

Report

Report to: Education Resources Committee

Date of Meeting: **5 December 2023**

Report by: Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject: Education Resources - Capital Budget Monitoring

2023/2024

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

◆ provide information on the progress of the capital programme for Education Resources for the period 1 April to 6 October 2023.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation:-
 - (1) that the Education Resources capital programme of £19.333 million, and expenditure to date of £7.674 million, be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. This is the third capital monitoring report presented to the Education Resources Committee for the financial year 2023/2024. Further reports will follow throughout the year.
- 3.2. As noted in the last report to this Committee (26 September 2023), the budget for Education Resources for financial year 2023/2024 was £19.333 million. There has been no change to this budget since the last report to this Committee.
- 3.3. The report details the financial position for Education Resources in Appendix A.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. There are no employee implications as a result of this report.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. **2023/2024 Budget**

The total capital programme for Education Resources is £19.333 million, as detailed in Section 3.2.

5.2. **Period 7 Position**

Anticipated spend to date was £7.718 million and spend to 6 October 2023 amounts to £7.674 million. The spend is, therefore, behind programme by £0.044 million reflecting timing issues only, most notably the new Wooddean Early Learning Centre, Bothwell (formerly Clyde Terrace).

5.3. This Committee was previously advised that the handover of the new nursery would occur in November 2023. However, Building Services have been required to provide additional fire protection barriers behind the cladding of the building. As the supply timescale for this material is considerable, the completion and handover of the building to Education Resources is now scheduled for April 2024.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

6.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

7. Other Implications

7.1. The main risk associated with the Council's Capital Programme is that there is an overspend. The risk has been assessed as low given the detailed project management plans prepared and monitored for each project. The risk of overspend is managed through four weekly Investment Management Meetings.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. There is also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in the report.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

♦ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

Previous References

♦ Education Resources Committee, 26 September 2023

List of Background Papers

Financial ledger to 6 October 2023

Contact for Further Information

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South Lanarkshire Council Capital Expenditure 2023-24 Education Resources Programme For Period 1 April 2023 – 6 October 2023

Education Resources	Base Budget £000	Budget Adjustments £000	Slippage/ Acceleration £000	Total Budget £000	Budget to Date £000	Actual Expenditure £000
Growth / Accommodation Pressures	6,691	594	(192)	7,093	5,593	5,883
1,140 Hours	3,280	-	-	3,280	1,462	1,178
ICT Developments	2,035	20	-	2,055	400	401
Free School Meals	6,671	-	-	6,671	263	212
Inspiring School Age Childcare Spaces Programme		234	-	234	-	-
TOTAL	18,677	848	(192)	19,333	7,718	7,674