

ANGUS COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 28 NOVEMBER 2017

CAPITAL MONITORING – GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME – 2017/18

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF CORPORATE FINANCE

ABSTRACT

This report appraises members of the capital expenditure incurred for the period from 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017 and measures projected capital expenditure for the year against budgeted provision for the year.

1 RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee reviews and scrutinises the expenditure position on the General Fund Capital Programme as at 30 September 2017 as per Tables 1 and 2 below and the accompanying Capital Monitoring Statement (**Appendix 1**).

2 ALIGNMENT TO ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN / SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

- 2.1 The projects undertaken through the Council's capital programme (as reflected in **Appendix 1** to this report) contribute as a whole to the local outcomes contained with the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2014-2017.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The responsibilities of Chief Officers with regard to capital monitoring are set out in Section 7 of the Council's Financial Regulations. This report seeks to ensure that budgetary control is exercised in line with those Regulations through the early identification of variances and the appropriate actions for dealing with these.
- 3.2 Where the possibility of significant expenditure slippage arises, the Head of Corporate Finance must ensure that an assessment of the relevant programme is carried out and must consider what resultant action needs to be taken. Accordingly it is important that Strategic Directors and Heads of Service identify and notify significant potential under and over spends to the Head of Corporate Finance at the earliest opportunity.
- 3.3 Report 261/17 approved the 2017/18 Final Capital Budget Volume, detailing the 2016/2021 Financial Plan which includes the capital monitoring budget for 2017/18. The 2017/18 gross and net budgets detailed in Tables 1 and 2 below, and **Appendix 1** are the budgets against which directorates must monitor their spend for the remainder of the financial year.

4 CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 Tables 1 and 2 below set out the current position on the overall General Fund capital programme for 2017/18 as at 31 July 2017 on a gross and net (after the deduction of funding contributions) basis respectively. **Appendix 1** gives further detail in respect of the 2017/18 position of all capital projects.

Table 1 – GROSS Capital Expenditure

Programme	Gross Budget £000	Actual to 30 Sept 2017 £000	Actual Against Budget %	Latest Year End Estimate £000	Projected Under / (Over) Spend £000
Chief Executive's					
Economic Development	1,614	90	5.6	1,579	35
Strategic Policy & Transformation	1,126	528	46.9	1,033	93
Place					
Planning and Place	887	400	45.1	892	(5)
Regulatory and Protective Services	3,937	835	21.2	3,585	352
Services to Communities	2,059	595	28.9	1,764	295
Technical and Property Services	12,706	4,160	32.7	12,590	116
People					
Children and Young People / Schools and Learning	7,421	753	10.1	7,407	14
Information Technology	615	337	54.8	825	(210)
Adult Services (IJB)	297	121	40.7	297	0
Gross Totals	30,662	7,819	25.5	29,972	690

Table 2 – NET Capital Expenditure

Programme	Net Budget £000	Actual To 30 Sept 2017 £000	Actual Against Budget %	Latest Year End Estimate £000	Projected Under / (Over) Spend £000
Chief Executive's					
Economic Development	1,466	90	6.1	1,431	35
Strategic Policy and Transformation	963	528	54.8	870	93
Place					
Planning and Place	0	0	n/a	0	0
Regulatory and Protective Services	3,868	718	18.6	3,323	545
Services to Communities	1,128	92	8.2	840	288
Technical and Property Services	11,831	4,168	35.2	11,588	243
People					
Children and Young People / Schools and Learning	2,102	99	4.7	2,102	0
Information Technology	70	0	0.0	70	0
Adult Services (IJB)	260	84	32.3	260	0
Net Totals	21,688	5,779	26.6	20,484	1,204

4.2 It should be noted that some projects detailed on **Appendix 1** are classified as non enhancing expenditure. This may be because the expenditure (for accounting purposes) is revenue in nature, or is capital expenditure on a third party's asset, and therefore must be transferred back to revenue at the year end. These projects are not included within the summaries of gross and net capital expenditure detailed in **Appendix 1** (page 1) or within Tables 1 and 2, above, but will continue to be monitored through the capital monitoring process.

- 4.3 It may be noted from Tables 1 and 2 that actual spend as a percentage of budget is 25.5% on a gross basis and 26.6% on a net basis. For information purposes it is commented that the 2016/17 actual spend outturn was 85.9% (gross) and 91.1% (net).
- 4.4 Members will note that with 6 months (50%) of the financial year gone the actual spend levels presented in Tables 1 and 2 could be considered low, although historically around 10% of capital spend comes through as accruals at the year end. It should be noted that work is ongoing on a number of significant projects for which no payment has yet been made by virtue of the phasing of such projects. Furthermore, the value of work completed up to 31 March 2018 will be assessed as part of the year end process and expenditure accrued accordingly, hence the reason why spend can increase significantly in the last month of the year.
- 4.5 The projected net expenditure of £20.484 million (reflected in Table 2) will be indicatively funded from the sources detailed in Table 3 below (the monitoring budget figures are presented for information purposes):

Table 3 – Funding

Expenditure / Funding Source	Monitoring Budget £000	Latest Projection £000	Variance £000
Projected net expenditure	21,688	20,484	1,204
Borrowing	7,125	5,921	1,204
General capital grant (balance)	11,758	11,758	0
Corporate capital receipts	500	500	0
Corporate Capital Funded from Current Revenue (balance of loan charges budget)	2,305	2,305	0
Total funding	21,688	20,484	1,204

5 COMMENTARY ON SIGNIFICANT MONITORING ISSUES

- 5.1 The following table(s) detail those departments / divisions which are currently anticipating significant under or overspends of overall gross expenditure. Only the main areas making up each overall variance have been highlighted, along with a brief commentary on the reasons for that variance.
- 5.2 Individual variances of lesser value are reflected in the 'Other Minor Variances' line (where applicable). Whilst these individual variances may actually total a significant level, particularly for the bigger capital programmes, no specific commentary has been provided. Reference should be made to **Appendix 1** for further detail on the lower value individual variances. If Members require specific detail on individual projects beyond the summary position presented in this report they should contact the relevant Head of Service.
- 5.3 **Chief Executive's**

Table 4 – Strategic Policy & Transformation

Project	Gross Under/ (Over)spend £000	Commentary
Provision for Agile Angus / Estates Review	93	Slippage on the Locality Hub works, IT and furniture costs – now anticipated to be incurred in 2018/19
Gross Under / (Over)spend	93	Blank

5.4 Place

Table 5 – Regulatory & Protective Services

Project	Gross Under/ (Over)spend £000	Commentary
Provision for Zero Waste Implementation – Arbroath / Montrose / Carnoustie	(204)	Overspend due to additional work needed at sites to bring them up to an acceptable standard
Provision for Zero Waste	530	Slipped into 2018/19 due to Member / Officer Group agreement to postpone decisions on recycling centre provision.
Other minor movements	26	
Gross Under / (Over)spend	352	Blank

Table 6 – Services to Communities

Project	Gross Under/ (Over)spend £000	Commentary
Library / ACCESS Integration	262	Carnoustie - £130k underspend projected as tender returned lower than budget. Works have now been completed. Montrose – spend rephased following return of tenders, with £138k moving from 17/18 into 18/19. Also, increase in overall cost of project based on tender. Started on site in October 17, with completion estimated for May 18.
Restoration of Artworks	57	14 paintings / frames will be restored in 17/18, with the remainder slipping into the following year.
Air Conditioning Works at Brechin Community Campus	(40)	New project to improve air conditioning in studio at Brechin Community Campus. Fully funded from 2016/17 revenue carry forward.
Other minor movements	16	
Gross Under / (Over)spend	295	Blank

Table 7 – Technical & Property Services

Project	Gross Under/ (Over)spend £000	Commentary
Refurbishment Works at Bruce House, Arbroath (Phase 4 – Curtain Wall / Gable)	121	Delays due to Network Rail (building borders on to railway line).
Capitalised Maintenance (Reclassified R&R) - Various Systems / Infrastructure Upgrades / Replacements	61	Cash flow updated based on orders issued and timing of works to suit clients.
Capitalised Maintenance (Reclassified R&R) – Schools & Learning Block Allocation	80	Cash flow updated based on orders issued and requirement for works to be carried out during school holidays.
Capitalised Maintenance (Main Infrastructure Replacement) – Maisondieu Primary School	51	Listed Building Consent awaited. Works programmed for 2018 school summer holidays.
Capitalised Maintenance (Main Infrastructure Replacement) – Arbroath Academy Curtain Walling, Phases 1 & 2	65	Contingency not expended and anticipated final account less than anticipated.
Capitalised Maintenance (Main Infrastructure Replacement) – Saltire Leisure Centre, Upgrade Steel Roof Sheeting	(209)	Additional works to be undertaken, as per tender report. Funding identified for this (including PV panels).
Footway Slurry Programme	(48)	Additional works, to be funded from 2018/19 Carriageway / Footway Reconstruction brought forward.
Other minor movements	(5)	
Gross Under / (Over)spend	116	Blank

5.5 **People****Table 8 – Information Technology**

Project	Gross Under/ (Over)spend £000	Commentary
Network Improvement (Radio)	(63)	Unanticipated additional costs have arisen, funded from reallocation of R&R monies following 2017/18 budget setting reclassification exercise.
Cloud Migration for Resilience	(140)	New project to be undertaken, funded from reallocation of R&R monies following 2017/18 budget setting reclassification exercise.
Other minor movements	(7)	
Gross Under / (Over)spend	(210)	Blank

6 HOUSING CAPITAL MONITORING

- 6.1 Table 9 below sets out for information purposes, a summary of the position on the Housing capital monitoring which was reported to the Communities Committee of 14 November 2017 (report 379/17 refers).

Table 9 – Housing Capital Programme

Expenditure / Funding Source	<i>Monitoring Budget</i> £000	Latest Projection £000	Variance £000
Projected net expenditure	11,874	11,632	242
Borrowing (including Survive & Thrive)	0	0	0
Capital receipts	2,260	2,260	0
Capital Funded From Current Revenue	7,764	7,764	0
Transfer from Earmarked Reserves	1,850	1,608	242
Total funding	11,874	11,632	242

- 6.2 Members may wish to refer to report 379/17 for further detail on the above noted variance on the Housing capital programme.

7 CAPITAL PROJECTS MONITORING GROUP

- 7.1 The last meeting of the Capital Projects Monitoring Group (CPMG) took place on 12 October 2017. Should members wish to see the full minute of CPMG meetings, these are available from the Democratic Services section of Legal and Democratic Services.
- 7.2 The next meeting of the CPMG will take place on 30 November 2017. Members may wish to give direction to the CPMG should they consider the position on a particular project warrants further questioning at the CPMG meeting.

8 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The financial implications for the Council arising from this report are as detailed in the body of the report. Any future variances of projected spend against available budget will be subject to ongoing review and the need for corrective action will be raised with the appropriate Strategic Director where considered appropriate.

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NOTE: No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this Report.

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Capital Monitoring Statement