

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

21 January 2009

Agenda Item	
Report No	

MONITORING OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO 30 NOVEMBER 2008

Report by Director of Planning and Development

SUMMARY

This report outlines the Expenditure and Income to 30 November 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 30 November 2008 is set out in Appendix 1 and analysed below.
- 1.2 We currently estimate that the outturn at the end of the financial year will be approximately £109k (9%) below budget. It is the nature of the projects that they are still evolving and exact costs are not yet fixed. The final column of Appendix 1 gives an indication of progress made with individual projects that is not yet reflected by expenditure to end November.
- 1.3 Where contracts are not complete and invoiced within the current financial year, work on the ground will either straddle the financial year or be legally committed for completion early in financial year 2009/10. Underspends in the current financial year will therefore require to be carried forward in respect of the following projects: Community Woodland, Core Paths, Dingwall High Street, Fort Augustus, Gairloch, Dunnet Pavilion and Muirtown Basin.
- 1.4 Three projects have been, or will be, successfully completed under budget (Auldearn £10k, Kyle £29k, Nethybridge £15k). It is proposed to utilise this underspent capital to enhance the Brora streetscape project.
- 1.5 The opportunity has arisen to accelerate the streetscape works in Thurso as part of the Council's response to the economic downturn. Expenditure of £100k scheduled for 2009/10 has therefore been brought forward and work will be completed in March 2009.

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 and to approve the changes noted in paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4.

Signature:

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MONITORING OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - 1 April 2008 to 30 November 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	C/F = Carry Forward LC = Legally Committed FY = Financial Year
Pan Highland Projects												
Community Woodland	13576	31	0	31	1	0	1	15	0	15	-16	Final options to community Jan 16 2009. £31k LC FY 08/09 but completion will straddle the FY so underspend to carry forward.
Core Path Network Development	22131	202	40	162	78	0	78	143	0	143	-19	Thurso; Reiss; Skeabost; Whin Park; Culloden; Auldearn; Invergordon/Dingwall. Ongoing programme so c/f underspend to 09/10.
Village & Small Town Regeneration Projects												
Auldearn High Street Enhancements	PD001	20	0	20	7	0	7	10	0	10	-10	Tendered works complete. Poss of additional lighting is being explored within £10k out-turn. £10k underspend to Brora.
Brora Village Centre Streetscape Project		80	0	80	0	0	0	128	0	128	48	Enhanced project utilising underspend from elsewhere in programme. Ready for tender.
Business Improvement Districts		50	0	50	0	0	0	50	0	50	0	Awaiting timetable from Inverness BID Ltd. Work is most likely to be provision of signs.
Dingwall-Invergordon All Abilities Link Route	22125	0	0	0	0	50		0	50	(50)	-50	FY 07/08 income
Dingwall High Street	PD016	70	10	60	0	0	0	17	0	17	-43	£17k fees. On site likely start early FY 09/10 so underspend to c/f.
Nairn Streetscape								65	0	65	65	09/10 works likely on site early.
Dornoch High Street	PD015	110	0	110	103	0	103	103	0	103	-7	Contract complete. Contract retention (£5k) due next FY.
Evanton Village Enhancements	22859	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	Legal fees
Fort Augustus Village Enhancements		85	15	70	0	0	0	50	0	50	-20	Elements postponed to tie in with TECS work on toilet block so £20k c/f to FY 09/10
Gairloch Village Enhancements	PD009	88	20	68	28	0	28	50	0	50	-18	£68k likely LC FY 08/09. Work on ground will straddle end of FY so underspend to c/f.
Kyle of Lochalsh High Street	PD014	170	0	170	0	0	0	125	0	125	-45	Complete except specialist surfacing (seasonal) £12k due April 2009. Contract retention £4k due Dec 09. £29k underspend to Brora.
Strathpeffer Spa Gardens	22860	0	0	0	1	0	1	20	0	20	20	Close to completion.
Thurso High Street Streetscape		60	0	60	0	0	0	160	0	160	100	Work underway through TECS. £100k 09/10 spend brought forward, subject to TECS confirmation.
Watten Gateways		30	5	25	0	0	0	25	0	25	0	Designs complete. On schedule.
Tourism Related Projects												
Access in Lochaber	22681	0	0	0	38	52	(14)	38	52	(14)	-14	Project complete.
Caithness Heritage Access Project	22855	44	0	44	0	0	0	44	0	44	0	Second interpretation panel contract awarded. Liasing with ECS re Auchengill Broch Centre.
Dornoch Mercat Cross Enhancement		35	5	30	0	0	0	29	0	29	-1	£1k retention
Leasgeary Woodland & Riverside Walk	PD003	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Contract retention (less than £1k)
Nethybridge Gateways	PD035	30	5	25	4	0	4	10	0	10	-15	Second phase of signage ready for installation within £10k outturn. Underspend to Brora.
Visitor signage and interpretation	13578	80	15	65	8	0	8	60	0	60	-5	Ongoing programme so c/f underspend to 09/10.
Property Upgrading Projects												
Dunnet Pavilion Upgrade	PD002	40	5	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	-35	Likely LC FY 08/09. Complete on ground early 09/10 so c/f underspend.
Nairn Tradespark Wood new car park		15	0	15	0	0	0	15	0	15	0	Tender now likely January due to additional requirements and design revisions.
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	Retention
Smoo Cave Durness Path and Access Provision	22130	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	Contract complete
Inverness City Developments												
Merkinch LNR		10	0	10				10	0	10	0	Grant payment to community group
Dunain Community Woodland		10	0	10				10	0	10	0	Grant payment to community group
Muirtown Basin / waterfront		50	0	50				0	0	0	-50	Late addition to programme so c/f underspend to 09/10.
Total		1,310	120	1,190	274	102	222	1,183	102	1,081	(109)	