

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

13 August 2008

Agenda Item	
Report No	

MONITORING OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO 30 JUNE 2008

Report by Director of Planning and Development

SUMMARY

This report outlines the Expenditure and Income to 30 June 2008 for the 2008/09 Capital Programme. The Planning and Development Service Capital Programme supports the Administration's commitment to:-

- accelerating economic development and increasing the standard of living of the Highland community.
- maintaining and developing active interest in the heritage and history of the Highlands.
- supporting the greater involvement of Highland residents in shaping the future of their communities.
- work through the Highlands and Islands European Partnership and the Scottish Government to secure the maximum benefit for the Highlands from European funding programmes for the region.

1. Update

- 1.1 The Capital monitoring information to 30 June 2008 is set out in Appendix 1, and analysed below.
- 1.2 Gross expenditure in the first quarter of the financial year is low. This figure is due in part to works that are complete but not charged for, for example, Dornoch High Street (£100k) but also reflects that at this time of the year the Projects Team are active in working up project designs with interest and community groups and preparing tenders. Capital programme spend will therefore increase during the financial year as projects go on site.
- 1.3 At the current time the estimated net outturn is slightly above the Programme budget. It is anticipated however, that as projects progress through to the end of the financial year and are subject to alteration, the final outturn will be on budget.

2. Additional Funding

- 2.1 Additional income (£75k) has been secured due to the delayed payment of grant claims for two projects.

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 30 June 2008

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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	0	0	0	31	0	31	0	Loch Imrich - community consultation underway
Core Path Network Development	22131	202	40	162	7	0	7	202	40	162	0	Works currently being programmed. £50k allocated to Evanton-Skiach Link Route
Village & Small Town Regeneration Projects												
Auldearn High Street Enhancements	PD001	20	0	20	6	0	6	20	0	20	0	Tender issue mid August
Brora Village Centre Steetscape Project		80	0	80	0	0	0	80	0	80	0	Consultation/project design stage
Business Improvement Districts		50	0	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	0	Discussions ongoing with Inverness BID Ltd
Dingwall-Invergordon All Abilities Link Route	22125	0	0	0	29	50	(21)	50	50	0	0	Progressing link at Tallysow Cottages, Evanton
Dingwall High Street	PD016	70	10	60	0	0	0	70	10	60	0	Design works being progressed.
Dornoch High Street	PD015	110	0	110	0	0	0	110	0	110	0	Contract complete. Awaiting internal recharge from TECS
Fort Augustus Village Enhancements		85	15	70	0	0	0	85	15	70	0	Consultation/project design stage
Gairloch Village Enhancements		88	20	68	0	0	0	88	20	68	0	Fairhurst instructed, awaiting estimate - war memorial. Tender let - Boardwalk
Kyle of Lochalsh High Street	PD014	170	0	170	0	0	0	170	0	170	0	Draft proposals prepared. Contract documents being prepared, tendering mid/late August
Strathpeffer Spa Gardens	22860	0	0	0	1	0	1	41	0	41	41	Invoice requested. 95% complete
Thurso High Street Streetscape		60	0	60	0	0	0	60	0	60	0	Liaison ongoing with TECS
Watten Gateways		30	5	25	0	0	0	30	5	25	0	Concept Design works ongoing
Tourism Related Projects												
Access in Lochaber	22681	0	0	0	34	25	9	34	25	9	9	Project complete
Caithness Heritage Access Project	22855	44	0	44	0	0	0	44	0	44	0	Ongoing
Dornoch Mercat Cross Enhancement		35	5	30	0	0	0	35	5	30	0	Sketch design complete
Nethybridge Gateways		30	5	25	0	0	0	30	5	25	0	Works underway
Visitor signage and interpretation	13578	80	15	65	6	0	6	80	15	65	0	Surveys underway to programme work
Property Upgrading Projects												
Dunnet Pavilion Upgrade	PD002	40	5	35	0	0	0	40	5	35	0	Liaising with H&PS regarding design
Nairn Tradespark Wood new car park		15	0	15	0	0	0	15	0	15	0	Awaiting outcome of tree survey
North Kessock A9 Upgrade	PD017	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	Underspent from 07/08
Total		1,240	120	1,120	84	75	9	1,366	195	1,171	51	