
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	8 March 2022
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Subject:	Education Performance Report - Capital Programme Progress		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider performance reporting for the Education part of the Education and Communities Committee and provide an update in respect of the status of the projects forming the Education Capital Programme.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report advises the Committee in respect of the progress of the projects within the Education Capital Programme including the 1140 Hours Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the current position of the 2021/24 Capital Programme and the progress on the specific projects.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 This report shows the current position of the approved Education Capital programme reflecting the allocation of resources approved by Inverclyde Council on 18 March 2021.
- 4.2 The report also covers progress on the programme of works connected with the 1140 Hours Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare.

5.0 EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS

5.1 Gourock Primary School Extension

The completion works contract was accepted through the use of Emergency Powers in April 2021. The Contractor commenced on site at the end of May 2021 and works are progressing on site. As verbally reported to the last Committee the Contractor is currently reporting behind programme and has applied for an extension of time with the overall programme to completion being closely monitored. Every effort is being made to complete the main phase in April which includes the new hall and remodelled office accommodation. The final smaller phases including clearing the site compound to allow the completion of the expanded car park will extend to the summer holidays when it is anticipated that the temporary modular accommodation will be removed from the existing playground.

5.2 Demolition of Former Sacred Heart Primary School

The demolition of the former Sacred Heart Primary School is included as phase 2 of the Larkfield Early Learning Centre new build project. The demolition contractor took possession of the building / site on Monday 14th February following confirmation of completed utility disconnections. Full completion is anticipated in 2nd quarter 2022.

6.0 SCHOOL ESTATE LIFECYCLE WORKS 2021/22

6.1 General Lifecycle Works

The lifecycle programme for the Education estate is informed from the external condition surveys carried out in connection with asset management and estate core fact reporting. The budget also addresses suitability issues identified from the surveys undertaken through Heads of each establishment and sufficiency issues identified through the continued monitoring of school rolls and projections. The 2021/22 programme works has been substantially completed with some minor floor covering works to be undertaken prior to the end of the current financial year. Property Services have commenced the review of condition and preparation of the outline plan of work for the 2022/23 programme

6.2 Public Partnership Schools (PPP) Lifecycle Works

The lifecycle programme for the four PPP schools is managed as part of the contract through the FM provider with monitoring via Property Services. The 2021/22 programme has been completed as previously reported with the 2022/23 programme currently being prepared for submission and Authority review / approval.

7.0 1140 HOURS EXPANSION PROJECTS

7.1 Various Early Years Establishment – Direct Access / Canopies / Environmental

An allocation of funds was made available from the projected early years revenue underspend to address improvements across a number of early years establishments associated with access to, and use of, external environments. Officers from Property Services are working with the Early Years team to progress proposals, with a number of

projects at various stages of progression. As previously reported, environmental improvement works were included as part of the recently completed Hillend Children's Centre project and will form part of the final account for that project. Free-flow / direct access related work is on-going over the February mid-term holiday at Blairmore Nursery school. Further prioritised works at Wemyss Bay Nursery Class and Kings Oak Nursery Class are being developed for progression to tender stage by the end of the current financial year. Works on those projects will be progressed in the next financial year with any additional projects subject to the extent of the available funding.

8.0 INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD / ACTIVE PANEL REFRESH

8.1 The replacement of interactive whiteboards across the education estate and a longer term refresh programme of active panels was approved by the Education & Communities Committee as part of the 2021-28 Education Services Digital Learning Strategy. As previously reported, authority was sought to accelerate the 2022/23 interactive whiteboard refresh programme with a tender acceptance issued in early January. The works commenced at the end of January and will be complete by the end of the Easter holiday period. The contract will address all of the remaining interactive whiteboards across the estate through replacement with new active panels. The annual refresh programme thereafter will vary year to year in line with the age of the active panel equipment and the 7 year refresh cycle.

9.0 IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Finance

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

9.2 Legal

There are no known Legal implications contained within this report.

9.3 Human Resources

There are no known Human Resources implications contained within this report.

9.4 **Equalities**

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(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

9.5 **Repopulation**

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

10.0 CONSULTATIONS

10.1 None.

11.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 None.