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| Report to: | Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum |
| Date of Meeting: | 7 April 2011 |
| Report by: | Archibald Strang, Chief Executive |

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| Subject: | Capital Budget Monitoring 2010-11 |
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update members of the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum of progress on the Council's capital programmes for the period covering 1 April 2010 to 18 February 2011 .

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Budget Scrutiny Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the progress of the Housing Capital Programme is noted; and
- (2) that the progress of the General Fund Capital Programme is noted.

3. Background

3.1. The Capital reports attached provide detail on the position as at 18 February 2011 from both a financial and physical perspective.

3.2. The papers have been split into separate sections detailing financial progress and physical progress as shown below:

- Appendix A – Housing Capital Programme, Financial Information
- Appendix B – Housing Capital Programme, Physical Progress
- Appendix C – General Services Capital Programme, Financial Information
- Appendix D – General Services Capital Programme, Build Physical Progress
- Appendix E – General Services Capital Programme, Non-Build Physical Progress
- Appendix F – General Services Capital Programme, Roads Physical Progress

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The financial position of the Housing and General Fund Capital Programmes are noted in Appendices A and D respectively.
- 5.2. The total Housing Capital Programme for the year is £42.033m.
- 5.3. Budget for the period is £35.207m and spending to 18 February 2011 amounts to £31.755m (75.55%). This represents spend of £3.452m behind profile. This time last year £31.259m was spent (77.30%).
- 5.4. Housing and Technical Resources have advised that an underspend of £1.329m is anticipated in 2010/2011 following the recent bad weather conditions. This has impacted on the Kitchen and Bathroom, External Fabric and New Council House Build Programmes. Relevant officials will continue to monitor this and every effort will be made to reduce the potential underspend.
- 5.5. Programmed funding for the year totals £42.033m, as at 18 February 2011 £31.755m had been received.
- 5.6. The total General Fund Capital Programme for the year is £128.517m.
- 5.7. Budget for the period is £109.676m and spend to the 18 February 2011 is £95.597m (74.38%). This represents spend of £14.079m behind profile, and in the main this can be attributed to underspends within Education Resources, Enterprise Resources and Housing and Technical Resources. At this point last year £100.358m had been spent, 66.81% of the programme.
- 5.8. Current estimates from Housing & Technical Resources suggest an outturn for the financial year of £122m.
- 5.9. Actual funding received to 18 February 2011 is £122.468m (95.29%).

6. Other Implications

- 6.1. The main risk associated with the Council's Capital Programme is failure to manage the projects resulting in a significant overspend. The risk has been assessed as low given the detailed project management plans prepared and monitored for each project. The risk of an overspend is managed through 4 weekly Investment Management Meetings.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

Archibald Strang
Chief Executive

16 March 2011

Link(s) to Council Values/Improvement Themes/Objectives

Value:

Accountable, Effective and Efficient

Previous References

Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum, 3 March 2011

List of Background Papers

Capital Ledger prints to 18 February 2011

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