Olsen House has now been identified as the new location for Golspie Service Point and architects have been engaged. Options are still being explored in relation to Alness.
- 2.4 The Inverness City Developments are showing a projected £0.060m underspend by the end of the financial year. The budget is allocated to Greeninverness projects and guidance and criteria for its disbursement are in the process of being finalised. The majority of spend is therefore not expected until 2009/10.

2.5 The Caithness Horizon's Project is showing an overspend of £0.379m. An initial overspend of £0.098m was reported to Resources Committee in August but this has now risen due to additional work being required which had not been anticipated at the outset of the project. Members' approval is requested to fund £0.189m of the overspend from slippage in the Chief Executive's capital programme in this financial year and the remainder of £0.190m from the Capital Discretionary Fund. The impact of this will be considered as part of a future review of capital programmes.

3. Recommendation

3.1 Members are asked to agree the capital monitoring report for the period.

Signature

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MONITORING OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
PERIOD TO 31ST DECEMBER 2008**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S SERVICE

Project	Project Code	Budget			Year to Date Actual			Estimated outturn			Variance
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
		Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure	Gross Expenditure	Income	Net Expenditure	Column I minus Column C
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Caithness Horizons	21724	1,079	984	95	1,686	891	794	1,851	1,377	474	379
Service Point Improvements Future Years	22152	37	-	37	0	-	0	0	0	-	(37)
Call Recording Equipment Service Centre	CE004	24	-	24	24	-	24	24	0	24	(0)
Golspie Service Point		60	-	60	-	-	-	0	0	-	(60)
Service Centre Generator		33	-	33	62	-	62	66	33	33	-
Alness Service Point		40	-	40	-	-	-	0	0	-	(40)
Aviemore Service Point		138	-	138	-	-	-	0	0	-	(138)
Kyle Library and Service Point	22980	70	-	70	-	-	-	0	0	-	(70)
Dingwall Registrars		30	-	30	18	-	18	30	0	30	-
CCTV ongoing capital costs		70	-	70	-	-	-	70	0	70	-
Dornoch Business Park	CE002	7	-	7	1	-	1	7	0	7	-
Lochaber House		54	-	54	-	-	-	0	0	-	(54)
Inverness City Developments;											
Grants to Community Led Capital Projects		60	-	60	-	-	-	0	0	-	(60)
Ness Hydro Project		30	-	30	-	-	-	30	0	30	-
Loch Ness Tourism Infrastructure		50	-	50	-	-	-	50	0	50	-
		1,782	984	798	1,791	891	900	2,128	1,410	717	(81)