

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

19 November 2008

Agenda Item	
Report No	

MONITORING OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO 3 October 2008

Report by Director of Planning and Development

SUMMARY

This report outlines the Expenditure and Income to 3 October 2008 for the 2008/09 Capital Programme. The Planning and Development Service Capital Programme supports the Administration's commitment to economic development, environmental improvement and working with Highland residents in shaping the future of their communities.

1. Update

- 1.1 The Capital monitoring information to 3 October 2008 is set out in Appendix 1 and analysed below. The budget gross expenditure allocation has increased since last reported due to the addition of £70k from Inverness City Developments.
- 1.2 Gross expenditure for the first six months of the financial year remains low, but there has been significant progress in award of contracts as shown in the final column of Appendix 1. Capital programme spend will therefore increase during the financial year as projects go on site, which is the typical pattern for these projects.
- 1.3 It is anticipated that, as projects progress through to the end of the financial year and are subject to alteration, the final outturn will be slightly below budget (£11k). Where contracts are not complete and invoiced, it is still expected that expenditure will be committed on target for completion early in Financial Year 2009/10.
- 1.5 Preparatory work during the current financial year will facilitate expenditure on projects which have budget allocation continuing into Financial Year 2009/10 e.g. Thurso, Fort Augustus, Gairloch and Dingwall. Other preparatory work for the 2009/10 programme is underway in order to improve performance next financial year. For example, the contract for restructuring at Storr Woodland (Skye) (£100k) has been awarded and Nairn Streetscape (£486k) is advertised.

2. Additional Funding

- 2.1 Total additional funding of £102k has been received for Access in Lochaber (£52k) and Dingwall-Invergordon All-abilities Link (£50k)

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.

Signature:

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MONITORING OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - 1 April 2008 to 3rd October 2008
SERVICE: PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT

Project Description	Project Code	BUDGET			ACTUAL YEAR TO DATE			ESTIMATED OUTTURN			VARIANCE	COMMENTS
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	G
		Gross Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Expenditure £000	Gross Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Expenditure £000	Gross Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Expenditure £000	Column I minus Column C	
Pan Highland Projects												
Community Woodland	13576	31	0	31	1	0	1	31	0	31	0	Loch Imrich - design and build contract to be let in Nov. Final options to community in Jan 09.
Core Path Network Development	22131	202	40	162	8	0	8	202	40	162	0	£50k Evanton-Skiach Link Route. £60k Thurso Cemetary Bridge. Invergordon Academy £20k. Reiss Beach tbc.
Village & Small Town Regeneration Projects												
Auldearn High Street Enhancements	PD001	20	0	20	7	0	7	10	0	10	-10	Contract awarded (under budget)
Brora Village Centre Steetscape Project		80	0	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	0	Consultants (Halcrow) preparing costed design for 2nd stage consultation.
Business Improvement Districts		50	0	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	0	Agreeing contract spec with City Partnership and Inverness BID Ltd
Dingwall-Invergordon All Abilities Link Route	22125	0	0	0	0	50	(50)	50	50	0	0	Safety issues at Tallysow to be discussed at WBM on Nov 3rd to agree best option.
Dingwall High Street	PD016	70	10	60	0	0	0	70	10	60	0	Consultants (Fairhurst) preparing costed design for 2nd stage consultation.
Dornoch High Street	PD015	110	0	110	0	0	0	103	0	103	-7	Contract complete. TECS internal recharge (£102k) was processed during Oct. Balance (£5k) relates contract retentions due next FY.
Evanton Village Enhancements	22859	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	Legal fees
Fort Augustus Village Enhancements		85	15	70	0	0	0	85	15	70	0	Consultants (Halcrow) preparing costed proposals. Possible re-programming into 09/10.
Gairloch Village Enhancements	PD009	88	20	68	0	0	0	88	20	68	0	Boardwalk underway. Consultant's (Fairhurst) costed proposals for war memorial received.
Kyle of Lochalsh High Street	PD014	170	0	170	0	0	0	170	0	170	0	Contract awarded - work now underway.
Strathpeffer Spa Gardens	22860	0	0	0	1	0	1	20	0	20	20	Contract awarded - awaiting availability of suitable planting stock.
Thurso High Street Streetscape		60	0	60	0	0	0	60	0	60	0	Work underway through TECS: Site meeting Oct 31st.
Watten Gateways		30	5	25	0	0	0	30	5	25	0	Locations tbc with TECS.
Tourism Related Projects												
Access in Lochaber	22681	0	0	0	43	52	(9)	43	52	(9)	(9)	Project complete. Shortlisted for HC quality awards.
Caithness Heritage Access Project	22855	44	0	44	0	0	0	44	0	44	0	Pictish Trail panels at final proof stage. Some lay-by installation in Nov.
Dornoch Mercat Cross Enhancement		35	5	30	0	0	0	35	5	30	0	Sketch designs to be displayed in Nov for local comment.
Leasgeary Woodland & Riverside Walk	PD003	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Contract complete - retention only.
Nethybridge Gateways		30	5	25	0	0	0	15	0	15	-10	2 further signs ordered. Sites tbc with TECS.
Visitor signage and interpretation	13578	80	15	65	13	0	13	80	15	65	0	Contact for significant extension to Dolphin and seal trail to be awarded in Nov.
Property Upgrading Projects												
Dunnet Pavilion Upgrade	PD002	40	5	35	0	0	0	40	5	35	0	Consultants to be appointed in Nov to finalise draft designs..
Nairn Tradespark Wood new car park		15	0	15	0	0	0	15	0	15	0	Contract for installation to be awarded in Nov.
North Kessock A9 Upgrade	PD017	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	2	Underspent from 07/08
North Kessock Access Upgrade	PD012	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	2	
Smoo Cave Durness Path and Access Provision	22130	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	Contract complete
Inverness City Developments												
		70	0	70	0	0	0	70	0	70	0	New funds awarded - Project clarification underway
Total		1,310	120	1,190	79	102	(23)	1,395	217	1,179	(11)	