

HIGHLAND AND ISLANDS FIRE BOARD
Capital Monitoring Report
1st April 2008 to 30th September 2008
Report by Chief Fire Officer

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Summary

The attached table summarises expenditure and income relating to the Highland and Islands Fire Board capital programme recorded in the ledger as at 30th September 2008.

Current Position

Expenditure to the end of September is £1,049,000, approximately 33% of the annual budget.

Predicted Out-turn

The predicted capital out-turn at £2,736,000 is significantly lower than the planned expenditure of £3,206,000. This predicted under-spend primarily occurs in the top slice funding projects at Tongue and Rousay where there is an anticipated combined under-spend of £626,000 - as advised by Highland Council on 24th October 2008. Members are reminded that an under-spend on top slice funding projects may have to be returned to the Government.

There are a number of other issues relating to the building programme which members were advised of at the September Board. These include:

- Increased estimated outturn expenditure at Fort William to provide for a potential compensation claim made by the contractor.
- Marginally higher than anticipated build costs for the proposed stations at Scourie, Helmsdale and Aultbea.

Action Required

Any loss in top slice funding will impact the build programme and requires immediate action including:

- Explore options to procure modular building solutions which could significantly shorten the length of the build programme.
- Liaise with the Government to establish whether top slice funding for Rousay and Tongue could be utilised to bring forward other planned capital projects from future years.

Recommendation

Members are invited approve the actions required and to note the contents of this report.

**BRIAN A MURRAY
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER**

Date: 30 October 2008

HIGHLAND AND ISLANDS FIRE BOARD
Capital Monitoring Statement to 30th September 2008

CAPITAL PROGRAMME	Budget	Actual Expenditure	% of Budget Spent to Date	Estimated Out-turn
	£	£	%	£
NEW BUILDINGS				
Completions				
Fort William	80	(55)	-69%	140
Beauly	12	0	0%	8
Scourie	260	211	81%	303
Aultbea	247	188	76%	260
Helmsdale	299	236	79%	322
Carrbridge	80	19	24%	85
Shawbost	8	0	0%	8
Dunvegan	0	5	0%	5
Lochcarron	0	7	0%	7
			0%	0
New Starts				
Tongue	450	9	2%	150
Rousay	450	0	0%	124
Upgrades - Prefabricated Units	0	1	0%	0
NEW BUILDINGS Sub-total	1,886	621	33%	1,412
SITE ACQUISITIONS	100	12	12%	100
MAJOR REPAIRS	100	4	4%	104
VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT				
Vehicles	850	408	48%	850
Personal Protective Equipment	70	4	6%	70
COMMUNICATIONS	200	0	0%	200
COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNITS	0	0	0%	0
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	3,206	1,049	33%	2,736
INCOME				
Capital grant 2008/09	(1,867)	(933)		(1,867)
Underspend B/fwd	0	0		0
Supplementary Allocation	(900)	(900)		(900)
Transfer from Revenue	0	0		0
Capital Receipts	(175)	0		(175)
Usable Capital Receipts Reserve	(249)	0		(427)
INCOME TOTAL	(3,191)	(1,833)		(3,369)
Net Position	15	(784)		(633)

Note

The 2008/09 budget includes top slice funding of £900k for new stations at Tongue and Rousay. Our property advisors, Highland Council, advised on the 24th October that the predicted expenditure by 31st March 2009 is likely to be £274,000. Prior to this date we were advised that the full expenditure of £900,000 would be incurred.