

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

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Subject: Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2010/14 - 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 part of the Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee Capital Programme and to highlight the overall financial position.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report advises the Committee in respect of the progress and financial status of the projects within the Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme.
- 2.2 It can be seen from the table that the projected spend is £18.325m which means that the total projected spend is on budget.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the current position of the 2010/14 Capital Programme and the progress on the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1.

**Corporate Director
Regeneration and Environment**

Chief Financial Officer

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 In February 2010 the Council agreed a four year Capital Programme covering the period 2010/14. This report reflects those decisions and includes the latest position for financial year 2010/14.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The figures below detail the position at 22 November 2010. Expenditure to date is £5.102m, which is 55% of the 2010/11 revised budget of £9.503m.

5.2 The current budget is £18.325m, made up of £6.462m Supported Borrowing, £6.243m Prudential Borrowing, £1.956m of CFCR, £3.489m of Grant Funding and £0.175 of funding from external parties. The Current Projection is £18.325 which means the current projection is on budget.

Service	Approved Budget £000	Current Position £000	Over / (Under) Spend £000
Environmental & Commercial Services - Roads (Appendix 1)	6,734	6,734	-
Safer Communities (Appendix 1)	3,336	3,336	
Environmental and Commercial Services (Appendix 1)	8,187	8,187	-
Regeneration & Planning (Appendix 1)	64	64	-
Community Investment Fund (Appendix 1)	4	4	-
Total	18,325	18,325	-

5.3 The approved budget for 2010/11 is £9.652m. The committee is reporting spend of £9.503m with slippage of £149,000 into future years, explained in 5.4 below.

5.4 Maintenance of Trunk Road Network - Transport Scotland commenced the next phase of works in October 2010, however, completion of the work has been delayed due to adverse weather. Transport Scotland advised that they will now not switch traffic onto this section of the A78 until January 2011. As a result this will delay the works planned to be carried out by Inverclyde Council which is now unlikely to commence before the end of the financial year. This will result in £59,000 being carried forward to 2011/12.

Zero Waste Fund - The Materials Recycling Facility will be subject to tender and a new contract will be in place in April 2011. As it would not be prudent to spend all this funding until the new contract arrangements are in place, £80,000 requires to be carried forward to 2011/12.

Former SNH Grant - Part of this funding is earmarked for a Heritage Trail and it is considered likely that this project can attract significant external funding, thus allowing a more comprehensive product to be delivered. However, external funding application timescales will mean that it is likely that £10,000 of funding will be required to be carried forward for expenditure in early 2011/12. This time will be used to build further local partnerships, ultimately delivering a more strategic and integrated product.

- 5.5 Cathcart Square – In August 2010 the Committee approved a report for £0.300m of funding to carry out environmental improvements and enhancements to Cathcart Square, Greenock. The contribution for the funding of this project has come from Inverclyde Council (£125,000 Capital funding 2009/10), Riverside Inverclyde (£100,000) and Scottish Water (£75,000). The tender has been awarded and the works are due to start in January 2011, with completion anticipated before the end of the 2010/11 financial year.
- 5.6 Traffic Measures – The tenders for Kilmacolm Cross have been returned and awarded and the revised cost, including fees, is £20,000. The approved budget is £50,000 and the remaining £30,000 will be subject to a future report to committee on proposals to spend within the 2010/11 financial year.
- 5.7 Flooding Strategy – The committee was previously advised that £100,000 would be carried forward to 2011/12, however, the spend profile has been reviewed and amended and it is anticipated that the full spend will be achieved in 2010/11.

The lowest tender for the works associated with the West Station project returned at £195,442 which is £45,442 over estimate. Scottish Water is unwilling to accept any additional discharge into their system and it was necessary to find another solution which included the re-lining of existing pipework. The pipe lining accounted for the bulk of the additional cost. The shortfall will be contained within the Flooding Strategy budget and will be taken from the reservoir flood attenuation works. Depending on the tender return price for these works, it may be necessary to defer some flood attenuation works on the reservoirs until additional funding is identified.

Design work for the reservoir spillways is complete and issued to competitive tender and the emergency cleaning of the Eastern Line of Falls is complete.

- 5.8 Vehicle Replacement Programme (VRP) - The 2010/11 budget is £5.350m. Expenditure to date is £3.710m with £290,000 of orders placed still to be received. All remaining VRP Capital spend will be committed in 2010/11 but there may be slippage of approximately £400,000 of expenditure into 2011/12 depending on vehicle lead times.
- 5.9 Knocknairshill Cemetery Phase 5c - the contractor, ERDC, has gone into administration. The contract is complete with the exception of turfing which has been confirmed by the engineers as not being acceptable. There are sufficient monies within the contract to re-turf the complete park if necessary. Practical completion has not yet been issued. The contractor has made a claim for an extension of time which is currently under consideration.
- 5.10 Please refer to the status reports for each project contained in Appendix 1.

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 has not been consulted.
- 6.2 There are no legal issues arising from the content of this report and as such the Head of Legal & Democratic Services has not been consulted.

7.0 EQUALITIES

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

COMMITTEE: SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Status
Est. Total £000	Actuals 2010/11 £000	Approved Budget 2010/11 £000	Revised Est. 2010/11 £000	Actuals 2011/12 £000	Est. 2011/12 £000	Est. 2012/13 £000	Est. 2013/14 £000	Future Years £000		Start Date	Original Completion Date	Current Completion Date	
Environmental Services - Roads													
Supported Borrowing													
Carried Forward from previous years													
Baker St Land Acquisition													
110	7	103	103	2									
Greenock Town Centre													
105	66	39	39	0									
2009/10 Provision													
300		300	300	10									
46		46	46	4									
Footway Reconstruction/Resurfacing													
2010/11 Provision													
700		700	700	589									
200		200	200	107									
Footway Reconstruction/Resurfacing													
50		50	50	0									
Traffic Measures													
15		15	15	0									
Structural Improvements													
35		35	35	35									
Lighting Replacement													
2011/12 & 2012/13 Indicative Provision													
4,200		12	12		1,400	1,400	1,400						
12													
Complete on Site Allocation													
5,773	73	1,500	1,500	747	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0				
Roads - Supported Borrowing Total													
Prudentially Funded													
No Projects													
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Roads - Prudentially Funded Total													
Grant Funding													
Transport Scotland - Maintenance of Trunk Road Network													
200	141	59	0	0	59								
146	146	146	146	49									
175	175	175	175	61									
SPT (2010/11)													
521	141	380	321	110	59	0	0	0	0				
Roads - Grant Funding Total													
440	0	440	440	57									
CFCR													
440	0	440	440	57	0	0	0	0	0				
Flooding Strategy													
Roads - CFGR Total													
6,734	214	2,320	2,261	914	1,459	1,400	1,400	0	0				
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - ROADS TOTAL													
Safer Communities													
Supported Borrowing													
400		100	100	100	100	100	100						
400	0	100	100	100	100	100	100	0	0				
PSHG - Aids and Adaptions													
Safer Communities Supported Borrowing Total													
Grant Funded													
2,520		630	630		630	630	630						
2,520	0	630	630	0	630	630	630	0	0				
PSHG													
Safer Communities Grant Funding Total													
416		416	416		0	0	0						
416	0	416	416	0	0	0	0	0	0				
CFCR													
PSHG													
Safer Communities CFGR Total													
3,336	0	1,146	1,146	100	730	730	730	0	0				
SAFER COMMUNITIES - TOTAL													

Legal Services Concluding Missives
Awaiting completion of work by
Transport Scotland

Dec-10 See 5.5 of report
Dec-10 50% Complete

Feb-11 80% complete
Feb-11 80% complete
Mar-11 See 5.6 of report
Dec-10 Tender awarded
Aug-10 Complete on site

Mar-11
Mar-11

Mar-11 See 5.7 of report

Awaiting completion of work by
Transport Scotland

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Status
Est. Total Cost	Actual to 31/2/10	Approved Budget 2010/11	Revised Est. 2010/11	Actual to 22/11/09	Est. 2011/12	Est. 2012/13	Est. 2013/14	Future Years	Start Date	Original Completion Date	Current Completion Date		
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000					
Environmental Services													
Supported Borrowing													
	460	57	403	338					Mar-10	Aug-10	Oct-10	See 5.9 of report	
	460	57	403	338	0	0	0	0					
Prudentially Funded													
	85		85										
	7,008	956	5,350	3,710	451	251			Sep-09	Oct-10	Mar-11	See 5.8 of report	
	7,093	956	5,435	3,710	451	251	0	0					
Grant Funded													
	384	23	121	41	6	160	80	80	Sep-10	Mar-11	Mar-11	See 5.4 of report	
	384	23	121	41	6	160	80	80					
CFCR													
	250	81	169	169	23				May-09				
	250	81	169	169	23	0	0	0					
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - TOTAL													
	8,187	1,117	6,128	4,077	611	331	80	0					
Planning Services													
	64	10	54	44	11	10			Mar-10	Feb-11	Mar-11	See 5.4	
	64	10	54	44	11	10	0	0					
PLANNING SERVICES TOTAL													
	64	10	54	44	11	10	0	0					
Community Investment Fund													
	4	0	4	4									
	4	0	4	4	0								
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND - TOTAL													
	4	0	4	4	0	0	0	0					
SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES TOTAL													
	18,325	1,341	9,652	5,102	2,810	2,481	2,210	0					

Work on some sites underway and tender preparation for the others is in progress