
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	9 May 2023
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Subject:	Education Capital Programme 2023/26 - Progress		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to consider performance 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.
- 1.3 The Education capital budget is £16.718m with total projected spend on budget. The Committee is projecting to spend £2.525m in 2022/23 with £320k advancement being reported. Appendix 1 details the capital programme.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the current position and the progress on the specific projects of the 2023/26 Capital Programme as outlined in the report and appendix.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 This report shows the current position of the approved Education Capital programme reflecting the allocation of resources approved by Inverclyde Council on 2nd March 2023.
- 3.2 The report also covers progress on the limited programme of works remaining connected with the 1140 Hours Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare and the initial Scottish Government capital funding allocation to support the phased expansion of free school meals to primary school children.

2023/26 Current Capital Position

- 3.3 The Education capital budget is £16.718m. The budget for 2022/23 is £2.205m, with spend to date of £2.522m equating to 114.38% of original projected spend (99.88% of the revised projection). The current projection is £16.718m which means total projected spend is on budget. The revised projection for 2022/23 is £2.525m with £320k (14.51%) advancement in connection with the over expenditure on the Gourock Primary School project and advancement of lifecycle spend partially offset by slippage in ELC CFCR projects and the inclusion of the free school meals capital allocation in the current 2022/23 projection which altered the baseline approved budget. This is an increase of £241k (10.93%) from the previous reported advancement position. Appendix 1 provides more detail.

Education Capital Projects

- 3.4 **Gourock Primary School Extension:** As previously reported to Committee, the project was completed in December 2022 with the final account negotiations for the project on-going. The overall project cost reconciliation is also subject to the engagement and resolution of the original construction contract and related performance bond. Over expenditure of £425K is currently being reported (£349K in previous report). The Committee has previously been advised that the over expenditure was being offset by an allocation from free school meals capital funding, however the position has altered as outlined in 3.6 below. The over expenditure is being contained through a review of existing unallocated funds within the lifecycle fund and the complete on site allowances as originally proposed, subject to any change in the free school meal funding and any further capital allocations. The Committee is requested to note the revised position and that a report on the final outcome will be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee. An official opening of the extension is planned for Tuesday 16th May.

Education Lifecycle Works

- 3.5 **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 lifecycle programme for the four PPP schools is managed as part of the contract through the Facilities Management provider with monitoring via Property Services. The 2022/23 programme of works has been completed. The rolling 2023/24 programme is now being progressed which includes the following:

- school artificial pitch lifecycle works (carpet replacement at 3 secondary schools – Port Glasgow Community Campus 3G / St Columba's High School 3G / Inverclyde Academy 2G & MUGA);
- active panel refresh programme (4 primary schools);
- LED lighting upgrade projects (various locations);
- elemental replacement and minor refurbishment/improvement projects (various).

The 2023/24 PPP lifecycle programme has been submitted and reviewed by Property Services with minor works undertaken over the Easter holiday period and further works planned for summer.

Free School Meals

- 3.6 The Scottish Government confirmed in November 2022 capital funding allocations for 2022/23 to support the phased expansion of free school meals to primary school children. It was noted that this funding is to be used in 2022/23 to support initial investment in school infrastructure, including school catering and dining, ahead of further expansion of free lunches for primary school children later in the parliamentary term. The funding is to be used to support capital costs incurred in delivering primary 5 expansion, and for preparation for primary 6 and 7 expansion. The previous report to Committee noted that the Scottish Government had communicated that a further allocation for 2023/24 was being made available however this is now subject to a National review of the free school meals allocations with only the initial £350K 2022/23 allocation being made available, this is reflected in Appendix 1. As previously reported, the works involved relate to alterations within a number of school kitchens and this will require use of the summer holiday period and will be dependent on the lead time for the types of equipment involved. Officers from Technical Services have been working with Facilities Management staff to establish the full scope and a draft programme which will be subject to progression of the tender exercise and engagement of the necessary kitchen specialist contractors. It was noted in the previous report that a number of projects already undertaken through the School Estate Management Plan have contributed to the ability to deliver the expansion of free school meals including the recently completed Gourrock Primary School Extension project which involved the provision of a new dining/activity hall and the relocation/upgrade of the kitchen. The Committee is requested to note that the previous proposal to allocate the initial £350K 2022/23 allocation against the Gourrock Primary School project is no longer possible with the allocation required to progress the multiple kitchen alterations, the over expenditure on Gourrock is now being addressed as outlined in 3.4 above.

1140 Hours Expansion - Various Establishment Minor Works

- 3.7 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. Works have been completed at Blairmore Nursery and Hillend Children's Centre. The project at Wemyss Bay Nursery Class has recently been certified complete. The scope and specification of the works proposed at Kings Oak Nursery Class is currently being reviewed by the Early Years Service with a view to progression over the Summer holiday period if possible.

4.0 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The Committee are asked to note the progress on projects and note that relevant reports will be brought back for Committee consideration as and when required.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO	N/A
Financial		X	
Legal/Risk		X	
Human Resources		X	
Strategic (LOIP/Corporate Plan)			X
Equalities & Fairer Scotland Duty			X
Children & Young People's Rights & Wellbeing			X
Environmental & Sustainability			X
Data Protection			X

5.2 Finance

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					

5.3 Legal/Risk

There are no known Legal implications contained within this report.

5.4 Human Resources

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

5.5 Strategic

None

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 This report has been prepared following consultation with the Interim Head of Property Services and Finance Services.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

Appendix 1

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES

Project Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Est. Total Cost	Actual to 31/3/22	Approved Budget 2022/23	Revised Est 2022/23	Actual to 31/03/23	Est. 2023/24	Est. 2024/25	Est. 2025/26	Est. Future Years	
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
<u>SEMP Projects</u>									
Balance of Life Cycle Fund	11,975	0	805	1,090	1,088	4,000	4,000	1,501	
Gourock PS - Extension	3,509	2,311	706	1,198	1,198	0	0	0	
CO2 Monitors In Schools	183	91	53	31	31	61	0	0	
Free School Meals	350	0	350	0	0	300	0	0	
Complete on site	390	0	71	122	122	268	0	0	
Total SEMP	16,407	2,402	1,985	2,441	2,439	4,629	4,000	1,501	
<u>ELC 1140 Projects</u>									
ELC Complete On Site	141	0	71	4	4	137	0	0	
TOTAL ELC Expansion	141	0	71	4	4	137	0	0	
<u>CFCR Projects</u>									
Early Learning Centres Various - Direct Access / Canopies etc	170	21	149	80	79	69	0	0	
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TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	16,718	2,423	2,205	2,525	2,522	4,766	4,000	1,501	