

**Report To: Safe, Sustainable Communities
Committee**

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**Report By: Corporate Director Environment &
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Subject: Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2009/12 - 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 Environment & Community Protection Capital programme and to highlight the overall financial position.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report advises Committee in respect of the progress and financial status of the projects within the overall Environment & Community Protection Capital Programme.
- 2.2 It can be seen from the table that the projected spend is £23.775m which means that the total projected spend is on budget.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Committee note the progress on the specific projects detailed in the Appendices.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 At the Policy & Resources meeting in February 2009 the Committee agreed a three year Capital Programme covering 2009/12.
- 4.2 At the Policy & Resources Committee in March 2009 the Committee agreed that the Capital Acceleration grant be split between expenditure on 3 G sport pitches and expenditure on the vehicle replacement programme. The capital acceleration grant for the vehicle replacement programme has been included in this report.
- 4.3 At the Policy & Resources meeting in May 2009 the Committee agreed to the Capital/Revenue transfer of £76,000 between support from businesses and play areas. This has been included within this report.
- 4.4 At the Policy & Resources meeting in November 2009 the Committee agreed to increase the budget for Knocknairshill Cemetery by £205,000 to fund a projected increase in costs. This increase in cost is funded without any overall increase in the 2009/12 Capital Programme funding. This increase has been included in this report.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The figures below detail the position at 30 November 2009. Expenditure to date is £0.771m, 17% of the 2009/10 projected spend.
- 5.2 The current budget is £23.775m, made up of £5.658m Supported Borrowing, £17.093m Prudential Borrowing, £0.250m of CFCR and £0.774 of Grant Funding. The Current Projection is £23.775m which means the current projected spend is on budget.

Service	Approved Budget £000	Current Position £000	Over / (Under) Spend £000
Environmental Services - Roads (Appendix 1)	4,870	4,870	-
Environmental Services - (Appendix 2)	17,931	17,931	-
Planning (Appendix 3)	64	64	-
Community Investment Fund (Appendix 4)	910	910	-
Total	23,775	23,775	-

- 5.3 The approved budget for 2009/10 is £7.122m. The committee is projecting spend of £6.087m, with slippage of £1.035m (17%) into future years, the main reasons for which are explained in section 5.4 to 5.6. The committee should also note the current position of the Vehicle Replacement Programme in 5.7.
- 5.4 Transport Scotland Funding and Greenock Town Centre - The work in Greenock Town Centre cannot be carried out due to delays in the promotion of Traffic Orders by Transport Scotland to divert traffic from Nelson Street to Inverkip Street. This has resulted in £0.098m being moved into 2010/11.

- 5.5 Carriageway/Footway Resurfacing – Discussions are currently taking place with Riverside Inverclyde regarding works to complement their proposed improvements to paved surfaces in the Cathcart Street area. This has resulted in a delay in the works starting and £0.100m being moved into 2010/11. A further £0.035m of resurfacing by a specialist contractor has also been delayed as the process is weather dependant and is programmed for April 2010.
- 5.6 Knocknairshill Cemetery Ph5c – As noted in 4.4 additional budget has been approved to fund a projected increase in costs. This has resulted in a delay in starting on site and the current projection is that £0.485m will slip into 2010/11. However, the project will be progressed as quickly as possible and the slippage could be slightly less.
- 5.7 Vehicle Replacement Programme - The Vehicle Procurement Contract for 'Heavies' within Scotland Excel lapsed in July 2009 and will not be replaced before February 2010. Alternative arrangements have now been put in place to procure this group of vehicles through another approved procurement consortium YPO. Detailed specifications have been passed to them and it is anticipated that after a mini tendering process that financial commitment/expenditure will be in the order of £2m by the end of the current calendar year. There continue to be difficulties with the Scotland Excel procurement for 'Lights' and officers are working with them to resolve anomalies within the framework contracts.

There is also a possibility that some of the Light Vehicles could be delivered prior to the end of March 2010 due to a short lead in time. This would result in some of the funding Being spent in 2009/10 instead of 2010/11 as currently reported.

- 5.8 SPT Grant Funding – The SPT original awarded a grant of £0.190m to develop Quality Bus Corridors. However, SPT provided an opportunity for the Council to participate in a joint project to upgrade Nicolson St along with the Kilblain St Bus Station, therefore £0.100m of the grant allocation was vired by SPT to Kilblain St/Nicolson St Bus Station.
- 5.9 Please refer to the status reports for each project contained in Appendices 1-3.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 There are no direct staffing implications in respect of the report and as such the Head of Organisational Development and Human Resources have not been consulted.
- 6.2 There are no legal issues arising from the content of this report and as such the Head of Legal & Administration has not been consulted.

7.0 EQUALTIES

- 7.1 This report has no impact on the Council's Equality Agenda.

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Appendix 1

Project Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Status
	Est. Total Cost £000	Actual to 31/3/09 £000	Approved Budget 2009/10 £000	Revised Est. 2009/10 £000	Actual 1/4/09 to 30/11/09 £000	Est. 2010/11 £000	Est. 2011/12 £000	Future Years £000	Start Date	Original Completion Date	Current Completion Date	
Environmental Services - Roads												
Supported Borrowing												
Carried Forward from Previous Years												
Bridges/Design	109	5	104	1		103			Jan-10	Nov-09	Feb-10	Legal Services concluding missives
Baker St Land Acquisition	105	66	39	0		39			Jun-07	Mar-08	Sep-09	Subject to Transport Scotland promoting TRO's
Greenock Town Centre	40	21	19	19					Apr-08	Dec-08	May-09	Work programmed
Traffic Safety Measures	200	136	64	64	32							Complete on site
Footway Reconstruction/Resurfacing	112	103	12	9	7							Complete on site
Lighting Works												
2009/10 Provision												
Carriage Way Reconstruction/Resurfacing	700	0	700	565	441	135			May-09	Mar-10	Jun-10	65% complete
Footway Reconstruction/Resurfacing	200	0	200	180	32	20			Sep-09	Mar-10	Jun-10	35% complete
Flooding	50	0	50	50					Jan-10	Mar-10	Mar-10	Waiting on Legal confirming land ownership
Structural Improvements	15	0	15	15					Nov-09	Mar-10	Mar-10	80% Complete
Lighting Replacement	35	0	35	35	24				Oct-09	Nov-10	Mar-10	50% Complete
20011/12 Provision												
General Provision	1,000	0	0	0		1,000						
2011/12 Indicative Provision												
General Provision	1,700						1,700					
Complete on Site Allocation	22		19	22	17							
Roads - Supported Borrowing Total	4,288	331	1,257	960	553	1,297	1,700	0				
Prudentially Funded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
No Projects												
Roads - Prudentially Funded Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Grant Funding												
Transport Scotland	200	141	59	0		59					Mar-10	Subject to Transport Scotland promoting TRO's
Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets	292	0	146	146	18	146			May-09	Mar-10	Mar-10	
SPT (2009/10)	90	90	90	90	14				Sep-09	Dec-09	Dec-09	
Roads - Grant Funding Total	582	141	295	236	32	205	0	0				
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - ROADS TOTAL	4,870	472	1,552	1,196	585	1,502	1,700	0				

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Environmental Services Supported Borrowing												
Knocknairshill Cemetery Ph5c	460	0	460	60		400			Feb-10			
Environmental Services Supported Borrowing Total	460	0	460	60	0	400	0	0				
Prudentially Funded												
Knocknairshill Cemetery Ph5c	85		85	0		85						
Vehicles - Prudentially Funded per Transport Review	7,008		4,468	4,468		1,838	451	251				
Replacement Depot	10,000							7,500				
Environmental Services Prudentially Funded Total	17,093	0	4,553	4,468	0	1,923	2,951	7,751				Of total allocation £850k is funded from revenue reserves.
Grant Funded												
Zero Waste Fund	128		64	64	23	64						
Environmental Services Grant Funded Total	128	0	64	64	23	64	0	0	Oct-09	Mar-10	Mar-10	Spend as agreed through committee
CFCR												
Play Areas	250		250	66	40	184			May-09			
Environmental Services CFCR Total	250	0	250	66	40	184	0	0				Of total allocation £76k is funded from General Capital Grant, originally allocated for Area Regeneration.
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - TOTAL	17,931	0	5,327	4,658	63	2,571	2,951	7,751				

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Planning Services												
Grant Funded Green Charter	64		30	20		44						
	64	0	30	20	0	44	0	0				
PLANNING SERVICES TOTAL	64	0	30	20	0	44	0	0				
Community Investment Fund Supported Borrowing												
Various Projects	910	697	213	213	123							
Community Investment Fund Supported Borrowing Total	910	697	213	213	123	0	0	0				Works progressing
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND - TOTAL	910	697	213	213	123	0	0	0				
SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES TOTAL	23,775	1,169	7,122	6,087	771	4,117	4,651	7,751				