

Report To: Environment & Regeneration
Committee

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Subject: Former Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme 2012/15 -
Progress

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Committee in respect of the status of the projects within the former Safe, Sustainable Communities Committee 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 former Safe, Sustainable Communities Capital Programme.
- 2.2 It can be seen from the table in 6.2 that the projected spend over 2012/15 is £23.087m which means that the total projected spend is on budget.
- 2.3 Expenditure is currently 1.42% of 2012/13 projected spend with no slippage currently reported.
- 2.4 The Capital report reflects the Committee structures existing prior to the recent re-organisation. As the new Committee structures have been confirmed it is intended that a single, consolidated report will be presented to future Committee meetings.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Committee note the current position of the 2011/15 Capital Programme and the progress on specific projects detailed in Appendix 1.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In February 2011 the Council agreed a three year Capital Programme covering the period 2011/14. The Government has subsequently announced 2014/15 Capital Grant allocations and in February 2012 the Council agreed both to extend the Capital Programme to include financial year 2014/15 and to fund a number of additional Capital projects from available reserves.

It should be noted that 2011/12 is now included in prior year spend and that the year end process is still ongoing and therefore the 2011/12 outturn is subject to change.

- 4.2 The Capital report reflects the Committee structures existing prior to the recent re-organisation. As the new Committee structures have been confirmed it is intended that a single, consolidated report will be presented to future Committee meetings.
- 4.3 In addition to these projects which have been added to the programme further funding for Roads (£1m for Flooding & £2.2m for Roads/Footways & Lighting Investment) was agreed but is dependent on Government confirmation that funds currently set aside for the Landfill Tax Penalty Scheme will not be required. These projects will be added to the programme on confirmation that the funding is available

5.0 PROGRESS (Major Projects)

- 5.1 Additional funding of £1million was allocated towards Road Improvements from Revenue Reserves in September 2011 and the actual spend to end of March 2012 is £993,000. This is £241,000 more than previously reported, due to the Service progressing works quicker than originally estimated. This has been partly due to there being fewer delays than expected as a result of the mild winter. A further £1.4m additional funding from Reserves was awarded in February 2012 and has been allocated to 2012/13. The Service is projecting that the full £2.8m allocation for 2012/13 will be fully spent by March 2013.
- 5.2 An additional £233,000 of funding within the Vehicle Replacement Programme has slipped into 2012/13. This is due to further utilisation assessments being carried out prior to any vehicle replacements. The Service is anticipating that full spend of the 2012/13 budget including this slippage will be achieved.
- 5.3 Phase 5c of the development of Knocknairshill Cemetery was due to conclude in late 2011. The works were delayed due to the original contractor going into administration and a new procurement process having to be entered into in order to appoint a new contractor to undertake the balance of the works. The works are currently being undertaken and expected to be concluded in May 2012. Based on the most recent valuation there will be an underspend on the works amounting to £69,000. The Service is currently developing proposals for cemetery expansion in Inverclyde which will be the subject of a future report to this committee. As previously reported £127,000 of funding from 2011/12 has slipped to 2012/13 until such times as these proposals are finalised and agreed.
- 5.4 In March 2012 the Council approved a proposed programme of projects for Flooding funded from the Roads Capital budget for 2012/15. This included £1m for match funding for the Flood Action Plan for 2012/13 – 2013/14 and beyond. This is dependent on Government confirmation that funds currently set aside for Land Fill Tax Penalty Scheme will not be required. This will be added to the programme on confirmation that the funding is available.

Culvert extensions at Hole Burn and Carts Burn are being delayed awaiting SEPA's decision to grant a CAR license to the Cartsburn. Until such decision is known, no change to previously reported budgets can be made.

- 5.5 £95,000 of funding for Bridge Strengthening carried forward from 2011/12 is currently out to tender and will be carried out in 2012/13.
- 5.6 Within Play Areas, £209,000 has been carried forward from 2011/12 into 2012/13, this is £38,000 more than previously reported. This is because some of the projects will not be completed until early in the new financial year, due in part to an extended lead time for equipment manufacture. A further £75,000 will be carried forward to 2013/14 due to the amended date of a Lottery application by Greenock Central Residents Action Group. The original bid submission date was February 2012, but has now been revised to August 2012, which means that the works will not take place until 2013/14. In addition, there are land ownership and servitude issues still to be resolved with Network Rail as the site of the proposed play area is situated directly over a railway tunnel. A further £300,000 of funding was agreed by the Council in February 2012 and has been provisionally allocated to 2012/13.
- 5.7 A further £310,000 of the Scheme of Assistance (SOA) budget slipped into 2012/13. Grant legislation provides a 12 month period in which to complete works and draw down the approved grant, with this 12 month period spanning financial years. Slippage in the Scheme of Assistance budget can be attributed to committed large scale works not being practically complete by year end and therefore not being eligible for grant payment by 31st March 2012.
- 5.8 As previously reported Environmental and Commercial Services has carried forward from 2011/12 £59,000 allocated from the Zero Waste fund for the implementation of a trial Glass Collection Scheme and the procurement and delivery of this will be carried out in 2012/13. The remaining 2012/13 budget will be split between the development and refurbishment of bring sites and recycling points and the ongoing maintenance of the Materials Recycling Facility.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The figures in Appendix 1 detail the position at 30 April 2012. Expenditure to date is £92,000, which is 1.42% of the 2012/13 projected spend of £6.478m (Appendix 1).
- 6.2 The current 2012/15 budget is £23.087m, made up of £5.650m Supported Borrowing, £8.150m Prudential Borrowing, £5.947m of CFCR, £3.114m of Grant Funding and £0.226m of funding from external parties. The current projection is £23.087m which means the current projection is on budget.

Service	Approved Budget 2012/15 £000	Current Position 2012/15 £000	Over / (Under) Spend £000
Environmental & Commercial Services - Roads (Appendix 1)	8,537	8,537	-
Safer Communities (Appendix 1)	3,986	3,986	
Environmental and Commercial Services (Appendix 1)	10,500	10,500	-
Regeneration & Planning (Appendix 1)	64	64	-
Total	23,087	23,087	-

- 6.3 The approved budget for 2012/13 is £6.478m. The Committee is reporting spend of £6.478m, with no slippage into future years.

6.4 Please refer to the status reports for each project contained in Appendix 1.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 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.

7.2 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.

8.0 EQUALTIES

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

COMMITTEE: SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Project Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Job Status
	Est Total Cost	Actual to 31/3/12	Approved Budget 2012/13	Revised Est 2012/13	Actual to 30/04/12	Est 2013/14	Est 2014/15	Future Years	Status
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Environmental Services - Roads									
Supported Borrowing									
Carried Forward from previous years									
Baker St Land Acquisition	110	10	100	100		0	0	0	Awaiting agreement of Land Acquisition
Previous Years Provisions:									
Footway Reconstruction/Resurfacing	199	178	21	21		0	0	0	Ongoing
Traffic Measures	50	33	17	17		0	0	0	Kilmacolm pedestrian crossing delayed due to Scottish Water completing water mains.
Traffic Measures	50	10	40	40		0	0	0	Project being designed.
Bridge Strengthening	100	1	4	4		95	0	0	Out to Tender
Lighting Replacement	180	169	11	11		0	0	0	Awaiting Scottish Power disconnections.
Bogstone Ramp	25	11	14	14		0	0	0	Ramp complete. Other structural work being progressed.
2012/13 Provision									
Carriage Way Reconstruction/Resurfacing	2,235	0	600	600	92	665	970	0	10% complete.
Dunrod Road	250		250	250					Tenders returned - seeking Committee approval to award over £250k.
Footway Reconstruction/Resurfacing	580		220	220		260	100		10% complete.
Lighting, Lit Signs and Bollards	500		200	200		200	100		Work started - 5% complete.
Traffic Measures	250		75	75		100	75		Implementation of one way system in Gourrock out for consultation.
Structures	110		30	30		50	30		Project designed - out for consultation.
Equipment	200					100	100		
Road Markings	75		25	25		25	25		Ongoing
Roads - Supported Borrowing Total	4,914	412	1,607	1,607	92	1,495	1,400	0	
Grant Funding									
Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets	303	0	93	93		85	125	0	Ongoing
Roads - Grant Funding Total	303	0	93	93	0	85	125	0	
CFCR									
Flooding Strategy Ph 1 & 2	920	418	252	252		250	0	0	Ongoing
Additional Funding for Road Improvements - Carriage Way Recon/Resurfacing	2,400	993	1,407	1,407		0	0	0	
Roads - CFCR Total	3,320	1,411	1,659	1,659	0	250	0	0	
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - ROADS TOTAL	8,537	1,823	3,359	3,359	92	1,830	1,525	0	

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	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Safer Communities									
Supported Borrowing									
Scheme of Assistance (previously PSHG) - Aids and Adaptations	200		100	100		100	0	0	
<u>Safer Communities Supported Borrowing Total</u>	200	0	100	100	0	100	0	0	
Grant Funded									
Scheme of Assistance (previously PSHG)	2,283		833	833		500	950	0	
<u>Safer Communities Grant Funding Total</u>	2,283	0	833	833	0	500	950	0	
CFCR									
Scheme of Assistance (previously PSHG)	903		470	470		433	0	0	
Scheme of Assistance (previously PSHG) - earmarked reserve 2010/11	300	100	100	100		100	0	0	
Scheme of Assistance (previously PSHG) - earmarked reserve 2011/12	300	150	150	150		0	0	0	
<u>Safer Communities CFCR Total</u>	1,503	250	720	720	0	533	0	0	
SAFER COMMUNITIES - TOTAL	3,986	250	1,653	1,653	0	1,133	950	0	
Environmental Services									
Supported Borrowing									
Knocknairshill Cemetery Ph5c	460	418	42	42		0	0	0	See paragraph 5.3 of report.
<u>Environmental Services Supported Borrowing Total</u>	460	418	42	42	0	0	0	0	
Prudentially Funded									
Knocknairshill Cemetery Ph5c	85	0	35	35		50	0	0	See paragraph 5.3 of report.
Vehicles - Prudentially Funded per Transport Review	8,065	6,249	483	483		383	950	0	Ongoing
<u>Environmental Services Prudentially Funded Total</u>	8,150	6,249	518	518	0	433	950	0	
Grant Funded									
Zero Waste Fund	464	135	169	169		80	80	0	Ongoing
<u>Environmental Services Grant Funded Total</u>	464	135	169	169	0	80	80	0	
CFCR									
Play Areas (includes £76k of Supported Borrowing & £226k of funding from Bond)	1,426	628	723	723		75	0	0	Ongoing
<u>Environmental Services CFCR Total</u>	1,426	628	723	723	0	75	0	0	
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - TOTAL	10,500	7,430	1,452	1,452	0	588	1,030	0	
Planning Services									
Grant Funded									
Former SNH Grant	64	50	14	14		0	0	0	Ongoing
<u>Planning Services Grant Funded Total</u>	64	50	14	14	0	0	0	0	
PLANNING SERVICES TOTAL	64	50	14	14	0	0	0	0	
SAFE, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES TOTAL	23,087	9,553	6,478	6,478	92	3,551	3,505	0	