

**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 over all Environment & Community Protection Capital Programme.
- 2.2 It can be seen from the table that the projected spend is £23.720m which means that the total projected spend £0.055m under budget.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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 05 February 2010. Expenditure to date is £1.167m, 32% 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 £23.720m which means the current projection is showing a £0.055m underspend (see 5.9).

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	855	(55)
Total	23,775	23,720	(55)

- 5.3 The approved budget for 2009/10 is £7.122m. The committee is projecting spend of £3.644m, with slippage of £3.423m (48%) into future years, the main reasons for which are explained in section 5.4 to 5.9. 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 had previously been reported as slippage, however, this has now been programmed to be completed in 2009/10.
- 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 and Plant Replacement Programme - The issues relating to the Scotland Excel Light Vehicle contract have been resolved and £1.42m spend has been committed, vehicles are in the process of being delivered. The heavy vehicle tenders have been returned by YPO and the Scotland Excel Heavy Vehicle contract is now in place. The Service is currently in the process of evaluating the tenders and benchmarking the YPO returns against the Excel contract. It is anticipated having £2.42m committed to heavy vehicles before end of February (some of which will be 2010/11 spend). A tender is currently in process with YPO for the purchase of Grounds Maintenance machinery, and a tender document is currently being prepared for some items relating to Heavy Plant machinery, permission is being sought to advertise tenders on the National Procurement Portal. Overall it is anticipated that the full £4.47m 2009/10 replacement budget being committed within 2009/10 with actual spend (vehicles and plant delivered) of approx. £2m, with the majority of the remaining items being delivered in the first quarter of 2010/11.
- 5.8 SPT Grant Funding – The SPT originally 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 Street along with the Kilblain Street Bus Station, therefore £0.100m of the grant allocation was vired by SPT to Kilblain Street/Nicolson Street Bus Station.
- 5.9 Community Investment Fund – A £0.055m underspend has been identified within the CIF budget, however, it is proposed that this be utilised to fund a shortfall in budget for the Lunderston Bay Visitor Centre which is revenue funded within the Community Investment Fund. This is subject to a separate report to committee.
- 5.10 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 05/02/09 £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	1	103			Jan-10	Nov-09	Feb-10	Legal Services concluding missives
Baker St Land Acquisition	105	66	39	0	0	39			Jun-07	Mar-08	Sep-09	Subject to Transport Scotland promoting TRO's
Greenock Town Centre	40	21	19	19	51				Apr-08	Dec-08	May-09	80% Complete
Traffic Safety Measures	200	136	64	64	9				May-09	Mar-10	Jun-10	Complete on site
Footway Reconstruction/Resurfacing	112	103	12	9					Sep-09	Dec-08	May-09	Complete on site
Lighting Works									May-09	Mar-10	Jun-10	65% complete
2009/10 Provision	700	0	700	600	477	100			Sep-09	Mar-10	Jun-10	35% complete
Carriage Way Reconstruction/Resurfacing	200	0	200	180	54	20			Jan-10	Mar-10	Mar-10	20% Complete
Footway Reconstruction/Resurfacing	50	0	50	50	12				Nov-09	Mar-10	Mar-10	Complete on site
Flooding	15	0	15	15	24				Oct-09	Nov-10	Mar-10	75% Complete
Structural Improvements	35	0	35	35								
Lighting Replacement												
2001/12 Provision	1,000	0	0	0		1,000						
General Provision	1,700						1,700					
2011/12 Indicative Provision												
General Provision												
Complete on Site Allocation	22		19	22	17							
Roads - Supported Borrowing Total	4,288	331	1,257	995	645	1,262	1,700	0				
Prudentially Funded												
No Projects	0											
Roads - Prudentially Funded Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Grant Funding												
Transport Scotland	200	141	59	0		59			May-09	Mar-10	Mar-10	Subject to Transport Scotland promoting TRO's
Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets	292	0	146	146	76	146			Sep-09	Dec-09	Mar-10	70% Complete
SPT (2009/10)	90	90	90	90	62							
Roads - Grant Funding Total	582	141	295	236	138	205	0	0				
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - ROADS TOTAL	4,870	472	1,552	1,231	783	1,467	1,700	0				

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	Est Total Cost £000	Actual to 31/3/08 £000	Approved Budget 2009/10 £000	Revised Est 2009/10 £000	Actual 1/4/09 to 05/02/09 £000	Est 2010/11 £000	Est 2011/12 £000	Future Years £000	Start Date	Original Completion Date	Current Completion Date	
Environmental Services Supported Borrowing	460	0	460	60		400			Feb-10			
Knocknairshill Cemetery Ph5c	460	0	460	60	0	400	0	0				
Prudentially Funded	85		85	0		85						
Knocknairshill Cemetery Ph5c	7,008		4,468	2,000	135	4,306	451	251				Of total allocation £850k is funded from revenue reserves.
Vehicles - Prudentially Funded per Transport Review	10,000											
Replacement Depot	17,093	0	4,553	2,000	135	4,391	2,951	7,751				
Environmental Services Prudentially Funded Total												
Grant Funded	128		64	23	23	105						
Zero Waste Fund	128	0	64	23	23	105	0	0	Oct-09	Mar-10		Improvements to MRF unable to be programmed in 09/10
Environmental Services Grant Funded Total												
CFCR	250		250	157	118	93			May-09			
Play Areas	250	0	250	157	118	93	0	0				Of total allocation £76k is funded from General Capital Grant, originally allocated for Area Regeneration.
Environmental Services CFCR Total												
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - TOTAL	17,931	0	5,327	2,240	276	4,989	2,951	7,751				

