
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	1 September 2020
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Subject:	Education Capital Programme 2020 to 2023 - Progress		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update the Committee in respect of the status of the projects forming the Education Capital Programme and to highlight the overall financial position.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 This report advises the Committee in respect of the progress and financial status of the projects within the overall Education Capital Programme.

2.2 The Capital Programme reflects the review of the School Estate Funding Model as reported to the March 2019 Committee and the Capital Programme approved in March 2020. The programme covers the period 2020/23.

2.3 Overall, the Committee is projecting to contain the costs of the 2020/23 Capital Programme within available budgets.

2.4 The current COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the capital programme resulting in suspension/delay of a number of projects and associated slippage. As a result officers have reviewed and re-phased the 2020/21 capital budget. The restated 2020/21 Capital budget was approved by the Policy & Resources Committee on the 11th August 2020.

2.5 Expenditure at 31st July 2020 is 3.84% of the 2020/21 revised approved budget. No slippage is currently being reported.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the Committee notes the progress on the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 This report shows the current position of the approved Education Capital Programme reflecting the last reported review of the School Estate Funding Model approved by the Committee at the meeting of 12th March 2019 and the allocation of resources approved by the Inverclyde Council on 12th March 2020.
- 4.2 The School Estate Strategy approved by the Committee has delivered a comprehensive programme of new and refurbished schools which has addressed the modernisation of the Council's entire school stock. The Education Capital Programme detailed in this report provides details of the final major capital projects which will incur expenditure up to March 2023.
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5.0 PROJECTS ON SITE / UNDER CONSTRUCTION

5.1 St Mary's Primary School Refurbishment & Extension:

The Contractor took possession of the site in early November 2018 with a formal start date of 19th to originally complete in November 2019. As previously reported to Committee the Contractor had been granted extensions of time resulting in revised completion dates with the most recent pre-COVID estimate indicating that a completion was anticipated in May 2020. The Contractor ceased works on site on 24th March following Government advice on the cessation of all non-essential construction activity and lock down procedures connected with COVID-19. Work restarted on site on 22nd June on a soft start basis following the Scottish Government direction on ability to commence the phased recovery of the construction sector. The Contractor is currently advising of a completion at the end of September / start of October which would allow a transfer back to the completed facility after the October holiday period. The indicative programme for transfer is as outlined below:

- Last day in Sacred Heart Decant Facility – Friday 9th October 2020.
- October Holidays – Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th October 2020.
- In-Service Day – Monday 19th October 2020.
- Exceptional Closure Days – Tuesday 20th to Thursday 22nd October 2020.
- First day in re-opened St Mary's PS – Friday 23rd October 2020.

Engagement with the Head Teacher and wider stakeholders will continue as the project is progressed towards completion.

5.2 Gourock Primary School Extension:

The Gourock Primary School Extension project is being taken forward with the school in-situ and with the use of temporary modular accommodation to allow access to areas of the building in phases to facilitate the works. As previously reported the main Contractor (J.B. Bennett) ceased work on site on 25th February and entered Administration. The site was secured with arrangements made where possible to address temporary works to protect the fabric of the partially completed extension. Following confirmation from the Administrators that they did not intend to arrange for completion of the contract works, a completion works contract is required to address the outstanding works. The project consultant design team had been valuing the works completed, preparing schedules of defective and incomplete work, and preparing an

inventory of materials on site in preparation for a completion works contract when the COVID lockdown measures were introduced. The work in connection with the re-tender has re-commenced with the easing of COVID restrictions and the recent return from furlough of the various project consultants. A programme to completion will be advised when the tender documents have been issued which is anticipated to be by the end of September. Engagement with the Head Teacher and wider stakeholders will continue as the project is progressed towards recommencement of works on site.

5.3 Former Kelly Street Children's Centre Demolition / Landscaping Works:

The demolition works element of the project has now been completed. The January 2020 Committee was advised that additional funding would be required to address the cost of the final scheme to bring the land into use as part of the St Mary's Primary School site, and approved the request for allocation of funding from the SEMP lifecycle budget subject to a competitive tender process. The Committee was also advised of the intention to align completion as closely with the main St Mary's project as possible. It should be noted that due to the significant disruption to all pre and post contract construction activity related to COVID, it will not be possible to complete this project ahead of re-occupation of St Mary's as outlined in 5.1 above. The tender for the landscaping works has now been issued with a return at the end of August. Temporary separation of the former Kelly Street Children's Centre site from the re-occupied St Mary's site will be put in place during the landscaping works project.

5.4 Hillend Children's Centre Refurbishment:

The Contractor originally took possession of the site on 23rd March 2020 with an original projected contract completion in November 2020. As previously reported, the Contractor ceased works on site on 24th March following Government advice on the cessation of all non-essential construction activity and lock down procedures connected with COVID-19. Work restarted on site on 22nd June on a soft start basis following the Scottish Government direction on ability to commence the phased recovery of the construction sector. The Contractor is currently advising of a completion in early 2nd Quarter 2021 subject to satisfactory progression through the phased construction industry restart.

6.0 INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD REFRESH

6.1 The March Committee approved a report addressing the proposed phased replacement of interactive whiteboards across the school estate. The COVID lockdown has impacted the ability to progress this item during the school summer holiday period. It is now proposed to progress the refresh in two phases with the first phase addressing five primary schools and, subject to tender issue and return, have the works carried out partly after school hours and over the October holiday period. The second phase will be programmed for later in the financial year.

7.0 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF 1140 HOURS OF EARLY LEARNING & CHILDCARE

7.1 The Scottish Government's plan to increase the entitlement of early learning and childcare from 600 hours to 1140 hours by 2020 requires substantial levels of investment in workforce and infrastructure to support the expansion. This report covers the infrastructure and capital funded elements of the expansion plan which are summarised in the sections below.

7.2 A report was submitted to the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee on 16th June 2020 providing an update on the Early Learning and Childcare Expansion Programme. This report noted that on Wednesday 1st April 2020 an order revoked the change to the 2014 Children and Young People Act that requires education authorities

to secure 1140 hours of ELC provision for all eligible children from August 2020. This means that there will be no statutory duty for Authorities to provide 1140 hours of early learning and childcare (ELC) from August 2020. The report also noted that given the progress already made in the implementation of 1140 hours, the service has been able to develop contingency plans to ensure that 1140 hours can still be implemented across Inverclyde as of August 2020.

- 7.3 The Scottish Government confirmed a total Capital grant of £5.98m to Inverclyde Council as part of the overall 1140 hours funding. It should also be noted that the March Education & Communities Committee supported the creation of a £600K earmarked reserve to allow a carry forward of underspend in the 2019/20 Early Learning and Childcare revenue budget to support the capital infrastructure projects and projected pressure on the 1140 hours Capital grant allocation. This was subsequently approved by the March Policy & Resources Committee. An update on the projected underspend was provided to the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee of 16 June 2020 which added a further £78K to the figure earmarked to support infrastructure developments. Two additional projects were also approved to provide additional capacity adding a further £200K. The total allocation for capital projects is £6.858M as detail in Appendix 1.

7.4 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS PROGRESS

Completed Projects

Project/Establishment Name	Date Completed
Blairmore Nursery Expansion (2-3s)	April 2018
St Joseph's Primary School Nursery Class (2-3s and 3-5s)	December 2018
St Francis Primary School Nursery Class (2-3s and 3-5s)	December 2018
Binnie Street Children's Centre (Outdoor)	June 2019
Kilmacolm Primary School Nursery Class (Outdoor)	September 2019
Wemyss Bay Primary School Nursery Class (Outdoor)	September 2019
Blairmore Nursery (Outdoor)	October 2019
Rainbow Family Centre (Outdoor)	December 2019
Gibshill Children's Centre (Outdoor)	February 2020

Projects On Site/Under Construction

Craigmarloch School – Minor alterations/adaptation of existing accommodation to provide two shared Primary 1/Early Years rooms. Works are currently progressing through the Council's Building Services Unit and are programmed to complete by the end of the school summer holiday period.

Gourock YAC – Works involve alterations/adaptation of part existing accommodation within the building which was in use by Wellington Children's Centre who provided a registered out of school care service. Wellington have been temporarily relocated between the former Gourock I-Youth zone property adjacent to Gamble Halls and part of the Gamble Halls during the construction works. Works recommenced in June through the Council's Building Services Unit and are programmed to complete by the end of the August.

Projects at Pre-Construction Stage

Park Farm (Rainbow Family Centre) – The proposals involve the provision of a new build expansion / extension which will operate in tandem with the existing Rainbow

Family Centre. Prior to the current COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, the project was being progressed via hub West Scotland with the project approaching the end of hub stage 2 in preparation for financial close. An update was provided to the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee of 28th July 2020 at which approval was obtained to progress the formal legal process for acceptance of the construction contract. Formal Planning approval and first stage Building Warrant have been obtained. Financial close is anticipated by the end of August with a start on site programmed for mid-September and completion in summer 2021.

Larkfield Children’s Centre – The proposals involve the provision of a new build replacement for an expanded service at Larkfield Children’s Centre which currently operates from a wing of the former Sacred Heart Primary School building scheduled to become surplus following the current use by St Mary’s Primary School. Prior to the current COVID-19 lock down restrictions the project was being progressed via hub West Scotland with the project approaching the end of hub stage 2 in preparation for financial close. Formal Planning approval was granted at the March Planning Board with first stage Building Warrant now in place and land transfer concluded. An update was provided to the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee of 28th July 2020 at which approval was obtained to progress the formal legal process for acceptance of the construction contract. Financial close is anticipated in September with a start on site programmed for mid-October (subject to the completion of the St Mary’s project in section 5.1 above) and completion in summer 2021.

Wellington Children’s Centre – Additional project funded from earmarked reserve to provide additional capacity in Greenock Central area as update report to the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee of 16th June. Works involve internal alterations/adaptation to part of the existing accommodation. Detail drawings are being finalised for Building Warrant submission. Programme to be finalised upon receipt of warrant.

Glenpark Early Learning Centre – The additional project is funded from earmarked reserve to provide additional capacity in the Greenock West area as per an update report to the Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee of 16th June. Works involve the provision of an outdoor teaching space/resource similar to that already undertaken as part of the programme at other facilities. Advance services connections are currently being procured ahead of issue of tenders for the outdoor unit.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Finance

The expenditure at 31st July 2020 is £124K from a revised budget of £3.231M. This is expenditure of 3.84% of the revised approved budget after 33.33% of the financial year.

The current budget position reflects the following:

- SEMP model approved by Committee in March 2019.
- Capital allocation received in respect of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) – 1140 Hours Expansion and earmarked reserve from revenue underspend.

The current budget is £29.118M from SEMP Supported Borrowing / Government Grant Funding. The Current Projection is £29.118M.

Education & Communities	Approved Budget £000	Current Position £000	Overspend / (Underspend) £000

Total School Estate	29,118	29,118	-
Total Non School Estate	0	0	-
Total	29,118	29,118	-

Please refer to the status reports for each project contained in Appendix 1.

8.2 Legal

There are no legal issues.

8.3 Human Resources

There are no human resources issues.

8.4 Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
X	NO - This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO

8.5 Repopulation

The regeneration works outlined in this report should contribute to retaining and increasing the population within the area. There are no repopulation issues.

9.0 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 There are no direct staffing implications in respect of the report and as such the Head of Organisational Development, Policy and Communications has not been consulted.
- 9.2 There are no legal issues arising from the content of this report and as such the Head of Legal and Property Services has not been consulted.

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Education Capital Programme Technical Progress Reports August 2020. (A technical progress report is a project specific report which details the financial and progress position for current projects which have a legal commitment).

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<u>Project Name</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>Est Total Cost</u>	<u>Actual to 31/3/20</u>	<u>Approved Budget 2020/21</u>	<u>Revised Est 2020/21</u>	<u>Actual to 31/07/20</u>	<u>Est 2021/22</u>	<u>Est 2022/23</u>	<u>Future Years</u>	
<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	
<u>SEMP Projects</u>								
Hillend Children's Centre - Refurbishment	1,266	113	500	500	52	653	0	0
Lifecycle Fund	10,794	3,934	400	400	15	2,700	2,759	1,001
Gourock PS - Extension	2,056	1,483	250	250	35	323	0	0
St Mary's PS - Refurbishment & Extension	6,591	5,949	611	611	3	31	0	0
Demolish Kelly Street Children's Centre	80	23	57	57	13	0	0	0
Demolish Sacred Heart Primary School	366	0	0	0	0	0	366	0
Interactive Whiteboard Refresh	700	0	75	75	0	625	0	0
Complete on site	407	0	0	0	0	407	0	0
TOTAL SEMP	22,260	11,502	1,893	1,893	118	4,739	3,125	1,001
<u>Early Learning & Childcare Expansion (1140hrs) Projects</u>								
Craigmarloch - Internal Alterations	10	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
Gourock YAC - Internal & External Alterations	275	182	40	73	1	20	0	0
Larkfield Children's Centre - New Build	2,906	260	500	500	1	2,146	0	0
Rainbow Family Centre - Extension	2,389	201	578	545	2	1,643	0	0
Wellpark Children's Centre - Alterations	80	0	80	80	0	0	0	0
Glenpark Early Learning Centre - Outdoor	120	0	120	120	0	0	0	0
ELC Complete on site	1,078	1,068	10	10	2	0	0	0
TOTAL ELC EXPANSION	6,858	1,711	1,338	1,338	6	3,809	0	0
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	29,118	13,213	3,231	3,231	124	8,548	3,125	1,001