

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

13 August 2008

Agenda Item	
Report No	

YEAR END MONITORING OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO 31st MARCH 2008

Report by Director of Planning and Development

SUMMARY

This report outlines the final Out-turn/Variance for the Year 2007/08 Capital Programme

1. Report

- 1.1 Net actual expenditure to the end of March 2008 was £531,000 which represents 55% of the programmed net expenditure of £965,000 in the financial year as detailed in Appendix 1. Gross expenditure however, was £1,232,000 with income of £701,000.

2. Variances & Variations to Approved Programme

- 2.1 As reported to the March 2008 Committee, under spend in 2007/08 was due to three reasons:
- A number of projects were completed under budget.
 - A number of projects which cross financial years were underspent. This was primarily due to delays encountered in the project planning and consultation with local communities.
 - The Caithness Heritage and Core Path projects both were underspent. Both projects have been delayed due to the Prudential Control requirement that the Highland Council own or have control of the land or asset. This has resulted in time consuming property negotiations having to be undertaken.

The underspend has been carried forward into the 2008/09 Capital Programme.

- 2.2 A number of projects are showing overspends. These are in general not high and often represent the need for retention sums to be paid to contractors and late income from project partners falling into this financial year which can also lead to projects showing as overspend at the year end.
- 2.3 Income has greatly exceeded expectations, mainly due to greatly increased sums becoming available from Sustrans and the Scottish Government for the Dingwall - Invergordon All Abilities Link Route (-£388k) and the Access in Lochaber (-£213k) project.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That Members note this report.

Signature:

Designation: Director of Planning & Development

Date: 4 August 2008

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MONITORING OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - 1 APRIL 2007 TO 31 MARCH 2008

SERVICE: PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT

Project Description	Project Code	BUDGET			ACTUAL		VARIANCE	COMMENTS
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		Gross Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Expenditure £000	Net Expenditure to date £000	Net Actual Outturn £000	Col E minus Col C £000	
Pan Highland Projects								
Community Woodland	13576	19	0	19	15	15	(4)	Work at Foyers ongoing
Core Path Network Development	22131	180	50	130	64	64	(66)	Ongoing
Interpretive Trail Development		40	0	40	0	0	(40)	Works underway
Signposting	13578	23	0	23	20	20	(3)	Works underway along with condition surveys
North Kessock A9 Upgrade	PD017	0	0	0	26	26	26	
Area Projects								
Auldearn High Street Enhancements	PD001	130	50	80	45	45	(35)	Designs being worked upon
Caithness Heritage Access Project	22855	174	50	124	24	24	(100)	Ongoing
Dingwall-Invergordon All Abilities Link Route	22125	1	0	1	30	30	29	Substantially complete, income expected shortly
Dorlin Car Parks	22858	20	0	20	8	8	(12)	Complete
Dornoch High Street	PD015	30	0	30	0	0	(30)	Designs complete, tender process underway
Dunnet Pavilion Upgrade	PD002	38	0	38	12	12	(26)	Complete
Gairloch Village Enhancements		18	0	18		0	(18)	Consultation and initial design work underway
Kyle of Lochalsh High Street	PD014	70	0	70	5	5	(65)	Design options with Community Council. Tender process underway
Nairn High Street	20052	26	0	26	20	20	(6)	Nairnshire partnership set up to advise on project. Design work underway along with Phase 2 consultation
North Kessock Access Upgrades	PD012	34	0	34	15	15	(19)	Complete
Smoo Cave Durness Path and Access Provision	22130	23	0	23	20	20	(3)	Design underway
North Kessock Picnic Site Upgrades		30	0	30		0	(30)	Design work complete, contract let
Strathcarron Village Centre	22127	12	0	12	10	10	(2)	Complete
Strathpeffer Spa Gardens	22860	24	0	24	24	24	(0)	Work to take place in November
Ullapool Riverside Trail	22128	0	0	0	27	27	27	
Wick Riverside All-abilities Access	PD005	84	30	54	56	56	2	Works underway and near complete
Capital Discretionary Fund								
Fearn Environmental Improvements	PD006	25	0	25	0	0	(25)	Works underway
Challenge Fund Bids								
Access in Lochaber	22681	24	0	24	38	38	14	
Dingwall High Street	PD016	50	0	50	2	2	(48)	Consultation underway
Nevis Partnership	22037	70	0	70	70	70	0	
Total		1,145	180	965	531	531	(434)	