

AGENDA ITEM NO: 3

Report To: Environment & Regeneration Date: 2 November 2023

Committee

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Subject: Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme 2023/26 - Progress

#### 1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 ⊠For Decision □For Information/Noting

- 1.2 The purpose of the report is to update the Committee in respect of the status of the projects within the 2023/26 Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme.
- 1.3 This report advises the Committee in respect of the progress of the projects within the Environment & Regeneration Capital Programme incorporating Roads and Environmental Services, Regeneration and Planning, Property and City Deal.
- 1.4 The Environment & Regeneration capital budget is £54.680m with total projected spend on budget. The Committee is projecting to spend £13.095m after net advancement of £0.004m (0.03%) being reported. Slippage of £2.679m (27.76%) is being reported against the externally funded capital projects. Appendices 1-3 detail 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 and externally funded projects as outlined in the report and appendices.
  - notes the on-going work in respect of the further identification of priority projects relating to core asset condition and allocation of funds from 2023/25 Core Property budget.
  - approve delegated authority to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to accept the most economically advantageous tender for the Greenock Town Hall Re-roofing, ventilation and windows project subject to the cost being within the allocated budget for the project.

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#### 3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

3.1 This report shows the current position of the approved Environment & Regeneration Capital programme reflecting the allocation of resources approved by Inverclyde Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023. This effectively continues the previously approved 2022/25 Capital Programme to 2023/26. In addition to the core annual allocations funding was approved to address inflationary pressures in the RAMP and Property with an additional allocation to address the progression of the agreed 2022/27 Net Zero Action Plan.

# 2022/25 Current Capital Position

- 3.2 The Environment & Regeneration capital budget is £54.680m. The budget for 2023/24 is £13.091m, with spend to date of £2.240m equating to 17.11% of projected spend. The current projection is £54.680m which means total projected spend is on budget.
- 3.3 The Committee is projecting to spend £13.095m in 2023/24 with net advancement of £0.004m (0.03%) being reported. This is a reduction in advancement of £0.368m (2.81%) from the previous reported position. Appendices 1-3 detail the capital programme.
- 3.4 Externally funded projects are not included in the above Committee figures, the City Deal budget is £24.950m with the Greenock Town Centre Levelling Up budget £21.586m. The current projection for 2023/24 is £6.971m with slippage of £2.679m being reported at this stage linked to the progression of the Inverkip project as previously reported. Appendix 3 shows the financial position of the externally funded projects programme.

# Regeneration and Planning - Core Regeneration

- 3.5 Town & Village Centres West Blackhall Street: The final drawing package has been completed and the final construction cost for Phase 1 of the project is in the process of being agreed for formal contract award. The site programme is currently being agreed with the Contractor as part of the formal award process. Two public consultation events were held on Tuesday 26 September and 3 October in the I-Youth Zone on Nicolson Street to present the project and answer any questions.
- 3.6 Town & Village Centres Jamaica Street Car Park: The installation and activation of the Electric Vehicle Charge Point is planned for late October / early November.
- 3.7 Comet Replica Replacement: The Comet Sub-Group decision from its meeting is to investigate and gather costs for a full-scale representation. Anticipated procurement / construction costs will require the project to be progressed through a competitive tender process.
- 3.8 A report was presented to the August Committee and proposals will be presented to the next committee

### **Environmental Services**

3.9 Cremator Replacement: The project involves contracts for the design, manufacture, supply and installation of two new cremators, a new electricity supply, and the associated building adaptation and extension works. As approved at the last Committee, works to the existing flat roof have now been added into the contract. These works will run concurrently and are programmed to start in early October. Both cremators are now operating to full capacity with ongoing commissioning to address gas pressure balancing. Work is also progressing on the abatement systems and extension fabric. Projected final completion remains as previously reported 4th quarter 2023.

- 3.10 Vehicle Replacement Programme: Approved VRP budget for 2023/24 is £695k, currently £347k of assets have been delivered with a further £310k of assets ordered and due to be delivered.
- 3.11 Dog Park: Surveys of potential locations were returned as unsuitable, further locations to be assessed.
- 3.12 Play Areas: The procurement process for the next tranche of play area improvements has been completed with formal order to be placed. Projected completion is end February 2024.
- 3.13 Barrs Brae Steps: The bottom steps have been re-set and cleaned by the TRUST. The repairing of the wall at Springhill Road and the repairs to the steps above Springhill Road are currently on going.
- 3.14 Nature Restoration Fund: Officers continue to engage with the Green Action Trust to develop a number of proposed schemes.
- 3.15 Parks, Cemeteries and Open Spaces Asset Management Programme: The programme of works including repairs to infrastructure (paths etc.) is in progress.
- 3.16 Former St Ninian's School Site: Officers continue to engage through the Green Action Trust who have appointed a landscape architect to develop design proposals and outline costs for consultation. As reported to the previous Committee under the Nature Restoration workstream, this will consider a community garden incorporating tree and naturalised planting schemes.

## **Property - Core Property Assets**

- 3.17 Core Property Provision Prioritisation: The Environment & Regeneration capital programme includes allocations for lifecycle and elemental replacement works across a number of core operational properties in the form of the Core Property allocation. Further projects will be brought forward throughout the remainder of the current financial year as part of the on-going review and prioritisation based on the most recent property condition surveys. The latest 5 yearly external condition surveys were undertaken via Aecom between October and December 2019 with an annual review carried out by Property Services to provide an overall asset condition rating which is reported as part of a range of Statutory Performance Indicators. The next full external survey exercise is programmed for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2024 subject to identification of funding, the Committee is requested to note that a bid for funding may be submitted at the appropriate time to the Policy & Resources Committee for an allocation from the remaining capital programme contingency.
- 3.18 Greenock Municipal Buildings Greenock Town Hall: The project will address the last significant roofing project within the campus (i.e. the Town Hall) including partial window replacement, and both passive and active ventilation improvements, extending to include the Council Chambers. As previously reported, the works will require to be phased which has been reflected in the development of the detail design. A full tender package for the first and main phase (excluding the Council Chambers ventilation) is programmed to be issued in early October incorporating dates as agreed with Inverclyde Leisure identifying when internal works can be carried out. Tender return is expected mid-November with anticipated start on site 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024. The estimated cost of the phase 1 works is £2.175m, delegated authority is sought to accept the most economically advantageous tender.

3.19 Waterfront Leisure Complex Lifecycle Works: Previous reports to Committee have advised on the condition of the Waterfront Leisure Centre and specifically the Building Services installations, the majority of which are now over 20 years old and requiring replacement. The phased approach to this has seen the replacement of a number of the significant elements over the last few years such as the ice rink dehumidifiers, lift installations, main boiler plant, and most recently the fire/panic alarm systems and emergency lighting.

The report to the last Committee noted and approved the continued investment required and allocation of a further £500k from the Core Property Provision to address the replacement of the existing chiller equipment. Consultants are currently preparing options for chiller design that would potentially result in an improved utility consumption and CO2 savings which would require a phased approach to plant replacement.

As previously reported fire/panic alarm and emergency lighting project duration was prolonged due to complex voids and ability to complete "public" areas of the operational building. Final making good and training on new systems is ongoing. Final account negotiations are ongoing, a report on the final outcome will be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

- Sea Walls/Retaining Walls: Provision of £100K was made in the 2020/21 budget to address the progression of surveys and mapping of Council assets to establish condition and any current/future capital project works required. Officers continue to work with external specialist consultants on priority marine side remedial works at the Greenock Waterfront area (identified from the previous survey). The consultant will now develop design proposals with tender issue anticipated 4th Quarter 2023 and works anticipated during 1st Quarter 2024. A survey of the sea wall and defences at Gourock Outdoor Pool was completed in early October with condition report and recommendations awaited. The scope and location of additional surveys will continue to be assessed by Officers and will be undertaken over time in the context of available internal resources which are being prioritised on delivery of the wider capital programme.
- 3.21 Watt Institute DDA Works: The project involves provision of a lift within the Watt Institute gallery space to address the lack of an accessible route to the upper exhibition floor. Additional structural information is required to allow a Building Warrant to be processed. Delays have been experienced due to the original lift manufacturer now having been bought over by another company with technical details to be resolved and submitted by the new manufacturer.
- 3.22 New Ways of Working: An allocation of £200K was made available to progress alterations associated with the Delivering Differently change programme and the development and implementation of new modern ways of working within the Council. The expenditure to date has facilitated the mothballing of the James Watt Building from the end of March 2024. Further phases of work are being considered to facilitate the relocation of staff from the Ingelston Park building linked to the budget saving exercise with a general review of the Municipal buildings Campus also on-going. Floor layouts and space planning drawings have also been prepared in respect of the re-use of the James Watt building and the possible relocation of staff from Hector McNeil House associated with the Greenock Town Centre Levelling Up project.
- 3.23 Whinhill Golf Club: Re-rendering and painter works are currently on site and progressing with overall completion weather dependent.
- 3.24 Net Zero: A separate report on Climate Change and Net Zero related activity is included on the agenda for this Committee.

3.25 DDA/Equality – Port Glasgow Town Hall Lift Replacement: The project involves the replacement of the existing lift which is nearing end of serviceable life and which requires to be enlarged to meet current standards. Building Warrant has now been approved and further to liaison / dialogue with Inverclyde Leisure, confirmed lets / bookings required that the earliest starting date would be 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and a circa 16 week site programme.

## Roads Service - Core Programme

3.26 Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets:

Officers are continuing with the design of the following reserve schemes:

- Feasibility and Design of N75 Route and Regional Routes across Inverclyde is ongoing;
- Continuation of the Scenic Tourist Route Along the A8. Officers are working with Peel Ports for a route through Kingston Dock and are looking at improvements from Kingston Dock to Mirren Shore:
- N75 Dalrymple Street to Beacon is currently being designed;
- Improve signs and lines on cycle routes on-going;
- Drop kerb improvements are on-going.
- 3.27 Spaces for People: Officers have assessed the Consultants design improvements to the Battery Park to Greenock cycle route which will now proceed to a detailed construction package.

#### 3.28 Sustrans:

- Installation of Street lighting to the N75 Cycle Route from Lady Octavia to Devol Glen is on-going;
- Green Connections Study Feasibility of routes from Lady Octavia to Greenock and Overton to Greenock are on-going;
- Officers have secured £54k from Sustrans to partly fund some of the feasibility design along the N75 cycle route;
- Officers have secured £143k from Sutrans to undertake a feasibility study to create an active travel link from Inverkip to Largs. Inverciyed is lead in this project;
- Officers have secured £350k funding to upgrade the cycle route from Lady Octavia to Dubbs Road. These work will involve widening the existing track to 3m and resurfacing over the existing surface.
- 3.29 SPT: Officers are progressing the following:
  - Speed reduction in Town Centres are installed in Kilmacolm, Greenock, Port Glasgow and Gourock. Inverkip and Wemyss Bay have been held up due to objections of the TRO and be presented to an external reporter;
  - Quality Bus Corridor Existing bus shelter improvement works is ongoing;
  - Port Glasgow Train Station Access Improvements works. The Princess Street access is complete with the bridge and stairs now lifted into place the project is programmed to be complete in November 2023.
- 3.30 Road Safety Improvement Fund: The fund has been awarded this year, Officers will be erecting junction signs as part of the traffic calming on Union and Nelson Street.
- 3.31 Flood Risk Management Plan: Gotters Water Works are on-site have been delayed due to the number of uncharted service crossings with the project now expected to be complete in December 2023.

- 3.32 Kirn Drive Passing Places: The Consultant has completed the traffic survey, officers will now evaluate the information received and prepare outline plans of the proposal and bring them back to this Committee in March 2024.
- 3.33 Participatory Budget: Two additional footway patching schemes have been programmed for delivery this financial year utilising the remainder of the Participatory Budget allocation prioritised by public consultation.
- 3.34 Inverclyde Traffic Study: The Consultant is continuing with the high-level study throughout Inverclyde.
- 3.35 Larkfield Rd / George Rd: The Service is developing the programme for the consultation of the possible schemes and it is anticipated that a consultation will commence in February 2024.
- 3.36 Kilmacolm Carpark: The Service is progressing the design of possible car park options.
- 3.37 Dunrod Road: Officers will now proceed with further site investigation and detailed design.

## Roads Service - Roads Asset Management Plan

- 3.38 Carriageways: Thirteen of eighteen programmed carriageway resurfacing schemes are complete and eight of fifteen large patching schemes are also complete.
- 3.39 Footways: Two of nine programmed footway resurfacing schemes are complete and two of three large patching schemes are also complete.
- 3.40 Structures: Minor bridge repair work and principal inspections are on-going. Minor works to Drumfrochar Road Rail bridge to prevent wheel loading on the footways is with Network Rail for approval.
- 3.41 Street Lighting: The street lighting column replacement contract 2023 is complete.
- 3.42 Traffic Calming: There are currently 34 objections to the proposed traffic management scheme at Newark Street/Union Street It is anticipated that the objections will be presented to a future Committee for consideration.

## **Externally Funded**

- 3.43 Greenock Ocean Terminal: The main project was certified practically complete at the end of February 2023 with the Peel interface ramp competed at the end of April. The terminal and restaurant elements became fully operational in early June. The date for the opening of the Gallery space has yet to be confirmed. As previously reported, additional funding was approved through the City Deal Cabinet and is now reflected in the updated appendix. The agreement of the final account is ongoing including finalisation of external partner funding contributions.
- 3.44 Inverkip: Following approval of the additional funding from Policy & Resources Committee on the 19 September, a cost for the detailed design has been agreed and signed as a design and build contract through the SCAPE framework. The consultant has started this detailed design with an anticipated completion in March 2024. As the design progresses a detailed cost for the construction will be further developed.
- 3.45 Inchgreen: The Joint Venture Board continues to meet on a regular basis. As previously reported, works packages are underway including quay wall repairs, structural improvements, and dredging. The overall project remains on course for delivery in December 2023. An opportunity to acquire land adjacent to the site has been progressed.

3.46 Greenock Town Centre Levelling Up: The project continues to progress with regular meetings both internally and externally with stakeholders and partners. The appointment for project management has been made as discussions with the contractor are well advanced. The District Valuer has provided a valuation which accords with the sums identified in the business case. Monitoring returns and engagement with UK Government officials take place on a cyclical basis.

## 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
Financial		X
Legal/Risk		X
Human Resources		X
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)		X
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children & Young People's		X
Rights & Wellbeing		
Environmental & Sustainability		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

N/A.

## 5.4 Human Resources

N/A.

# 5.5 Strategic

N/A.

# 6.0 CONSULTATION

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

# 7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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<u>Project Name</u>	Est Total	Actual to	Approved Budget	Revised Est	Actual to	Est 2024/25	Est 2025/26	Future Years
<u>i Tojoot Namo</u>	<u>Cost</u>	31/3/23	2023/24	2023/24	31/08/2023	<u>Lot Zoz-1720</u>	<u> </u>	T dtare Tears
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Environmental, Regeneration & Planning								
Regeneration and Planning								
Core Regeneration:								
Port Glasgow Town Centre Regeneration	1,960	1,435	97	27		498	0	0
Central Gourock	150	130	20	20		0	0	0
T&VC - West Blackhall Street	3,712	125	1,150	1,650		1,937	0	0
T&VC - Other	1,202	59	776	327		816	0	0
T&VC - Complete on site	39	-	5	5		34	0	0
Place Based Funding	1,666	675	991	591		400	0	0
Core Regeneration Total	9,270	2,424	3,039	2,641	0	4,205	0	0
Public Protection:								
Scheme of Assistance	3,198	672	914	830	329	890	806	0
Clune Park Regeneration	2,000	888	362	362	12	750		
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Public Protection Total	5,198	1,560	1,276	1,192	341	1,640	806	0
Regeneration Services Total	14,468	3,984	4,315	3,833	341	5,845	806	0
Environmental Services								
Cemetery Development	1,560	1,444	24	24	0	92	0	0
Cremator Replacement	2,238	789	1,125					0
Zero Waste Fund	2,230	21	1,123	99		60		_
Vehicles Replacement Programme	3,603	۷.	695	695	280			
Dog Park	20	_	20	20	200	0		0
Murdieston/Thom Dam Area	25	25	0	0	17	0		0
Play Area Strategy	766	324	246	372	252			0
Play Areas complete on Site	30		30			0	0	
Barr's Brae Steps	40	-	40	40		0	0	0
Nature Restoration Fund	465		391	391	29	74	0	0
Park, Cemeteries & Open Spaces AMP	559		159	159	48			0
Former St Ninians School Site	195	33	2	2	0	160		
Environmental Services	9,741	2,636	2,831	2,957	1,089	2,609	1,539	0
Environmental, Regeneration & Planning								
Total	24,209	6,620	7,146	6,790	1,430	8,454	2,345	0

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	Est Total	Actual to	Approved	Revised Est	Actual to			
<u>Project Name</u>	Cost	31/3/23	Budget 2023/24	2023/24	31/08/2023	Est 2024/25	Est 2025/26	<u>Future Years</u>
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>	£000
Property Assets								
Core Property Assets								
General Provision	4,184	-	0	0	0	1,784		0
Additional Covid pressure allowance - Gene		0	29	29	0	43		0
Feasibility Studies	270	164	20	20	1	86		Ĭ
Greenock Municipal Buildings - Window R		515	0	0	20			_
Greenock Municipal Buildings - Air Handlin		14	36	36	0			Ĭ
Waterfront Leisure Centre Lifecycle Works	1,851	1,288	20	63	63	500		ľ
Various Garages/Stores Replacement	120 100	11 43	0 27	0 27	0	109 30		
Sea Walls/Retaining Walls	150		150	80	5 0			_
Coastal Change Adaptions Watt Institute - Risk/DDA Works	252	0 31	114	114	0	107		_
New Ways of Working	200	140	0	0	1	60		Ĭ
Depot Demolitions - Balance	56	140	5	5	0	51		_
Kirn Drive Civic Amenity Site	407	173	0	0	0			
AMP Complete on site	407	113			0			
Whinhill Golf Club - External Fabric Works	140	0	77	135	0	_	0	
Greenock Town Hall Roofing, Ventilation &		63	0	105	0		_	
Crosmosk rown riam recoming, vondiadori a	2,170	00		100	Ü	1,007		ľ
Net Zero	3,492	0	417	417	0	2,124	951	0
Vehicle Replacement Programme - Ultra Lo	373	0	103	103	0	121		
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Minor Worls	530	0	524	524	113	6	0	0
Statutory Duty Works	365	0	265	265	37	100	0	0
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Capital Works on Former Tied Houses	600	267	0	0	0	98	110	125
Complete on Site Allocation	462	0	76	76	40	386	0	0
Core Property Assets Total	16,447	2,709	1,863	1,999	279	7,904	3,710	125
Property Assets Total	16,447	2,709	1,863	1,999	279	7,904	3,710	125
Roads & Environmental Services								
Roads								
Core Programme								
Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets	520		520	520	211	0	0	0
Sustrans	195		195	195	32	0	0	0
SPT	790		790	790	27	0	0	0
Road Safety Improvement Fund	114	-	114	114		0	0	C
Flooding Strategy - Future Schemes	1,432	665	167	167		250		C
Kirn Drive Passing Places	200	8	35	35		157	0	0
Roads & Footways (Participatory Budgeting		205	45	45		0	0	0
Feasibility Studies	90	12	78	78	26	0	0	0
Complete on Site	8	-	8	8		0	•	0
Inverkip - City Deal Council Contribution	300	-	0	0	0			0
Dunrod Road	1,500	-	0	0	0	1,500		0
Roads - Core Total	5,399	890	1,952	1,952	296	2,207	350	0
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Roads Asset Management Plan	<b>5</b> 400		4 470	4 500	2.5	4 00-	4	_
Carriageways	5,139		1,478	1,503	36			
Footways	700 564		26	150	1	300		
Structures	564 770		114	114	64	250		
Lighting Other Assets	779 512		129	179 127	82	300		
Staff Costs	512 931		112 271	137	49			
Roads Asset Management Plan Total	931 8,625	0	271 2,130	271 2,354	235	330 3,215		
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Roads Total	14,024	890	4,082	4,306	531	5,422	3,406	0
PROPERTY TOTAL	30,471	3,599	5,945	6,305	810	13,326	7,116	125
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<u>Project Name</u>	Est Total Cost	Actual to 31/3/23	Approved Budget 2023/24	Revised Est 2023/24	Actual to 31/08/2023	Est 2024/25	Est 2025/26	Future Years
	<u>£000</u>	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Externally Funded Projects								
City Deal								
Greenock Ocean Terminal - Total	12,273	11,561	129	577		135	0	_
Inverkip	3,250	23	3,227			3,127	0	0
Inchgreen	9,427	4,709	4,718	4,718	1,332	0	0	0
City Deal Total	24,950	16,293	8,074	5,395	1,332	3,262	0	0
Levelling Up Fund								
Levelling up Fund Contribution	19,390	49	476	476		7,500	11,365	0
Oak Mall	1,000	0	1,000			0	0	0
Inverclyde Council	1,196	0	100	100		300	796	0
Greenock Town Centre	21,586	49	1,576	1,576	0	7,800	12,161	0
Levelling Up Fund Total	21,586	49	1,576	1,576	0	7,800	12,161	0
Externally Funded Projects Total	46,536	16,342	9,650	6,971	1,332	11,062	12,161	0