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Report to: Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum

Date of Meeting: 3 February 2011

Report by: Archibald Strang, Chief Executive

Subject: Capital Budget Monitoring 2010-11

## 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 23 December 2010.

### 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 23 December 2010 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. 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.
- 5.3. The total General Fund Capital Programme for the year is £128.517m.

### 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

18 January 2011

# Link(s) to Council Values/Improvement Themes/Objectives *Value*:

Accountable, Effective and Efficient

#### **Previous References**

Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum, 9 December 2010

#### **List of Background Papers**

Capital Ledger prints to 23 December 2010

## **Contact for Further Information**

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