
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	3 November 2015
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Subject:	Education Capital Programme 2015 – 2018 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 Education 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 overall Education Capital Programme.

2.2 The Capital Programme reflects the review of the School Estate Funding Model as reported to the November 2014 Committee and covers the period 2015/18. It should be noted that a revised School Estate Funding Model is included later on the agenda for approval.

2.3 Overall the Committee is projecting to contain the costs of the 2015/18 Capital Programme within available budgets.

2.4 Expenditure at 8th October is 49.55% of 2015/16 approved budget. No slippage is being reported.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the Committee note the progress on the specific projects detailed in Appendix 1.

3.2 That the Committee note the review of the School Estate Funding Model which is a separate item on the agenda.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 This report shows the current position of the approved Education Capital Programme reflecting the allocation of resources approved by the Committee at the meeting of 4th November 2014. The annual review of the School Estate Funding Model is covered under separate report on the agenda for this Committee.
- 4.2 The School Estate Strategy approved by the Committee will deliver a comprehensive programme of new and refurbished schools which will address the modernisation of the Council's entire school stock. The remainder of the programme runs for more than 12 years. The Education Capital Programme detailed in this report shows details of projects which will incur expenditure up to March 2018.

5.0 ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT

- 5.1 The school transferred back to the refurbished and extended St John's Primary School building over the course of the exceptional closure days at the end of September with first day of operation 1st October. The Client Services Team is working with the school and stakeholders in conjunction with the Contractor to address snagging, defects and any minor works remaining utilising the forthcoming October holiday period and out of hours working as required during the defects liability period. It should be noted that during the final stages of clearing the site and the process of removing the Contractor's temporary accommodation from the playground, damage was caused to the public footway and sections of the existing wall along Glen Avenue. Temporary works including fencing and traffic management were put in place to allow the school to occupy and will remain in place until the remedial works to the wall and footway are completed. The scope of remedial works is currently being established and a programme to complete will be prepared thereafter to allow the works to be taken forward by the main contractor as soon as possible.

6.0 ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

- 6.1 The St Patrick's Primary School project commenced on site on Monday 10th August 2015 to complete October 2016. The Contractor has completed the demolition of the existing building with works commenced on the alterations to the main entrance including the formation of the permanent car park and new pedestrian access. The groundworks for the new building are also underway with foundations and drainage scheduled to commence in November. Transfer to the new facility is programmed after the October 2016 holiday period as previously confirmed.

7.0 KILMACOLM PRIMARY SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT

- 7.1 The Kilmacolm Primary School project has now achieved financial close with a site start scheduled for 19th October to complete October 2016. The decant of the existing school is underway with the last day in the existing building Friday 9th October and exceptional closure days of 20th, 21st and 22nd October with first day of operation in the former St Stephen's High School decant facility on Friday 23rd October. The modular accommodation to serve the Nursery Class during the construction works is now in place with the final fencing and ramp works nearing completion. The Client Services Team is maintaining regular contact with the School and Parent Partnership throughout the stages of the project.

8.0 PRIMARY SCHOOL MULTI-USE GAMES AREAS (MUGAs)

- 8.1 Funding for the above was allocated as part of the Council's budget setting exercise early in 2014. Works have been completed at all of the primary schools originally

programmed to receive the investment. The September 2015 Education and Communities Committee approved the utilisation of the projected budget underspend to address the provision of Multi-Use Games Areas at Gourrock and Moorfoot Primary Schools. The designs for both are at an advanced stage with tender issue imminent.

9.0 DEMOLITION WORKS

- 9.1 Former Greenock Academy – as reported to the September Committee additional asbestos debris was discovered during the final stage of the demolition works. Specialist advice has been sought in respect of the solutions for dealing with the site and extensive testing has been undertaken with some further trial pit works underway to inform the final solution. The site is being monitored in accordance with the recommendations of the specialist. Additional funding of £420k has been approved and allocated against the current budget line pending final scoping and tendering of the completion works.
- 9.2 Former St Stephen's HS – following the November 2014 Committee approval for the use of the building as decant accommodation for Kilmacolm Primary School during its refurbishment, the demolition is now scheduled for early 2017. Partial stripping out and securing works in the areas of the building not planned for temporary use have been completed. Following the sale of the site to River Clyde Homes provision has been made in the 2014/15 accounts reflecting the value of the demolition project.

10.0 EARLY YEARS PROJECTS

- 10.1 Following the update reports to Committee on the implementation of 600 hours of Early Learning and Childcare, the Client Services Team has worked in conjunction with the Early Years Service to develop a prioritised list of 2015/16 projects. The list of projects is as previously reported with updates on current position included below:
- Binnie Street Children's Centre – Remodelling to introduce provision for 2-3 years olds. Works were taken forward during the summer holiday period and are now complete.
 - Rainbow Family Centre – Minor adaptations to increase 2-3 year olds provision. Works were taken forward and completed during the Easter 2015 holiday period.
 - Wellpark Children's Centre – Minor adaptations to increase 2-3 year olds provision. Works were taken forward during the summer holiday period and are now complete.
 - Larkfield Children's Centre – Remodelling and refurbishment to comply with new legislation. The Service has been temporarily decanted to the former Garvel Deaf Centre building and within one of the modular units at the former Sacred Heart PS decant facility where it will operate from for the period of the works. Works commenced on site in August to complete October 2015 and are nearing completion.

11.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 11.1 The expenditure at 8th October 2015 is £3.221m from a budget of £6.5m. This is expenditure of 49.55% of the approved budget after 52.08% of the year. No slippage is currently being reported. Following review of the current projects and the likely spend profiles revised profiles are being reported on the following (a number of these are as reported to the September Committee):

- Greenock Academy Demolition – minor increased spend in the current year due to cost increase for issues note in 9.1 above.
- Ardgowan PS Refurbishment & Extension – increased spend in the current year due to retaining wall works previously reported to Committee.
- St Francis PS External Works – decreased spend in the current year due to tenders returned under budget (balance returned to contingency in future years).
- Primary School MUGA's – decreased spend in the current year due to projected budget underspend. Potentially could be recovered if projects noted in 8.1 are progressed to site in the current year as planned.
- Free School Meals Capital Grant – revised projection (decrease).

11.2 The current budget position reflects the following:

- SEMP model approved by Committee in November 2014. This will be updated for the next Committee following approval of the revised model being reported elsewhere on this agenda.
- Grant funding received in respect of implementation of the Children & Young People Bill and Free School Meals.
- Grant funding projected to be received in respect of project specific awards in connection with the Scotland's Schools for the Future programme.

The current budget is £34.330m, made up of £30.627m SEMP Supported Borrowing, £1.930m Non-SEMP Supported Borrowing and £1.773m Prudential Borrowing. The Current Projection is £34.330m.

11.3	Education & Communities	Approved Budget £000	Current Position £000	Overspend / (Underspend) £000
	Total School Estate	32,400	32,400	-
	Total Non School Estate	1,930	1,930	-
	Total	34,330	34,330	-

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

Legal

11.5 There are no legal issues.

Human Resources

11.6 There are no human resources issues.

Equalities

11.7 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

X	NO - This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required. See below.
	YES (see attached appendix)

Individual projects consider DDA issues as part of the development of the detailed designs and Building Standards approval (where required). There are no equalities issues.

Repopulation

- 11.8 The regeneration works outlined in this report should contribute to retaining and increasing the population within the area. There are no repopulation issues.

12.0 CONSULTATION

- 12.1 There are no direct staffing implications in respect of the report and as such the Head of Organisational Development, HR and Communications has not been consulted.
- 12.2 There are no legal issues arising from the content of this report and as such the Head of Legal and Property Services has not been consulted.

13.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 13.1 Education Capital Programme Technical Progress Reports October 2015. (A technical progress report is a project specific report which details the financial and progress position for current projects which have a legal commitment).

EDUCATION CAPITAL REPORT APPENDIX 1

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES

Project Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Est Total Cost	Actual to 31/3/15	Approved Budget 2015/16	Revised Est. 2015/16	Actual to 08/10/15	Est. 2016/17	Est. 2017/18	Future Years	Start Date	Original Completion Date	Current Completion Date
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000			
SEMP Projects											
Demolish Greenock Academy	746	641	71	95	68	10	0	0	Jan-15	-	Aug-15
Demolish St Stephens HS	500	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	Jan-17	-	Jun-17
Ardgowan PS - Refurbishment & Extension	6,203	5,443	333	760	760	0	0	0	Apr-14	Apr-15	Aug-15
St Patrick's PS - New Build	7,012	123	1,975	1,975	349	4,714	200	0	Aug-15	-	Oct-16
St John's PS - Refurbishment & Extension	2,796	869	1,675	1,530	1,247	397	0	0	Dec-14	-	Sep-15
Kilmacolm PS - Refurbishment	4,270	56	958	958	4	3,156	100	0	Oct-15	-	Oct-16
Early Years (C&YPB - 600Hrs + 2Yr Olds)	1,431	124	314	314	101	993	0	0	Apr-14	-	Mar-17
Early Years Establishments - Refurbishment	1,331	0	0	0	0	1,264	67	0	Apr-16	-	Mar-17
St Francis PS - External Works	240	11	327	216	216	13	0	0	Jun-15	-	Aug-15
Free School Meals Capital Grant	60	0	60	33	10	27	0	0	Apr-15	-	Mar-16
Lifecycle Fund	2,848	378	210	210	106	1,132	1,128	0	Apr-14	-	Mar-18
Balance of Contingency	271	0	65	48	0	158	65	0			
Future Projects *	4,610	0	0	0	0	166	1,748	2,696			
Complete on site	585	0	0	0	0	585	0	0			
TOTAL SEMP	32,903	8,145	5,988	6,139	2,861	12,615	3,308	2,696			
Non-SEMP Projects											
Whinhill/St Ninians PS - MUGA/Blaes Pitch Upgrades	625	504	26	81	80	40	0	0	Apr-14	-	Aug-15
Primary School MUGA's - Various	802	49	486	280	280	473	0	0	Apr-14	-	Apr-16
TOTAL non-SEMP	1,427	553	512	361	360	513	0	0			
TOTAL ALL PROJECTS	34,330	8,698	6,500	6,500	3,221	13,128	3,308	2,696			

* The Future Projects allowance includes expenditure on projects within the reporting period only. The SEMP model includes allowances for the future refurbishment of Moorfoot PS, St Mary's PS, Lady Alice PS, St Ninian's PS and works to Gourrock PS.