



Council Offices, Almada Street
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Tuesday, 27 October 2020

Dear Councillor

Executive Committee

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

Date: Wednesday, 04 November 2020
Time: 10:00
Venue: By Microsoft Teams,

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Cleland Sneddon
Chief Executive

Members

John Ross (Chair/ex officio), Maureen Chalmers (Depute Chair), Alex Allison, John Anderson, John Bradley, Robert Brown, Stephanie Callaghan, Gerry Convery, Margaret Cooper, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Isobel Dorman, Joe Fagan, Allan Falconer, Eileen Logan, Katy Loudon, Joe Lowe, Monique McAdams, Kenny McCreary, Colin McGavigan, Jim McGuigan, Gladys Miller, Lynne Nailon, Richard Nelson, David Shearer, Margaret B Walker, Jim Wardhaugh, Josh Wilson

Substitutes

Andy Carmichael, Poppy Corbett, George Greenshields, Graeme Horne, Mark Horsham, Martin Grant Hose, Ann Le Blond, Richard Lockhart, Hugh Macdonald, Catherine McClymont, Mark McGeever, Graham Scott, Collette Stevenson, Bert Thomson, David Watson

BUSINESS

1 Declaration of Interests

- 2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting** 5 - 12
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- 9 **South Lanarkshire Local Housing Strategy Annual Review 2019/2020** 59 - 68
Report dated 4 November 2020 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources). (Copy attached)

Urgent Business

- 10 **Urgent Business**
Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams and in the Banqueting Hall, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 23 September 2020

Chair:

Councillor John Ross (ex officio)

Councillors Present:

Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor John Anderson, Councillor John Bradley, Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Stephanie Callaghan, Councillor Maureen Chalmers (Depute), Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Peter Craig, Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Isobel Dorman, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Martin Grant Hose (*substitute for Councillor Colin McGavigan*), Councillor Richard Lockhart (*substitute for Councillor Kenny McCreary*), Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Hugh Macdonald (*substitute for Councillor David Shearer*), Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Catherine McClymont (*substitute for Councillor Eileen Logan*), Councillor Jim McGuigan, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor Graham Scott (*substitute for Councillor Gerry Convery*), Councillor Margaret B Walker, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh, Councillor Josh Wilson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Colin McGavigan, Councillor David Shearer

Attending:

Chief Executive's Service

C Sneddon, Chief Executive

Community and Enterprise Resources

M McGlynn, Executive Director

Education Resources

T McDaid, Executive Director

Finance and Corporate Resources

P Manning, Executive Director; T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy; P MacRae, Administration Adviser; G McCann, Head of Administration and Legal Services; K McVeigh, Head of Personnel Services

Housing and Technical Resources

D Lowe, Executive Director

Social Work Resources/Health and Social Care

V de Souza, Director; M Kane, Service Development Manager

Chair's Remarks – Statement from the Chief Executive

The Chair invited the Chief Executive to make a short statement.

The Chief Executive confirmed that an elected member of the Council had tested positive for COVID-19. Tracing had taken place and those who had been in contact with that member had been asked to self-isolate for a period of 2 weeks. The Chief Executive reminded members of the importance of maintaining the physical safety arrangements that the Council had put in place.

The Chair extended his best wishes for a speedy recovery to the member affected.

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 12 August 2020 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Revenue Budget Monitoring for Period 5 – 1 April to 14 August 2020

A report dated 25 August 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted:-

- ♦ providing an update on 2020/2021 Revenue Budget for the General Fund, taking account of the financial implications of the coronavirus pandemic
- ♦ comparing actual expenditure against budgeted expenditure for the period ending 14 August 2020
- ♦ detailing the expenditure and income position for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) to 14 August 2020

The figures showed an overspend of £0.005 million on the General Fund Revenue Account, after COVID-19 spend and funding, and a breakeven position on the Housing Revenue Account. The forecast to 31 March 2021 on the Housing Revenue Account was a breakeven position.

Details of the COVID-19 pressures across Resources were included in Appendix 1 to the report. Details were also provided on the Council's predicted COVID-19 net spend of £4.639 million for 2020/2021, taking account of additional grant funding and other savings.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the net overspend of £0.005 million on the General Fund Revenue Account at 14 August 2020, after COVID-19 spend and funding, be noted;
- (2) that the breakeven position on the Housing Revenue Account at 14 August 2020 and the forecast to 31 March 2021 of a breakeven position be noted;
- (3) that the total net expenditure and lost income of £9.954 million in relation to COVID-19, offset by Government Grant included in the Council's position as at 14 August 2020, be noted;
- (4) that the pressures experienced in Children and Families Services and Adults and Older People Services be noted; and
- (5) that the Council's predicted COVID-19 spend of £4.639 million for 2020/2021 be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 August 2020 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Capital Programme 2020/2021 Update and Monitoring for Period 5 – 1 April to 14 August 2020

A report dated 27 August 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the physical and financial progress at 14 August 2020 on the various capital programmes.

The starting budget for the 2020/2021 General Fund Capital Programme, including carry forward, totalled £106.733 million and the Housing Capital Programme starting budget was £97.303 million.

At 14 August 2020, £11.399 million had been spent on the General Fund Capital Programme and £8.991 million had been spent on the Housing Capital Programme.

The delivery of both the General Services and Housing Capital Programmes had been affected by lockdown due to COVID-19. The ongoing implications of this, including the closure of construction sites in advance of the financial year end, had an impact on the level of capital spend achieved in 2019/2020 and continued to impact on the 2020/2021 Capital Programmes.

As a result, for both the General Services and Housing Capital Programmes, revised budgets were proposed. Details of General Services Programmes of £81.003 million and the Housing Capital Programme of £48.172 million were provided in the report. In addition, amendments to the Capital Programme for Period 5 had been proposed by Resources. Those totalled an increase of £2.113 million and were detailed in Appendix 2 to the report. Consequently, a revised budget for the General Fund Programme of £83.116 million was presented in Appendix 3 to the report.

There followed a full discussion on the report, particularly in relation to the rescheduling of funding for design stage work for Larkhall Leisure Centre from the 2020/2021 Capital Programme and its inclusion in the 2021/2022 Capital Programme. Officers responded to members' questions on this and other aspects of the report.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Chalmers, moved the recommendations contained in the report. Councillor Nelson, seconded by Councillor Allison, moved as an amendment that funding in relation to Larkhall Leisure Centre design stage work be retained in the 2020/2021 Capital Programme.

On a vote being taken by roll call, members voted as follows:-

Motion

John Anderson, John Bradley, Robert Brown, Stephanie Callaghan, Maureen Chalmers, Margaret Cooper, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Isobel Dorman, Joe Fagan, Allan Falconer, Katy Loudon, Monique McAdams, Hugh Macdonald, Catherine McClymont, Jim McGuigan, Gladys Miller, John Ross, Graham Scott, Margaret B Walker, Jim Wardhaugh, Josh Wilson

Amendment

Alex Allison, Martin Grant Hose, Richard Lockhart, Lynne Nailon, Richard Nelson

Abstained

Joe Lowe

5 members voted for the amendment and 22 members voted for the motion, which was declared carried.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the revised 2020/2021 Capital Programmes for General Services of £81.003 million and for Housing of £48.172 million be approved;
- (2) that the adjustments to the General Fund Capital Programme, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved;
- (3) that the Period 5 position, at 14 August 2020, of the General Fund Capital Programme, as detailed in Appendices 3 and 4 to the report, and that of the Housing Capital Programme, as detailed at Appendix 5 to the report, be noted; and
- (4) that the revised programmes be monitored by the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 August 2020 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Additional Funding from the Scottish Government and Other External Sources

A report dated 26 August 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on additional revenue funding, totalling £5.808 million, and capital funding, totalling £0.254 million, which had been made available to the Council by the Scottish Government and other external sources.

The funding had been allocated as follows:-

Revenue Funding

Resource	2020/2021 (£m)
Education	5.808
Total	5.808

Capital Funding

Resource	2020/2021 (£m)
Community and Enterprise	0.254
Total	0.254

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

6 Recommendations Referred from Finance and Corporate Resources Committee – Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy 2019/2020

A report dated 24 August 2020 by the Chief Executive was submitted on recommendations referred to this Committee by the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee of 19 August 2020.

The recommendations of the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee were as follows:-

- ♦ that the Treasury Management Activity Report for 2019/2020 and the 2019/2020 Treasury Management and Prudential Code Indicators be noted

- ♦ that the Council's Annual Investment Report for 2019/2020 be endorsed and referred to the Council for formal approval

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the recommendation of the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee of 19 August 2020 in relation to the Treasury Management Activity Report for 2019/2020 and the 2019/2020 Treasury Management and Prudential Code Indicators be noted; and
- (2) that the recommendation of the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee of 19 August 2020 in relation to the Annual Investment Report for 2019/2020 be endorsed and referred to the Council for formal approval.

[Reference: Minutes of the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee of 19 August 2020 (Paragraph 13)]

7 South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme Update

A report dated 17 August 2020 by the Director, Health and Social Care was submitted on an update to the South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme.

Councils and NHS Boards were required to review their Integration Scheme every 5 years as a requirement of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

Integration Schemes set out the rules of engagement and workings of Health and Social Care arrangements and the functions which the Council and NHS Board chose to delegate to the Integration Joint Board from a strategic oversight perspective. The previous Integration Scheme had been given assent by the Scottish Parliament in September 2015 and, as such, now required to be reviewed.

The draft Integration Scheme was attached as Appendix 1 to the report and was the outcome of a desktop-based exercise involving a small group of staff from the Council's Legal Services and members of the Health and Social Care Management Team. The exercise aimed to update the terminology within the 2015 Scheme to reflect the present environment without changing any of the delegated functions or role and span of the Integration Joint Board.

Unlike the initial submission, there was no requirement for the review to be resubmitted to the Scottish Government for approval. However, any future, more comprehensive review would require to be submitted for approval by the Cabinet Secretary.

It was proposed to undertake a further review of the Integration Scheme to look in detail at recommendations cited in the Scottish Government's Ministerial Strategic Group report on Health and Social Care Integration, with particular regard to strategic planning, finance, governance, information sharing, collaborative leadership and meaningful/sustained engagement.

Officers responded to members' concerns around accountability in terms of the current arrangements in the longer term. Those concerns would be examined in more detail as part of the upcoming review.

The Committee decided: that the updated South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

8 Recommendations Referred from Resource Committees

A report dated 8 September 2020 by the Chief Executive was submitted on recommendations referred to this Committee by the:-

- ◆ Education Resources Committee of 18 August 2020
- ◆ Social Work Resources Committee of 19 August 2020
- ◆ Finance and Corporate Resources Committee of 19 August 2020

The recommendation of the Education Resources Committee was as follows:-

- ◆ that the Education Resource Plan for 2020/2021 be approved and uploaded to the Council's website

The recommendation of the Social Work Resources Committee was as follows:-

- ◆ that the Social Work Resource Plan for 2020/2021 be approved and uploaded to the Council's website

The recommendation of the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee was as follows:-

- ◆ that the Finance and Corporate Resource Plan for 2020/2021 be approved and uploaded to the Council's website

The Committee decided: that the recommendations referred by the Education Resources, Social Work Resources and Finance and Corporate Resources Committees in relation to their Resource Plans for 2020/2021 be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of Education Resources Committee of 18 August 2020 (Paragraph 11), Minutes of Social Work Resources Committee of 19 August 2020 (Paragraph 8) and Minutes of Finance and Corporate Resources Committee of 19 August 2020 (Paragraph 11)]

9 Council Complaints Report – SPSO Annual Overview 2019/2020

A report dated 28 August 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted:-

- ◆ detailing the performance of the Council in handling complaints received during the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 against the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) national indicators
- ◆ on improvement activity to be undertaken as a result of the analysis of complaints
- ◆ providing details of customer feedback on complaints handling

Performance against the 8 SPSO indicators was detailed in the report.

In compliance with the requirements of Indicator 8, customer satisfaction feedback had been gathered from customers who had been through the complaints process. The feedback for 2019/2020 was summarised in Appendix 2 to the report.

Officers responded to members' questions in relation to the report and on concerns raised regarding the complaints handling process. In response to a member's request, the Director, Health and Social Care, undertook to circulate contact details for NHS Lanarkshire for instances where constituent complaints directed to councillors would be best directed to NHS.

The Committee decided: that the complaints performance and areas highlighted for improvement be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 28 August 2019 (Paragraph 14)]

10 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Report

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Report to: **Executive Committee**
 Date of Meeting: **4 November 2020**
 Report by: **Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

Subject: **Capital Programme 2020/2021 – Monitoring for Period 6
 – 1 April 2020 to 11 September 2020**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ update the Executive Committee of progress on the General Fund Capital Programme and the Housing Capital Programme for the period 1 April 2020 to 11 September 2020.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Executive Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):

- (1) that the Period 6 position (ended 11 September 2020) of the General Fund Capital Programme itemised at Appendices 1 - 3 and the Housing Capital Programme at Appendix 4, be noted;
- (2) that the adjustments to the General Fund programme listed at Appendix 1, be approved;
- (3) that the revised programmes be monitored by the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum.

3. Background

3.1. The attached statements to this report provide a summarised monitoring position as at 11 September 2020. Spending has been split into two separate sections:

- ◆ General Fund Capital Programme including Education, Social Work, Roads and Transportation and General Services (Section 4)
- ◆ Housing Capital Programme (Section 5)

4. Financial Implications

4.1. General Fund Capital Programme – 2020/2021 Budget

The budget agreed at Executive Committee on 23 September 2020 was £83.116 million. A revised programme of £85.090 million is now anticipated, which includes adjustments to the programme totalling an increase of £1.974 million, which are proposed in Appendix 1.

4.2. **General Fund – Period 6 Position:** The programme spend and funding for the General Fund is summarised in Appendices 2 and 3. As noted in 4.1, the total capital spending programme for the year is £85.090 million.

- 4.3. Spend to the 11 September 2020 is £16.827 million.
- 4.4. Actual funding received to 11 September 2020 is £51.515 million.
- 4.5. Relevant officers will continue to closely monitor the generation of all income including receipts.
- 5. Housing Investment Programme – 2020/21 Budget**
- 5.1. The budget agreed at Executive Committee on 23 September 2020 was £48.172 million, as shown in Appendix 4. There are no new adjustments proposed in this report. Programmed funding for the year also totals £48.172 million.
- 5.2. **Housing Investment Programme – Period 6 Position:** Budget for the period is £11.961 million and spend to 11 September 2020 amounts to £11.959 million.
- 5.3. As at 11 September 2020, £11.959 million of funding had been received.
- 5.4. Regular monitoring of both the General Fund Programme and the Housing Programme will be carried out in detail by the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum and reported on a regular basis to the Executive Committee.
- 6. Employee Implications**
- 6.1. There are no employee implications as a result of this report.
- 7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**
- 7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.
- 8. Other Implications**
- 8.1. The main risk associated with the Council's Capital Programme 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.
- 9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**
- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. There was also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

Paul Manning
Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

14 October 2020

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ♦ Accountable, Effective, Efficient and Transparent

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee, 23 September 2020

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Capital Ledger prints to 11 September 2020

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SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 2020/21
GENERAL SERVICES PROGRAMME
FOR PERIOD 1 APRIL 2020 TO 11 SEPTEMBER 2020

Proposed Adjustments

Community and Enterprise Resources

Town Centre Fund

The Scottish Government have awarded South Lanarkshire Council £0.902m for investment in Town Centre Projects across the South Lanarkshire area. The grant conditions require this funding to be fully spent, or at least work or contracts signed or commenced, by 31 March 2021. Community and Enterprise Resources are developing proposals which will be presented to Members. £0.902m

Hamilton Hub

Confirmation has been received from the Scottish Government of a funding award of £0.720m from the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund towards the new Hamilton Hub project at the New Cross Centre in Hamilton. Approval is sought to increase the 2020/21 Capital Programme by £0.720m to reflect this funding award. £0.720m

Abington Campus for Enterprise

Confirmation has been received from the Scottish Government of an additional funding contribution of £0.280m from the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund towards Abington Campus for Enterprise. This augments the £0.600m contribution which has already been added to the Capital Programme (Total Regeneration Capital Grant funding award £0.880m). £0.280m

Education Resources

COVID-19 Mitigation Funding for School Transport

The Scottish Government have awarded £0.072m to support the installation of COVID-19 mitigation measures on vehicles used for local authority provided or contracted school transport. This will allow protection measures to be put in place, fittings and fitment for both drivers and passengers of all dedicated and hybrid school bus services. Approval is sought to increase the 2020/21 Capital Programme by £0.072m to reflect this funding award. £0.072m

Minor Adjustments £0.000m

TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS £1.974m

APPENDIX 2

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 2020/21
GENERAL SERVICES PROGRAMME
FOR PERIOD 1 APRIL 2020 TO 11 SEPTEMBER 2020

Total Original Budget	£m 83.116
Proposed Adjustments – Period 6	1.974
Total Revised Budget	85.090

<u>Resource</u>	<u>2020/21 Budget</u>	<u>Period 6 Proposed Adjustments</u>	<u>Revised 2020/21 Budget</u>
	£m	£m	£m
Community & Enterprise	35.955	1.902	37.857
Education	22.656	0.072	22.728
Finance & Corporate	4.749	-	4.749
Housing & Technical	11.021	-	11.021
Social Work	0.844	-	0.844
Total Resources Capital Programme	75.225	1.974	77.199
Additional Costs	7.091	-	7.091
Housing and Technical Resources – Additional Overheads	0.800	-	0.800
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME	83.116	1.974	85.090

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 2020/21
GENERAL FUND PROGRAMME
FOR PERIOD 1 APRIL 2020 TO 11 SEPTEMBER 2020

	<u>2020/21</u> <u>Original</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>(inc C/F)</u>	<u>2020/21</u> <u>Revised</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2020/21</u> <u>Actual to</u> <u>11/09/20</u>
Expenditure	£m	£m	£m
General Fund Programme	81.003	85.090	16.827
Income	<u>2020/21</u> <u>Original</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2020/21</u> <u>Revised</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2020/21</u> <u>Actual to</u> <u>11/09/20</u>
	£m	£m	£m
Prudential Borrowing	27.782	23.918	23.918
Developers Contributions	7.021	7.171	0.615
Partners (Including SPT, Sustrans, Blantyre Construction Ltd, Transport Scotland, and Renewable Energy Fund)	5.291	5.644	0.522
Scottish Government:			
- General Capital Grant	21.373	21.373	8.905
- Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets	1.497	1.497	-
- Vacant and Derelict Land	1.000	1.000	0.485
- Early Years 1,140 Hours	12.829	12.829	12.829
- Regeneration Capital Grant	0.482	1.482	0.482
- Town Centre Regeneration Fund	1.095	1.997	1.095
- Travelling People's Sites	-	0.133	-
- Digital Inclusion	-	1.253	-
- COVID-19 Mitigation for School Transport	-	0.072	-
Glasgow City Region City Deal	-	4.057	-
Specific Reserves	1.133	1.133	1.133
Revenue Contribution	1.500	1.531	1.531
TOTAL FUNDING	81.003	85.090	51.515

APPENDIX 4

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE 2020/21 HOUSING PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD 1 APRIL 2020 TO 11 SEPTEMBER 2020

	<u>2020/21</u> <u>Annual</u> <u>Budget</u> £m	<u>2020/21</u> <u>Budget to</u> <u>11/09/20</u> £m	<u>2020/21</u> <u>Actual to</u> <u>11/09/20</u> £m
EXPENDITURE			
2020/21 Budget	48.172	11.961	11.959
Incl. carry forward from 2019/20			
	<u>2020/21</u> <u>Annual</u> <u>Budget</u> £m		<u>2020/21</u> <u>Actual to</u> <u>11/09/20</u> £m
INCOME			
Capital Funded from Current Revenue	18.134		11.532
Prudential Borrowing	9.994		-
Scottish Government Specific Grant:			
– New Build	18.124		0.427
– Open Market Purchase Scheme	1.800		-
– Mortgage to Rent	0.120		-
TOTAL FUNDING	48.172		11.959

Report

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Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	4 November 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Revenue Budget Monitoring for Period 6: 1 April 2020 to 11 September 2020
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ◆ advise the Committee on the overall financial position of the Council's General Fund Revenue Account and Housing Revenue Account for the period 1 April 2020 to 11 September 2020, and
- ◆ advise the Committee of an update on the 2020/2021 Revenue Budget for the Council's General Fund, taking into account the financial implications of the coronavirus pandemic.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the net overspend of £0.182 million on the General Fund Revenue Account at 11 September 2020, after COVID-19 spend and funding (Section 4 and Appendix 1), be noted;
- (2) that the breakeven position on the Housing Revenue Account at 11 September 2020 (section 5 and Appendix 4 of the report), and the forecast to 31 March 2021 of breakeven, be noted;
- (3) that the total net expenditure and lost income of £11.272 million in relation to COVID-19, offset by Government Grant included in the Council's position as at 11 September 2020 (section 4.4) be noted;
- (4) that the pressures being experienced in Children and Families and Adults and Older People (section 4.15 and 4.16), be noted; and
- (5) that the Council's predicted COVID-19 spend of £4.657 million for 2020/2021 (Table 3), be noted.

3. Background

3.1. General Services Position

The report will summarise the actual expenditure and income to 11 September 2020 compared with the budget for the same period. This includes spend to date due to the COVID-19 outbreak. This is summarised in Section 4.

3.2. Housing Revenue Account Position

The report also shows the expenditure and income position for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) to 11 September 2020. This is summarised in Section 5.

3.3. **COVID-19 Update**

The Council is incurring additional costs in respect of COVID-19. The detail of this is summarised in section 6.

4. **General Fund Revenue Account Position**

- 4.1. As at 11 September 2020, the overspend before COVID-19 funding is £11.454 million. If we include the COVID-19 funding, the position is an overspend of £0.182 million as detailed in Appendix 1. This reflects the pressures in Social Work Resources' Children and Families, partially offset by an underspend in Community and Enterprise Resources.
- 4.2. This position takes account of the fact that all COVID-19 spend has been funded either from unspent budgets or the relevant Fund (Scottish Welfare Fund, Food Fund, Business Grants, Self-Employed Grants), with the balance of COVID-19 expenditure being funded from the Hardship Fund, Consequentials and Education specific funding (Teachers and Support, Mobilisation and Digital Inclusion).
- 4.3. The Social Care Mobilisation monies received via the NHS have also been included to offset the Social Work spend incurred.
- 4.4. The total Food Fund, Hardship Fund, Consequentials and Education specific funding utilised to 11 September 2020 is £11.272 million, which equates to 50.7% of the total funding confirmed to date (including the £0.751 million of funding used in 2019/2020). The reduction in percentage of funding utilised since period 5 reflects the inclusion of the Education specific funding. The COVID-19 pressures across Resources are included in the position in Appendix 1 and are detailed in Appendix 2. In addition, all of the Social Care Mobilisation monies received to date have been spent.
- 4.5. The position across all Resources is an overspend of £8.349 million as shown in Appendix 1 and is the result of COVID-19 and pressures within Social Work Resources. This is net of the Social Care Mobilisation monies which sit in the Resource. Spend in relation to the Food Fund (£3.105 million) is recorded under Corporate Items in Appendix 1. This takes the overspend position to £11.454 million (as reported at 4.1).
- 4.6. The spend in relation to the Food Fund includes the cost of Free School Meals (including paypoint charges), the cost of meal provision in Hubs and for the provision of food to vulnerable people and the Homeless.
- 4.7. Approval was received from this Committee (12 August 2020) to make the additional payment of £1.269 million to SLLC to manage the lost income pressure which is included in the Community and Enterprise Resources COVID costs. The loss of income experienced by SLLC is significant, and consideration on the sustainability of services delivered by the Trust will be required. The estimate for the full year included in the Cost of Recovery is £3.200 million.
- 4.8. **COVID-19 expenditure to Period 6:** The total COVID net expenditure as at 11 September is **£11.272 million** which has been funded from the Food Fund, Hardship Fund, Consequentials and Education specific funding.
- 4.9. Government funding notified to the Council and the corresponding expenditure budgets in relation to the Self Employed Hardship Fund are included in the Community and Enterprise Resources budget, while the expenditure budget for Discretionary Housing Payments and the expenditure and income for the Scottish Welfare Fund

payments and Small Business Support Grants are included in the Finance and Corporate Resources' budget.

4.10. In relation to the Transitional Funding for Childcare the expenditure and income budgets have both been included in Education Resource budget.

4.11. Table 1 provides a summary of this position across the various elements.

Table 1 – Summary of the Cost of COVID-19 (to 11 September 2020)

	Annual Budget £m	Actual to 11 September 2020 £m
Expenditure / Lost Income: (Excluding Social Care Mobilisation)		
Additional Resource Spend	0.000	6.858
Council Tax Income / CTRS	0.000	0.000
Food Fund Spend	0.000	3.105
Lost Income	0.000	3.127
Total Expenditure / Lost Income	0.000	13.090
Less: Unspent Budget	0.000	(1.818)
Total Net Expenditure / Lost Income	0.000	11.272
Funded by:		
Government Funding – Hardship Fund	(2.227)	(2.227)
Government Funding – Food Fund (<i>Total allocation</i>)	(3.713)	(3.105)
Government Funding – Consequentials	(12.152)	(4.844)
Government Funding – Education specific (Teachers, Support, Mobilisation, and Digital Inclusion)	(4.889)	(1.096)
Total Funding	(22.981)	(11.272)
Expenditure / Lost Income: Social Care Mobilisation		
Additional Resource Spend	0.000	8.628
Unachieved Savings	0.000	0.345
Lost Income	0.000	0.355
Total Expenditure / Lost Income	0.000	9.328
Funded by:		
Government Funding – Social Care Mobilisation (actual received to date £5.464m – balance accrued)	0.000	9.328
Total Funding	0.000	0.000

4.12. Table 1 shows that, by 11 September 2020, excluding Social Care Mobilisation, already £11.272 million of the confirmed funding provided for COVID-19 has been utilised in 2020/2021. In total 50.7% of funding provided has been used to date. The percentage has decreased from last time due to the additional funding received for Education being included in this figure. Section 6 of this report provides details of the expected shortfall in funding for 2020/2021 in relation to spend made on COVID-19.

- 4.13. **Social Work:** Table 1 also shows that the Social Care Mobilisation monies received to date have been fully spent. As at 11 September 2020, the Council has been advised of £5.464 million of funding, and would need another £3.864 million to meet the spend of £9.328 million incurred to that point. The COVID-19 spend included in the services devolved to the Integrated Joint Board are being included in the Mobilisation Plan which the Scottish Government are using to allocate funds to the Health and Social Care Partnership. Councils have been told that all reasonable costs will be reimbursed. The Social Work Resources position includes the current expenditure and offsetting income of £9.328 million in relation to the cost of additional beds to facilitate discharge from hospital, PPE equipment, support for carers and staff overtime (Appendix 3). Monies received to date total £5.464 million.
- 4.14. There is a continued assumption that this year's additional costs of COVID-19 faced by services devolved to the IJB will be funded through the Mobilisation plan, therefore will be fully funded and therefore there is no account taken of this pressure in the figures. However, there is the real possibility that through actions taken now, there are legacy costs into future years (such as increased care home placements or use of external Home Care providers). Alongside the Health and Social Care Partnership, the Council will require to consider impact of any legacy overspends within the parameters of the current budget.
- 4.15. **Social Care - Children and Families:** Despite investment in the Service to cover pressures, we have seen financial pressures relating to Children and Families. The main reason is additional external residential placements made in the early part of the year. The overspend at period 6 is £0.243 million. Work is ongoing with the Service on actions to reduce this overspend further.
- 4.16. **Social Care – Adults and Older People:** In addition to the pressures being experienced in Children and Families, the Resource are starting to also see pressures in relation to increasing costs within the Home Care service. Work is ongoing to identify actions to manage this pressure, therefore no account has been taken in these figures regarding this pressure. At present the pressure faced is estimated at £1.3 million, however actions are being identified to reduce this going forwards. Work continues to establish any costs that are related to COVID to ensure they are reported to the Scottish Government as part of the Mobilisation plan. Actions are in place to look to look to manage the level of overspend for the year. This includes discussion with the IJB Chief Financial Officer on recovery plan solutions. An update will be provided in the next report to this Committee.
- 4.17. **Loan Charges:** There is currently no variance reported on the loan charges budget. However, it is worth noting that since the 2020/2021 Revenue Budget was set, there is now a lower requirement to borrow as a result of reduced spend levels within the capital programme, there has been no borrowing taken so far this year and interest rate forecasts are lower. As a result, an underspend is anticipated this year. Work is ongoing to quantify this and it will be brought to the Committee on 16 December 2020.
- 4.18. **Corporate Items - COVID-19:** The Corporate Items expenditure budget line in Appendix 1 shows the full year budget allocation, including COVID-19 funding, and at the 11 September 2020 is showing an underspend of £8.167 million which offsets the spend and lost income shown across Resources.
- 4.19. **Council Tax:** As a result of COVID-19, it is likely that Council Tax cash income will not be collected to the same level as before. Currently, for April to August, we have seen cancellations of direct debits, lower arrears collections and higher demand for Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) payments. However, as we will still look to

recover any unpaid council tax, comparing the actual impact on this year's budget will mean a minimal impact compared to the budget set therefore no costs have been included in the COVID-19 data or the period 6 position shown in the appendices.

- 4.20. This is still very much an estimate dependant on the level of Council Tax paid in year, and progress on collection of Council Tax debts. The position assumed includes the impact so far on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.
- 4.21. It should be noted that the Scottish Government has set aside £50 million of funding to assist with the impact of COVID-19 on Council Tax and social security benefits, which will contribute to the costs of CTRS. The Scottish Government recently notified councils that they are distributing £25 million of this fund to assist in meeting the increased costs of the CTRS, including the administration costs of the additional caseload. The Council's allocation is £1.310 million and will be added to the figures in future reports.
- 4.22. **Former Trading Services Income:** Budgets for former trading services (Roads, Community and Property Services) include income from the HRA and from Capital. In the current COVID-19 financial climate it remains the position that these Revenue Services still need to recover costs as planned.
- 4.23. Arrangements have been made to ensure that budgeted income from the HRA and Capital continues to flow to these services. The position in this paper assumes that this continues to happen.

5. Housing Revenue Account Position

- 5.1. As at 11 September 2020, Appendix 4 of the report shows a breakeven position against the phased budget on the Housing Revenue Account.
- 5.2. The Housing Revenue Account is incurring additional costs in respect of COVID-19. This includes a reduction in rental income collected, an increase in rent loss due to properties remaining void for longer periods, and the purchase of additional PPE. The COVID 19 lockdown has also caused an underspend on Repairs and Maintenance due to the inability to carry out work within homes.
- 5.3. As noted at 4.23 we have assumed that the HRA will continue to make payments to the former Trading Accounts at budgeted levels. These payments will continue until works recommence.
- 5.4. Within the break-even position, we have an anticipated year end transfer to reserves relating to the net underspend on repairs and maintenance due to COVID-19 lockdown. This funding will be required in future years to complete the repairs and maintenance work which we have currently been unable to carry out.
- 5.5. The forecast to 31 March 2021 on the Housing Revenue Account is a breakeven position.

6. Updated Revenue Budget Position 2020/2021 - COVID-19 Expenditure and Income Impacts

- 6.1. The Council's recovery plan was approved by the Executive Committee on 24 June 2020. Updates are being provided to the COVID-19 Recovery Board on a 4 weekly basis.
- 6.2. The full year net costs previously reported to this Committee were estimated at £4.639 million. However, the most recent report to the Recovery Board (14 October 2020)

showed a revised cost of £4.657 million, following updates to the Resource spend positions and confirmation of the allocations of funding from the Scottish Government.

- 6.3. The position above does not include any costs in relation to the service delegated to the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) (section 4.13 and 4.14). The Council has submitted estimates of the total costs of the Social Care services delegated to the IJB to the Scottish Government as part of their mobilisation plan, totalling £23.6 million. We are still assuming that the Scottish Government will fully fund these costs, however, if we do not receive all of the funding this is a risk to the Council's financial position.
- 6.4. The revised net costs to the Council for 2020/2021, along with the Government Grant available, are summarised in Table 3. Table 3 also includes the level of savings not achievable and the SLLCT shortfall. The Table finally shows the net position assuming that the additional cost of Capital is managed through the Capital Programme.

Table 3: Net Cost to the Council for 2020/2021 (Revised)

	£m
Identify Costs for 2020/2021 including Recovery plans	26.710
Lost Income	8.859
Spend Not Made	(4.166)
Net Cost to the Council in 2020/2021 <i>Detailed across Resources in Appendix 1</i>	31.403
Government Grant Confirmed to Date (mid-August 2020) - Hardship Fund balance (£2.227m), Food Fund (£1.937m and £1.345m), Consequential (£9.233m), Education Funding (£2.167m), IT Equipment Funding (£1.469m), Teachers (£1.300m), Transport Mobilisation (£0.072m), Mobilisation (£1.206m), and Consequential (£2.919m)	(23.875)
Net Cost to the Council for 2020/2021 (after Government Grant)	7.528
Savings Not Achievable	1.020
SLLCT Shortfall	3.200
Revised Net Cost to the Council for 2020/2021	10.548
Less: Costs Associated with Capital	(7.091)
Revised Net Cost to the Council excluding Capital <i>(shown in Appendices 5 and 6)</i>	4.657

- 6.5. The lost income in Table 3 above includes income in relation to SLLC. The figure shown has been updated following refinement of the estimates by SLLC. However, the final position will depend on the return to service and also on the uptake of those services.
- 6.6. The net cost reported in Table 3 includes a number of assumptions including the assumption that a level of charge is made to HRA and capital programmes (£23.485 million). If this level of recharge was not made the level of costs would increase to £28.142 million (see Appendix 6).
- 6.7. **Education Flexible Funding**
As reported previously, of the £3.100 million of Pupil Equity funding that could be used to contribute towards the cost of COVID-19 under the flexibility provided by the Scottish Government, £1.500 million is required by schools to address inequity, leaving a balance of £1.600 million that could be spent on COVID-19 costs. This situation continues to be monitored.

- 6.8. **Council Tax / CTRS** - The figure does not include any impact of COVID-19 on Council Tax or CTRS, on the basis that a recent projection of the net income position, compared to budget for the year, shows a minimal variance.
7. **Funding Update**
- 7.1. Work continues on ensuring we are aware of all opportunities on funding to help meet costs pressures.
- 7.2. **Loss of Income Scheme:** Work continues between COSLA, the Scottish Government and Local Government stakeholders on designing a Loss of Income scheme appropriate for Scotland. COSLA has co-ordinated an exercise to collect and collate information relating to budgeted income across all service areas including ALEO's. This was shared with the Scottish Government and draft guidance is due to be issued, which COSLA will share with Directors of Finance in order to obtain their professional opinion on the proposals.
- 7.3. **Fiscal Flexibility:** It was previously reported that six requests were made to the Government for fiscal flexibilities including permission to borrow for revenue costs, flexibility on how capital grant is used, as well as holidays for debt interest and principal payments. The flexibilities requested also included being able to meet the costs of any deficit in our financial position over a number of years, and for flexibility in using any unspent business grants.
- 7.4. Of the six options previously proposed for consideration, three have been approved: the flexibility to use Capital Receipts to fund the Revenue cost of COVID-19, Loans Fund Principal Repayment Holiday and changes to the accounting for Service concessions for PPP/PFI contracts. Work is ongoing to fully understand the implications of the Service Concessions for PPP/PFI Contracts. It is our understanding that we will be able to benefit from the flexibility around capital receipts which would release £5 million of receipts that was identified to pay loan charges. Using this £5 million as flexibility means that the funding plan to use reserves created by the loans fund review will be brought forward. This would affect the period to 2024/2025. At present, we are unlikely to see benefit from the other 2 options.
- 7.5. COSLA has written to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture seeking commitment that the £15.5 million of the £107 million Culture Recovery Fund which has not been committed, be made accessible to Local Government to support local authority and ALEO cultural services. No feedback has been received to date.
- 7.6. **Education Funding:** Work is ongoing to ensure that the additional costs associated with the safe return to school are captured in a consistent way for the first term, to allow councils to access the additional £30 million that has been committed for this purpose.
- 7.7. **Health and Social Care Funding:** Discussions are currently taking place around the distribution of the remaining £17 million of the original £100 million of funding for Local Mobilisation Plans. In addition, the Local Mobilisation Plans, routed through IJB's, are currently being analysed by the Scottish Government with a view to making allocations to NHS Boards and Health and Social Care Partnerships over and above the £100 million already agreed. Recommendations for forward-looking allocations will be put to the Cabinet Secretary for consideration.
8. **Employee Implications**
- 8.1. None.

9. Financial Implications

9.1. As detailed within this report.

10. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

11. Other Implications

11.1. The main risk associated with the Council's Revenue Budget is that there is an overspend. The risk has been assessed as low given the detailed budget management applied across the Resources. The risk is managed through four weekly Budget Monitoring Meetings at which any variance is analysed. In addition, the probable outturn exercise ensures early warning for corrective action to be taken where appropriate.

11.2. There are no implications for sustainability in terms of the information contained in this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

12.1. 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.

12.2. There is also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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21 September 2020

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

♦ Accountable, Effective, Efficient and Transparent

Previous References

♦ None

List of Background Papers

♦ Financial ledger and budget monitoring results to 11 September 2020

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<u>Committee</u>	Annual Budget	Annual Forecast	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion to 11/09/20	Actual to Period 6 11/09/20	Variance to 11/09/20	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Departments:							
Community and Enterprise Resources	108.190	108.190	0.000	42.352	46.753	(4.401)	over
Facilities Streets Waste and Grounds	66.087	66.087	0.000	24.560	24.458	0.102	under
Environmental Services (Inc. Projects)	0.925	0.925	0.000	(1.279)	(0.996)	(0.283)	over
Leisure and Culture Services	19.321	19.321	0.000	9.653	9.633	0.020	under
Planning and Economic Development	2.140	2.140	0.000	1.520	1.878	(0.358)	over
Roads	19.717	19.717	0.000	7.898	8.664	(0.766)	over
COVID19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.116	(3.116)	over
Education Resources	349.374	349.374	0.000	115.907	117.855	(1.948)	over
Education	349.374	349.374	0.000	115.907	115.668	0.239	under
COVID19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.187	(2.187)	over
Finance and Corporate Resources	36.143	36.143	0.000	20.240	21.305	(1.065)	over
Finance Services - Strategy	1.982	1.982	0.000	1.535	1.531	0.004	under
Finance Services - Transactions	13.685	13.685	0.000	7.099	7.179	(0.080)	over
Audit and Compliance Services	0.330	0.330	0.000	0.282	0.281	0.001	under
Information Technology Services	4.707	4.707	0.000	4.144	4.042	0.102	under
Communications and Strategy Services	0.957	0.957	0.000	0.642	0.717	(0.075)	over
Administration and Licensing Services	4.204	4.204	0.000	2.390	2.566	(0.176)	over
Personnel Services	10.278	10.278	0.000	4.148	4.147	0.001	under
COVID19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.842	(0.842)	over
Housing and Technical Resources	13.994	13.994	0.000	4.465	4.936	(0.471)	over
Housing Services	8.543	8.543	0.000	2.011	2.011	0.000	-
Property Services	5.451	5.451	0.000	2.454	2.454	0.000	-
COVID19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.471	(0.471)	over
Social Work Resources	172.411	172.411	0.000	80.937	81.401	(0.464)	over
Performance and Support Services	8.043	8.043	0.000	3.634	3.622	0.012	under
Children and Families	35.608	35.608	0.000	15.206	15.449	(0.243)	over
Adults and Older People	127.253	127.253	0.000	61.751	61.778	(0.027)	over
Justice and Substance Misuse	1.507	1.507	0.000	0.346	0.310	0.036	under
COVID19	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.242	(0.242)	over
Joint Boards	2.245	2.245	0.000	0.914	0.914	0.000	-
	682.357	682.357	0.000	264.815	273.164	(8.349)	over

<u>Committee</u>	Annual Budget	Annual Forecast	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion to 11/09/20	Actual to Period 6 11/09/20	Variance to 11/09/20	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Service Departments Total	682.357	682.357	0.000	264.815	273.164	(8.349)	over
CFCR	1.531	1.531	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
Loan Charges	49.743	49.743	0.000	21.318	21.318	0.000	-
Corporate Items	5.706	5.706	0.000	0.064	0.064	0.000	-
Corporate Items – COVID-19	22.981	22.981	0.000	11.272	3.105	8.167	under
Corporate Items – 21/22 Strategy	5.389	5.389	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
Total Expenditure	767.707	767.707	0.000	297.469	297.651	(0.182)	over
Council Tax	159.471	159.471	0.000	68.345	68.345	0.000	-
Less: Council Tax Reduction Scheme	(21.304)	(21.304)	0.000	(9.130)	(9.130)	0.000	-
Net Council Tax	138.167	138.167	0.000	59.215	59.215	0.000	-
General Revenue Grant	344.036	344.036	0.000	146.557	146.557	0.000	-
General Revenue Grant - COVID19	24.594	24.594	0.000	9.233	9.233	0.000	-
Non Domestic Rates	226.179	226.179	0.000	102.421	102.421	0.000	-
Transfer from Reserves	34.731	34.731	0.000	34.731	34.731	0.000	-
Total Income	767.707	767.707	0.000	352.157	352.157	0.000	-
Net Expenditure / (Income)	0.000	0.000	0.000	(54.688)	(54.506)	(0.182)	over

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Budget Category**Service Departments:****Expenditure**

	Annual Budget	Annual Forecast	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion to 11/09/20	Actual to Period 6 11/09/20	Variance to 11/09/20	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	
Employee Cost	529.379	529.379	0.000	227.122	229.416	(2.294)	over
Property Costs	52.843	52.843	0.000	11.877	12.894	(1.017)	over
Supplies and Services	54.440	54.440	0.000	20.280	15.952	4.328	under
Transport Costs	40.409	40.409	0.000	17.234	17.186	0.048	under
Administration Costs	15.274	15.274	0.000	5.976	6.032	(0.056)	over
Payments to Other Bodies	116.889	116.889	0.000	70.065	69.977	0.088	under
Payments to Contractors	199.970	199.970	0.000	77.232	82.473	(5.241)	over
Transfer Payments	5.741	5.741	0.000	3.796	3.655	0.141	under
Housing Benefits	70.686	70.686	0.000	28.113	26.913	1.200	under
Financing Charges (controllable)	2.089	2.089	0.000	1.149	1.251	(0.102)	over
Total	1,087.720	1,087.720	0.000	462.844	465.749	(2.905)	over
Service Departments Total	1,087.720	1,087.720	0.000	462.844	465.749	(2.905)	over
CFCR	1.531	1.531	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
Loan Charges	49.743	49.743	0.000	21.318	21.318	0.000	-
Corporate Items	5.706	5.706	0.000	0.064	0.064	0.000	-
Corporate Items - COVID-19	22.981	22.981	0.000	11.272	3.105	8.167	under
Corporate Items - 21/22 Strategy	5.389	5.389	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-
Total Expenditure	1,173.070	1,173.070	0.000	495.498	490.236	5.262	under
Income							
Housing Benefit Subsidy	65.542	65.542	0.000	25.826	24.808	(1.018)	under rec
Other Income	339.821	338.821	0.000	172.203	167.777	(4.426)	under rec
Council Tax (Net of Council Tax Reduction Scheme)	138.167	138.167	0.000	59.215	59.215	0.000	-
General Revenue Grant	344.036	344.036	0.000	146.557	146.557	0.000	-
General Revenue Grant - COVID-19	24.594	24.594	0.000	9.233	9.233	0.000	-
Non Domestic Rates	226.179	226.179	0.000	102.421	102.421	0.000	-
Transfer from Reserves	34.731	34.731	0.000	34.731	34.731	0.000	-
Total Income	1,173.070	1,173.070	0.000	550.186	544.742	(5.444)	under rec
Net Expenditure / (Income)	0.000	0.000	0.000	(54.688)	(54.506)	(0.182)	over

COVID-19 Expenditure to 11 September 2020

Additional Costs

Service	Description of Cost	Value £m
Community and Enterprise Resources		
Fleet, Environmental and Projects	Staffing costs supporting COVID response	0.142
Facilities, Streets, Waste and Grounds	Staffing costs supporting COVID response	0.027
Planning and Economic Development	Staffing costs supporting COVID response	0.003
Facilities, Streets, Waste and Grounds	PPE, Equipment and cleaning materials for staff.	0.707
Facilities, Streets, Waste and Grounds	Fleet costs including fuel supporting COVID19 response	0.101
Facilities, Streets, Waste and Grounds and Fleet, Environmental and Projects	Printing and Stationery, signage and mobile phones	0.047
Facilities, Streets, Waste and Grounds	Increase in domestic waste tonnage	0.810
Facilities, Streets, Waste and Grounds	Webcast system and live webcasts	0.010
Leisure	Impact of lost income on SLLCT establishments	1.269
Education Resources		
Schools	Supply Teachers (April, May and June)	0.502
Support Services	Education Additional Staffing (to August)	0.100
Schools	Additional Teachers	0.254
Schools	Additional School Support Assistants	0.021
YFCL	Hub School Janitors (April and May)	0.020
YFCL	YFCL Sessional Additional Hours (April and May)	0.032
YFCL	Summer Hubs Sessional Sat (July and August)	0.220
Schools	Facilities Orders (Hand sanitisers / soap dispensers / bins / wipes / hand towels)	0.264
Schools / ELC	Central Orders (Gloves /wipes / aprons / masks)	0.557
Schools	Hub Schools Supplies / Materials	0.064
Schools	Schools Hand Washing Supplies / Home Working Materials etc	0.025
Schools	Hub Schools Replenishment of Supplies / Materials	0.023
Schools	Signage / Posters / Stickers	0.062
ELC	ELC Provision to Key Workers	0.043
Finance and Corporate Resources		
IT Services	IT related spend to allow home working and PPP cleaning	0.170
Finance (Transactions), Personnel and Communications and Strategy	Additional staff costs to process Business Grants, Scottish Welfare Fund applications, work on Wellbeing line and provision of additional information on social media.	0.501
All	PPE, Telephones and mail to support COVID response	0.121
Finance (Transactions)	Benefits costs associated with homeless use of Bed and Breakfast	0.050
Housing and Technical Resources		
Housing and Property Services	Temporary accommodation costs for homeless people, set up costs for temporary mortuary facility and the cost of PPE for housing and property services staff.	0.471
Social Work Resources		
Children & Family, Justice	Staffing costs to maintain service in children's home, support to vulnerable families and young people and costs related to the early release from prison	0.242
Total Additional Costs as at Period 6		6.858

Council Tax and Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS)

Service	Description of Lost Income	Value £m
Council Tax	Loss of 2020/21 Council Tax Income including cancelled Direct Debits at end July 2020	0.000
Council Tax	Loss of Council Tax arrears collection income at end July 2020	0.000
CTRS	Cost of additional payments as at end July 2020	0.000
Additional Cost/Lost Income as at Period 5		0.000

Expenditure on Food Fund

Service	Description of Cost	Value £m
Corporate Items	Expenditure on Food Fund related items including Free School Meals provision, paypoint costs for Free School Meals, provision of meals to hubs and social work and food to vulnerable households	3.105
Additional Costs as at Period 6		3.105

Lost Income

Service	Description of Lost Income	Value £m
Community and Enterprise Resources		
Planning and Economic Development	Reduced income from Planning applications	0.390
Roads	Reduced Parking income and income from Roads Act legislation	0.939
Facilities, Streets, Waste and Grounds	Reduced school meals, care of gardens and special uplifts income	1.114
Fleet, Environmental and Projects	Reduced income from taxi inspections.	0.043
Education Resources		
Early Years	Reduced income from Early Years Fees, playgroups and nursery milk claims	0.354
Support Services	Reduced income from Music Tuition fees	0.059
Support Services	Reduced income from Privilege transport	0.005
Finance and Corporate Resources		
Administration, Legal and Licensing	Reduced income for Licensing and Registration	0.138
Communications and Strategy	Reduced print room income.	0.085
Total Lost Income as at Period 6		3.127

Unspent Budget

Service	Description of Lost Income	Value £m
Community and Enterprise Resources		
Facilities, Streets, Waste and Grounds	Reduced expenditure on food purchases	(1.054)
Facilities, Streets, Waste and Grounds	Reduced expenditure on fireworks display	(0.020)
Planning and Economic Development	Reduced expenditure due to cancellation of Christmas events	(0.045)
Roads	On flooding works	(0.042)
Education Resources		
Support Services	West Partnership Income	(0.012)
Schools	Gas (April and May)	(0.103)
YFCL	Holiday Lunch Clubs	(0.542)
Unspent Budget as at Period 6		(1.818)

Net Cost of COVID-19 as at Period 6		11.272
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SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
Revenue Budget Monitoring Report
Period Ended 11 September 2020 (No.6)
Housing Revenue Account

	Annual Budget	Forecast for Year	Annual Forecast Variance	Budget Proportion to 11/09/20	Actual to Period 6 11/09/20	Variance to 11/09/20		%	Note
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m			
Employee Costs	13.721	13.721	0.000	5.831	5.733	0.098	under	1.7%	1
Property Costs	46.661	46.661	0.000	19.855	19.751	0.104	under	0.5%	2
Supplies & Services	0.996	0.996	0.000	0.258	0.264	(0.006)	over	(2.3%)	
Transport & Plant	0.195	0.195	0.000	0.026	0.026	0.000	-	0.0%	
Administration Costs	5.644	5.644	0.000	2.442	2.449	(0.007)	over	(0.3%)	
Payments to Other Bodies	3.176	3.176	0.000	1.397	1.397	0.000	-	0.0%	
Payments to Contractors	0.100	0.100	0.000	0.080	0.081	(0.001)	over	(1.3%)	
Transfer Payments	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-	n/a	
Financing Charges	19.448	19.448	0.000	5.807	5.805	0.002	under	0.0%	
Total Controllable Expenditure	89.941	89.941	0.000	35.696	35.506	0.190	under	0.5%	
Total Controllable Income	(107.634)	(107.634)	0.000	(39.689)	(38.945)	(0.744)	under rec	(1.9%)	3
Transfer to/(from) Balance Sheet	(0.315)	(0.315)	0.000	(0.142)	(0.696)	0.554	over rec	390.1%	4
Net Controllable Expenditure	(18.008)	(18.008)	0.000	(4.135)	(4.135)	0.000	-	0.0%	
Add: Non Controllable Budgets									
Financing Charges	18.008	18.008	0.000	8.091	8.091	0.000	-	0.0%	
Total Budget	0.000	0.000	0.000	3.956	3.956	0.000	-	0.0%	

Variance Explanations

1. Employee Costs

This underspend reflects the level of turnover within the Service.

2. Property Costs

This underspend reflects the reduction in the level of repairs and maintenance that can be undertaken due to COVID19 lockdown.

3. Income

The under recovery of income reflects the delay in the level of additional new build properties due to COVID19 lockdown.

4. Transfer to/(from) Balance Sheet

This reflects the current anticipated year end transfer from reserves. The transfer will depend on the final outturn, and currently the transfer required is higher than anticipated due to the under recovery of income as a result of COVID19 lockdown. The position will be closely monitored as lockdown arrangements change over the coming months.

Appendix 5

Budget Revision 2020/2021	Community and Enterprise	Education	Finance and Corporate	Housing and Technical	Social Work	Total
Projected Costs including Recovery Plan	8.863	10.331	1.573	5.527	0.416	26.710
Lost Income	7.128	0.755	0.476	0.500	0	8.859
Total Costs	15.991	11.086	2.049	6.027	0.416	35.569
Less: Spend Not Made	(2.880)	(0.850)	(0.436)	0	0	(4.166)
Net Cost to the Council in 2020/2021	13.111	10.236	1.613	* 6.027	0.416	31.403
Funding						
- Hardship Fund (£50m)						2.227
- Consequentials (£155m)						9.233
- Food Fund (£30m)						1.937
- Additional Food Fund (£27.6m)						1.345
- Additional Education Funding Streams (£130m) (confirmed element for 2020/2021 only)						2.167
- IT Equipment (Revenue and Capital)						1.469
- Teachers (£30m)						1.300
- Transport Mobilisation (£1.5m)						0.072
- Mobilisation (£20m)						1.206
- Consequentials (£49m)						2.919
Total Funding						23.875
Add: Savings Not Achievable						1.020
Add: SLLCT Shortfall						3.200
Less: Costs Associated with Capital						(7.091)
Balance						4.657

* these figures assume that income is recharged to HRA and Capital for the period of lockdown

Presentation of costs including recharging to HRA and Capital

	£m	£m
Overall Costs and loss of income (including lost income from Property services, and Ground / facilities and waste services)		54.888
SLLC and Savings not Achievable		<u>4.220</u>
		59.108
Less : Recharging to HRA , General Fund and Capital	** (23.485)	
Less : Capital costs being met from capital	<u>(7.091)</u>	<u>(30.576)</u>
Revised costs		28.532
Less : Government Grant confirmed		<u>(23.875)</u>
Net costs to the council (excluding capital)		4.657

** As shown at Section 6.12 – if costs are not recharged to HRA and Capital the overall costs increase to £28.142m (£23.485m + £4.657m)

Report

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Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	4 November 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Additional Funding from Scottish Government and Other External Sources
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ advise Members of additional funding that has been made available to the Council by the Scottish Government and other external sources since the last report to this Committee (23 September 2020).

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the additional revenue funding of £4.125m, and additional capital funding of £1.902m, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.

3. Background

3.1. The Council is periodically advised of additional funding which is made available from the Scottish Government and other sources to enable various initiatives to be undertaken.

3.2. Additional funding may either be paid through the General Revenue Grant mechanism or by the completion of appropriate grant claims.

3.3. Details of the additional funding are attached at Appendix 1 to the report. The report details additional funding that has been reported by Resources as part of the additional resources notification process, as well as any additional funding that has increased the Council's budget by more than £0.100 million.

3.4. As a result of COVID19, the Scottish Government has identified a number of funding streams to assist councils in managing the additional costs related to the crisis. Since the last report to the Committee further funding in relation to COVID19 has been identified and is reflected in Appendix 1. Further funding that has been identified nationally, but where individual allocations have not yet been confirmed to local authorities, will be reflected in a future report to this Committee, including:-

- Additional Mobilisation Funding for Education - based on need (£30m available nationally)
- Council Tax Reduction Scheme – funding for increased expenditure (£25m available nationally)
- Test and Protect Supported Isolation – funding to maintain support until December 2020 (£0.519m available nationally)

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. Additional revenue funding of £4.125 million has been identified for 2020/2021.
- 5.2. Additional capital funding of £1.902 million has been identified for 2020/2021.
- 5.3. Resource budgets will be updated to reflect this additional funding as required, and where appropriate, details of spending plans will be presented to Resource Committees for approval.

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. There are no other implications in terms of the information contained in this report.

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 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.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

24 September 2020

Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values

- ◆ Accountable, Effective and Efficient

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee, 23 September 2020

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Additional Funding Reports:-
2 September 2020 to 23 September 2020

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Additional Revenue Funding

Resource	Description	2020 / 2021 £m	Total £m	Method
Education Resources	COVID-19 - Additional Funding Education Mobilisation	1.206	1.206	Scottish Government Grant
TBC	COVID-19 – Barnett Consequentials (share of national £49m)	2.919	2.919	Scottish Government Grant
	TOTAL REVENUE FUNDING	4.125	4.125	

Additional Capital Funding

Resource	Description	2020 / 2021 £m	Total £m	Method
Community and Enterprise Resources	Abington Campus for Excellence	0.280	0.280	Scottish Government – Regeneration Capital Grant Fund
Community and Enterprise Resources	Hamilton Hub	0.720	0.720	Scottish Government – Regeneration Capital Grant Fund
Community and Enterprise Resources	Town Centre Fund	0.902	0.902	Scottish Government Grant
	TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDING	1.902	1.902	

Report

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Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	4 November 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	2021/2022 Capital Programme Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide the Executive Committee with a General Services Capital Programme for financial year 2021/2022, reflecting the level of spend anticipated in year, as well as taking account of the ongoing implications of COVID-19.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Executive Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):

- (1) that following review, a Capital Programme totalling £75.244 million is proposed for 2021/2022 (Section 6.11), be approved;
- (2) that additional Spend to Save projects totalling £10 million (section 7.4), be approved; and
- (3) to note that the Programme for 2022/23 will be the subject of a future exercise (section 7.5).

3. Background

- 3.1. An update on the 2020/2021 General Services Capital Programme was approved by the Executive Committee on 23 September 2020. The focus of the paper was the level of project deliverability for the current year.
- 3.2. The paper showed that of the £106.733 million budget available, Resources confirmed that only £81.003 million would be spent in 2020/2021. The reduction in spend of £25.730 million reflects projects which will not spend this year (£38.501 million) offset by increased spend as a result of additional funding awarded (£4.880 million) and additional unbudgeted costs for contractor claims, loss of income and additional overheads (£7.891 million).
- 3.3. As a result of the £25.730 million reduction in spend, funding of £25.730 million is no longer required in the current year (2020/2021).
- 3.4. In addition, the projects totalling £38.501 million which will not spend in 2020/2021 will need to be considered for the 2021/2022 programme. However, as a result of £7.891 million of the original funding available for these projects being utilised to pay for the additional costs associated with COVID-19, only £30.610 million of funding will be available in 2021/2022.

- 3.5. Section 4 of this report provides an Executive Summary of the report contents. The funding available in-year is discussed in Section 5. Section 6 looks at a proposed Capital Programme for 2021/2022. Proposals for using the balance of funding are made in Section 7.

4. Executive Summary

- 4.1. This report and appendices provide a proposal for the 2021/2022 Capital Programme. Whilst the full detail and background is included in this report, in order to summarise the position and provide this Committee with the key highlights, an Executive Summary is included below:

1. Funding of £85.244 million is available in 2021/2022 (Section 5.6). This reflects the anticipated level of General Capital Grant (£21.3m), specific funding for City Deal (£13.108m) and Education Growth and Capacities (£2.604m) along with funding carried forward from previous financial years'.
2. A Capital Programme totalling £75.244 million has been drafted for 2021/2022 and is detailed in Appendix 1. This is based on projects which are necessary to support ongoing programmes of work, as identified in the Future Capital Investment Strategy, the approved City Deal Programme, the requirements from growth in the Education sector and projects slipped from previous financial years (Section 6.11).
3. This programme of £75.244 million reflects a realistic level of spend which could be achieved in 2021/2022.
4. Taking the spend requirement of £75.244 million for 2021/2022 into consideration, along with the funding available of £85.244 million, identifies that £10 million of funding will not be required in 2021/2022, and is at present surplus (Section 7.3).
5. While this balance of funding could be used to undertake additional capital projects, from a deliverability perspective, this may not be possible. Given the significant pressure on the Council's Revenue Budget moving forward, it is recommended that this surplus funding of £10 million be utilised to purchase rather than lease £10 million of assets. This will allow Revenue Budget savings of £1.820 million per annum (Section 7.4). The £10 million of expenditure would be an addition to the 2021/2022 Capital Programme of £75.244 million.

5. Funding Position

- 5.1. A core element of any Capital Programme is the level of funding available to support the programme. The Future Capital Investment Strategy identified General Capital Grant, Capital Receipts and other external income as the main funding sources for the proposed 2021/2022 Capital Programme. Since this Strategy was approved, the landscape has changed and updates to these funding sources are detailed below:
- 5.2. General Capital Grant: The level of General Capital Grant beyond the current financial year is not known but as the 2020/21 award was only £21.373 million, considerably less than in previous years, it is considered prudent to revise this assumption for 2021/22 from £28 million to £21.3 million. The level of grant for 2021/2022 can only be confirmed when the grant settlement is received later in 2020.
- 5.3. Capital Receipts: An annual target of £1 million was incorporated into the Capital Strategy, however, to support the financial pressures on the Council's revenue budget, it was agreed by Committee that capital receipts will be used to reduce the level of

revenue savings required in 2020/2021 and 2021/2022. There will be no Capital Receipts included in the 2021/2022 Capital Programme funding package.

- 5.4. **Borrowing:** The requirement to borrow to fund the timing of spend in relation to the Glasgow City Region City Deal programme has already been reported to Executive Committee (11 May 2016). For 2021/2022, this will total £13.801 million.
- 5.5. **Developers Contributions:** Contributions from developers will be used to undertake specific growth and capacity projects required within the school estate (£2.604m).
- 5.6. **Funding Carried Forward:** Funding totalling £48.232 million is available from previous financial years for these projects. This funding includes Borrowing (£40.192m), specific Capital Grants (£4.622m), Developers' Contributions (£2.544m) and Reserves (£0.874).

Table 1: Funding Summary

	Total Funding Available (£m)
General Capital Grant (Section 5.2)	21.300
Borrowing (Sections 5.4 and 5.6)	53.300
Specific Capital Grants (Section 5.6)	4.622
City Deal Community Growth Area / Developers Contributions (Sections 5.5 and 5.6)	5.148
Reserves (Section 5.6)	0.874
Total Funding Identified	85.244

- 5.7. Table 1 shows that in 2021/2022, there is £85.244 million of funding available.

6. Proposed 2021/2022 Capital Programme

- 6.1. When the current General Services Capital Programme comes to an end (at the end of 2020/2021), there is no approved programme for financial year 2021/2022 and beyond.
- 6.2. This report proposes a programme for 2021/2022 incorporating ongoing programmes of work, which are considered necessary and were previously included in the long term capital spending proposals, commitments from the approved Glasgow City Region City Deal Programme, Education Growth and Capacities and slippage from previous financial years. IT also includes the projects slipping from the 2020/2021 Programme as required. Each is taken in turn.
- 6.3. **Ongoing Programmes of Work:** The Council's Future Capital Investment Strategy (November 2018) included a number of projects which are necessary to support ongoing programmes of work. For these programmes to continue, there is an ongoing requirement for funding to be made available. These total £19.461 million for 2021/2022, and is in addition to monies slipped from previous years. These projects and their values are noted in Table 2.

Table 2: Ongoing Programmes of Work Considered for 2021/2022 Programme

Project Name and Description	2021/22 (£m)
Schools Information Communication Technology (ICT) Development A contribution towards the costs of delivering the ICT contract to schools. As there is an ongoing commitment to this contract moving forward, funding of £1.650m per annum is required.	1.650
Roads Carriageways and Associated Infrastructure Investment of £10m in Roads Carriageways and Associated Infrastructure improvements.	10.000
Oracle Upgrade Oracle E-business suite is the Council's main financial and human resources management system, which is nearing end-of-life.	1.000
Private Housing Scheme of Assistance Housing provide mandatory grants for disabled adaptations in private homes and to encourage private owners in shared blocks to participate in the Housing Investment Programme works. £0.750m will be required in 2021/2022 to enable this to continue.	0.750
Planned Asset Management Funding of £4.8m per annum is required to ensure continued delivery of the Planned Asset Management model. This model aims to maintain all of the Council's new build General Services facilities (constructed since 2000), in a good condition and to a compliant standard.	4.800
Prioritised Urgent Investment in Property Assets The continuation of the previous model to meet urgent essential works needed on all Council properties. New funding of £0.949m reflects the level of spend that can be achieved in 2021/2022.	0.949
Lifecycle Replacement – Schools The first school completed under the Primary School Modernisation Programme opened during financial year 2004/05. An allocation was provided in 2020/21 to commence a programme of replacement for major elements of infrastructure during the next capital programme. This requirement is likely to increase as the schools become progressively older. A new allocation of £0.312m could be spent in 2021/2022.	0.312
Total Projects	19.461

- 6.4. The allocation for Roads Carriageways and Associated Infrastructure is less than the current level of spend. However, in 2020/2021, the level of grant funding awarded to the Council has reduced by one quarter, and it is anticipated that this will continue into 2021/2022. Therefore, the funding the Council has to allocate to projects, including Roads Carriageways and Associated Infrastructure, must also reduce.
- 6.5. **City Deal:** As well as the General Services Capital Programme, the Council is also part of the Glasgow City Region City Deal Programme of works.
- 6.6. In proposing the next Capital Programme, the City Deal Roads and Community Growth Area (CGA) projects have been taken into account. Currently, for 2021/2022, the proposals include specific projects for Education Growth requirements and Roads works associated with the Community Growth Areas. This is in addition to the existing City Deal Roads projects for the complementary works at the Cathkin Relief Road, Greenhills Road and Stewartfield Way.

- 6.7. Final Business Cases for the individual CGA projects are required before final agreement on funding is given by the City Deal Cabinet. These Final Business Cases will be presented to the Executive Committee in advance of City Deal Cabinet approval.
- 6.8. Based on current predictions, these additional requirements linked to the Glasgow City Region City Deal Programme total £13.108 million and should be considered as part of the 2021/2022 Capital Programme. This will be funded by temporary borrowing, in line with the approved funding package for the City Deal programme.
- 6.9. **Education Growth and Capacities:** The Capital Strategy also identified additional accommodation pressures in the Early Years and School sectors, due to a growth in predicted pupil numbers related to general population growth and significant new housing development across the Council area. The majority of this was expected to be funded from developer's contributions / City Deal.
- 6.10. A review of the priority projects required for 2021/2022 has now been undertaken by Education Resources, reflecting more clearly defined project costs and timescales. Some of these projects are already included in the proposed City Deal programme (Section 6.7) and slippage from previous years (Section 6.10). It is proposed that the balance of projects totalling £2.604 million (those funded from developer contributions) will now be added to the 2021/2022 Capital Programme. The projects added are Larkhall Community Growth Area – Nursery Expansion (£1.304m) and Glengowan Primary School Extension (£1.300m).
- 6.11. **Slippage from Previous Years:** In addition to the projects identified above, project movements from 2019/2020 and 2020/2021, as approved by Executive Committee throughout the year) require to be added to this programme. These movements total £56.123 million and include the slippage identified at section 3.4 (£38.501m), as well as budget carried forward from the 2019/20 and 2020/21 budget setting process (£17.622 million). The timing of this spend has been updated to reflect revised project timescales, following the impact of COVID-19. This budget requirement excludes Glasgow City Region City Deal, with the full requirement for 2020/2021 for this specific programme already detailed in Section 6.7. As a result of the re-profiling of the programme, projects totalling £16.052 million will now fall into financial year 2022/2023.
- 6.12. Table 2 shows that, based on the identified ongoing programmes of work, our commitments from the approved Glasgow City Region City Deal Programme, Education Growth and Capacity requirements and slippage from previous financial years, it is anticipated that projects totalling £75.244 million can be delivered in 2021/2022. A full list of projects, including slippage from previous years', is detailed in Appendix 1.

Table 2: 2021/2022 Capital Programme Summary

	2021/2022 Capital Programme (£m)
Ongoing Programmes of Work (Section 6.3)	19.461
Glasgow City Region City Deal (Sections 6.4 – 6.7)	13.108
Education Growth and Capacities (Sections 6.8 – 6.9)	2.604
Slippage from Previous Years (Section 6.10) (£56.123m slippage from previous years, less £16.052m slippage into 2022/2023)	40.071
Total Capital Programme	75.244

7. Balance of Funding

- 7.1. This section identifies how the funding available for the 2021/2022 Capital Programme of £85.244 million (Section 5) can be aligned to the spend requirements.
- 7.2. As discussed in section 6, a proposed programme for 2021/2022 has been developed by considering projects necessary to support ongoing programmes of work, the previously approved Glasgow City Region City Deal Programme, Education Growth and Capacities and the slippage from previous financial years'. The programme presented reflects a realistic level of spend which can be achieved.
- 7.3. Taking the spend requirement of £75.244 million for 2021/2022 into consideration, in comparison to the funding available of £85.244 million, £10 million of funding will not be required in 2021/2022 and is at present surplus. While this could be used to undertake additional capital projects, for the reasons of deliverability outlined throughout this paper, this may not be possible.
- 7.4. There is also a significant pressure on the Council's Revenue Budget moving forward. It has been proposed that the surplus funding of £10 million be utilised to undertake Spend to Save projects. It is proposed that the £10 million would be used to purchase rather than lease £10 million of assets, and therefore the annual leasing costs of £1.820 million will be saved. This saving will be included in the Revenue Budget Savings proposals for 2021/2022. The £10 million of expenditure would be an addition to the 2021/2022 Capital Programme of £75.244 million.
- 7.5. As explained above, as a consequence of the pandemic, there has been a delay in delivering capital projects. As capital projects start to resume, the capacity within the council to deliver these is unlikely to be sufficient to fully deliver in year, a further peak in capital projects and expenditure of £16m moving from 2021/22 into 2022/23. We would expect to see a progression of projects which again effectively pushes spend into future years. This is a pattern which may persist for a number of years. Forecasting realistic levels of spend for future years and funding packages to match these, allows us to take advantage of the £10m of funding not required for the capital programme in year 2021/22, in order to fund the spend to save project.
- 7.6. Moving forward into financial year 2022/2023, consideration will have to be given to the level of programme which can be delivered, given the funding available. As noted at section 6.10, projects totalling £16.052 million have been slipped from the 2021/2022 Capital Programme. For 2022/2023, consideration will need to be given to providing funding for these projects in the first instance, to enable these projects to complete. The programme for 2022/2023 will be the subject of a future exercise which will be brought to members in 2021.

8. Employee Implications

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

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1. A Capital Programme for financial year 2021/2022 totalling £75.244 million has been proposed in this report. Details as to how this Programme has been arrived at are shown in sections 5 to 6, with the full Programme listed in Appendix 1.
- 9.2. In addition, section 7.4 proposes a new Spend to Save Project which if approved, will increase the programme by £10 million, and generate Revenue Budget savings of £1.820 million per annum.

10. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

11. Other Implications

- 11.1. The main risk associated with the Council's Capital Programme 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.

12. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. There was also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

15 October 2020

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, Effective, Efficient and Transparent

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee, 23 September 2020

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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2021/2022 Summary of Capital Programme Expenditure
(including slippage from previous years')

	2021/22 Proposed Allocation
	£m
<u>Community & Enterprise Resources</u>	
Leisure Centres (Design Fees)	0.500
Synthetic and Grass Pitches	0.186
Lanark Library, Lindsay Institute	0.250
Ballgreen Hall - Demolition	0.131
Extension / Improvement of Cemeteries	0.718
Zero Waste Fund Projects	0.118
Kildare Park - BMX Trail	0.025
Allotment & Raised Beds, Strathaven	0.040
Country Parks - Horseshoe Bridge	0.190
Allotments	0.080
Bin Storage Areas	0.041
Bothwell Park	0.046
Memorial Headstone Remedial Works	0.200
Hamilton Mausoleum	0.475
Upgrades to Community Infrastructure – Small Scale Works	0.024
Crematorium Shelter	0.100
Roads – Carriageways and Associated Infrastructure	10.474
Roads - Structures (Bridges)	2.292
Roads Depot - Salt Barn Improvements	0.645
City Deal - Roads	4.787
Rural Development Centre, Lanark	0.800
Town Centre Regeneration Fund	1.860
Vacant & Derelict Land	0.182
Clyde Gateway	0.819
City Deal - CGA's	15.240

	2021/22 Proposed Allocation
	£m
<u>Education Resources</u>	
Loch Primary School	0.040
Early Years - 1,140 Hours (includes 2017/18 spend)	7.734
Early Years - Other Growth and Capacities	0.500
Schools information Communication Technology (ICT)	1.905
Auchingramont Road	0.171
Crawforddyke PS - Two Classroom Modular Extension	0.490
St Charles Primary School - Additional Classroom	0.187
St Mary's PS, Hamilton Nursery and Classroom Extension	0.648
Other Small Scale Projects	0.037
Castlefield Primary School Extension	0.350
Cathkin and Trinity Learning Community	0.100
Uddingston Nursery Expansion	0.295
Holy Cross High School	0.800
St Mark's PS, Hamilton Nursery and Classroom Extension	1.091
Hamilton CGA Nursery Expansion	0.250
Larkhall Community Growth Area – Nursery Expansion	1.650
Glengowan Primary School Extension	1.300
<u>Finance and Corporate Resources</u>	
Oracle Upgrade	1.000
Climate Change / Digital Transformation Fund	0.500
<u>Housing and Technical Resources</u>	
Prioritised Urgent Investment	1.599
Principal Offices	0.466
Private Housing Scheme of Assistance (PHSA)	1.000
Planned Asset Management	4.800
Lifecycle Replacement - Schools	0.500
Lock Up Areas Housing Estates	0.200
Community Facilities Fund	0.075
Council Offices - Brandon Gate	0.070
CEEF	0.424
<u>Social Work Resources</u>	
Replacement Care Facilities	6.539
Community Alarms	0.300
Total Expenditure	75.244

2021/2022 Summary of Future Capital Programme Funding

	2021/22 Proposed Allocation
	£m
Total Expenditure	75.244
<u>Funding Available:</u>	
General Capital Grant Available	21.300
Borrowing (including City Deal)	53.300
Specific Capital Grants	4.622
Developers Contributions	5.148
Reserves	0.874
Total Funding Available	85.244
Surplus Funding Available <i>(before the Spend to Save project is considered – section 7)</i>	10.000

Report

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Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	4 November 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)

Subject:	Land and Property Transfers and Disposals
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1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ advise the Executive Committee of the actions required in respect of land and property transactions

2. Recommendation(s)

The Executive Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the land detailed in Appendix A be declared surplus to Council requirements

3. Background

- 3.1. Details of land and property, which is potentially suitable for redevelopment or disposal, are circulated to all Resources and Community Planning Partners to establish if they are suitable for alternative operational use.
- 3.2. Recommendations for the transfer of assets between Council Resources are made following the consideration of planning, title and other legal constraints and Council priorities.
- 3.3. Transactions where there is a requirement to declare land surplus to enable negotiations for minor or adjoining sales to progress are detailed on Appendix A.
- 3.4. These transactions are only included in the report after successful consultation with the Holding Resource(s) and Planning.

4. Property Transactions

- 4.1. Appendix A details negotiated transactions where the land requires to be declared surplus in order that Property Services can conclude negotiations for their disposal.
- 4.2. The Committee is asked to approve the recommendation that these areas of land are declared surplus to the Council requirements in order that Property Services can conclude negotiations for their disposal.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. Capital receipts for both General Services and Housing Revenue Accounts will be secured through the disposals identified in this report.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. There is a low risk that the capital receipts anticipated, as a result of declaring these properties surplus, may not be realised if, for reasons outwith the Council's control, the purchasers choose not to proceed with the transactions. However, the procedures and consultations described in Sections 3 and 9 of this report have been implemented to minimise this risk.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. There are no issues in relation to climate change, sustainability and environment contained within this report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. Consultation was undertaken with Planning, Roads, Legal, and Housing Services were consulted through the Area Property Groups.

Daniel Lowe

Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)

4 November 2020

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Achieve results through leadership, good governance and organisational effectiveness

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Plans of the land and property referred to in this report

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APPENDIX A

DECLARE SURPLUS

Area	Description	Holding Account	Proposal	Value Band
326 sq m	Plot 15 Dunrobin Drive East Kilbride	Community & Enterprise	Sale of land to adjacent owner for inclusion into residential development.	4
271 sq m	Grassed area adjacent to Greenhill Farm Museum Burnbraes, Biggar	Community & Enterprise	Sale of garden ground/ancillary land for adjacent museum	4
242 sq m	18 Chapel Street, Rutherglen	Community & Enterprise	Car parking for adjacent commercial premises	4
212 sq m	Townhead Street, Hamilton	Community & Enterprise	Ancillary land (not to be developed) as part of adjacent Hotel development.	4
45 sq m	Cornsilloch Brae, Larkhall	Community & Enterprise	Improved access to adjacent residential property	4
37 sq m	2 Dunblane Drive, East Kilbride	Community & Enterprise	Garden ground/driveway	4

Value Bands

1 – over £1 million

2 – £500,000 to £999,999

3 – £100,000 to £499,999

4 – less than £100,000

Report

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Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	4 November 2020
Report by:	Chief Executive

Subject:	Recommendations Referred by Resource Committees
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval of the following recommendations referred to this Committee by the:-
 - ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 15 September 2020
 - ◆ Housing and Technical Resources Committee of 16 September 2020

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the recommendations referred by the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee and the Housing and Technical Resources Committee in relation to their Resource Plans 2020/2021 be approved.

3. Background

3.1. Community and Enterprise Resource Plan 2020/2021— Extract of Minute

A report dated 24 August 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Community and Enterprise Resource Plan 2020/2021.

Details were provided on:-

- ◆ objectives and actions for 2020/2021
- ◆ capital and revenue resources for 2020/2021
- ◆ organisational structure of the Resource

In line with the Council's performance management arrangements, a progress report on actions identified in the 2020/2021 Resource Plan would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

Officers responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report.

The Committee recommended to the Executive Committee: that the Community and Enterprise Resource Plan for 2020/2021 be approved and uploaded to the Council's website.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 September 2019 (Paragraph 7)]

3.2 Housing and Technical Resource Plan 2020/2021— Extract of Minute

A report dated 20 August 2020 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) was submitted on the Housing and Technical Resource Plan 2020/2021.

Details were provided on the Resource Plan for 2020/2021, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, which outlined the:-

- ◆ key areas of focus for the year ahead
- ◆ Resource objectives and outcomes
- ◆ measures and actions
- ◆ resourcing of the Plan

In line with the Council's performance management arrangements, a mid-year progress report on actions identified in the 2020/2021 Resource Plan would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee

The Committee recommended to the Executive Committee: that the Housing and Technical Resource Plan for 2020/2021 be approved and uploaded to the Council's website.

[Reference: Minutes of 4 September 2019 (Paragraph 10)]

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. All employee implications were highlighted as part of the original reports to Resource Committees.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. All financial implications were highlighted as part of the original reports to Resource Committees.

6 Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 6 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. Any risks or sustainability issues or other implications were highlighted as part of the original reports to the Resource Committees.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. Equality impact assessment and consultation arrangements were highlighted as part of the original reports to the Resource Committees.
- 8.2. There is no requirement to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment or consultation in terms of the proposals contained in this report.

Cleland Sneddon
Chief Executive

21 October 2020

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

Previous References

- ◆ Minutes of Community and Enterprise Resources Committee, 15 September 2020
- ◆ Minutes of Housing and Technical Resources Committee, 16 September 2020

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual reports to Resource Committees

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Report

Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	4 November 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)

Subject:	South Lanarkshire Local Housing Strategy Annual Review 2019/20
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1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Committee with an update on the progress made during 2019/2020 against delivering the agreed outcomes set out in the Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2017-2022.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Executive Committee is asked to approve the following recommendations:-

- (1) that the progress on actions for delivering the agreed LHS priority outcomes across the five chapters, be noted

3. Background

3.1 The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 requires local authorities to carry out an assessment of needs and demand for housing and related services, and to prepare and submit a five year Local Housing Strategy (LHS) to Scottish Ministers. The LHS is the main plan for all housing tenures in the local authority area.

3.2 The LHS 2017-2022 was developed in 2016/2017, building on the good work undertaken by the council and its partners under the previous LHS. The LHS works alongside the Council's Local Development Plan (LDP), to set the strategic framework for local housing development.

3.3 The Executive Committee approved the LHS on 30 August 2017 and noted the annual monitoring and reporting arrangements.

3.4 This is the third annual review of the LHS, with the 2018/2019 review reported to Executive Committee on 4 December 2019. Whilst the review covers the 2019/2020 financial year, part of the review process also looked to identify how progress in meeting the agreed actions and measures within the LHS would be impacted by the current Covid-19 pandemic. Further information on this can be found within section 7.

4. Context and wider policy changes

4.1 A number of significant changes have taken place both locally and nationally since the last review of the LHS. A summary of these has been set out below:

- During 2019/2020, Energy Efficient Scotland completed a number of public consultations seeking to accelerate targets for energy efficiency standards of the three main housing tenures, including the private rented sector.
- Over the review year, the Council contributed to the second phase of the Scottish Government's Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy Pilot programme. The South Lanarkshire pilot focused on expanding knowledge and understanding of energy efficiency improvements required within the private rented sector and off-gas grid rural properties. Following completion of the pilots, COSLA and the Scottish Government will introduce new guidance and legislation to support the roll out of Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies that will encompass a wide array of areas, including planning, economic development and housing.
- Following recommendations from the Scottish Building and Fire Safety Ministerial Working Group, the Scottish Government published updated fire safety guidance for high rise domestic properties and for specialist accommodation. This included a range of new standards required for properties within high rise domestic buildings, sheltered housing and care home facilities that aim to enhance the fire mitigation measures and standards already in place.
- COSLA and the Scottish Government jointly published the 'Improving lives for Gypsy/Travellers 2019-2021 Action Plan' which requires local authorities across Scotland to take a range of steps to improve outcomes for the Gypsy/Traveller community. This includes improving the quality of site provided and ensuring the wider needs of the local Gypsy/Traveller community are met.
- The South Lanarkshire Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) was published in April 2019 that contributes the wider aims of the Community Planning Partnership. Housing and Technical Resources actively contributed to the development of the LCPAR, with the actions contained closely aligned to the LHS to tackle the main drivers of child poverty across South Lanarkshire.
- In conjunction with its housing, health and homelessness partners, Housing and Technical Resources developed the South Lanarkshire Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan 2019-2024 which was submitted to the Scottish Government in December 2018 and approved by the Housing and Technical Resources Committee on 23 January 2019. Now in its second year, the plan closely aligns to the homelessness outcomes within the LHS.

4.2 Housing and Technical Resources will continue to monitor national and local developments in all areas and ensure that significant changes are appropriately reflected within the LHS.

5. Annual Review 2019/20

5.1 The LHS is structured around five chapters and nine priority outcomes. There are 97 indicators against which the council monitors progress including 65 actions and 32 measures. In line with wider reporting arrangements across the council, these indicators can be categorised into 'green', 'amber' and 'red' depending on the progress made against them.

- 5.2 In 2019/2020, 90% of the indicators were on target for completion within projected target periods. Table 1 outlines the 2019/2020 categorisation of the 97 indicators.

	Green	Amber	Red	To be reported later	Total
2019/20	87	3	1	6	97

Table 1: Categorisation of LHS indicators 2019/2020

- 5.3 One measure was categorised as 'red', below anticipated performance:

- M1.3 The number of long term empty properties

In 2019/2020 the total number of empty homes across South Lanarkshire was 1,289 which was approximately 0.8% of the total homes in South Lanarkshire. Although the actual number of empty properties is a slight increase on previous years, the proportion continues to remain lower than the Scottish national average of 1.6%.

To address the issue of long term empty properties, the Council has been working with the Scottish Empty Homes Partnership to set up an enhanced service to work with owners of empty properties. A new dedicated officer was appointed earlier this year and commenced work in July 2020. Key priorities for this service over the next year include:

- re-establishing an empty homes partnership group to co-ordinate activities
- enhancing the provision of support, information and advice for owners to help bring empty homes back into use
- promotion of the empty home service

In addition to the measure contained within the LHS, the South Lanarkshire Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) now also contains a target of bringing 15 empty properties per year back into use. This will be reported to the Housing and Technical Resources Committee as part of the agreed annual reporting arrangements.

- 5.4 The three measures/actions categorised as 'amber' were:

M2.1 Increase the number of accredited landlord properties	<p>Despite the continued positive engagement with private landlords through regular newsletters and the twice annual Private Landlord Forum, the numbers of landlords who chose to become accredited has remained static since 2018/2019.</p> <p>Accounting for the impact of Covid-19, services will continue to work with private sector landlords and utilise new methods such as virtual seminars to maintain high levels of engagement.</p>
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A6.3 Working with Community Planning Partners to further develop approach to supporting homeless people to access employment and training opportunities	Wider development of the Adult Employability Partnerships has resulted in Employability Services liaising with Housing and Technical Resources to raise awareness of education, training and employment opportunities as they become available. Best practice will continue to be monitored throughout 2020/2021 to ensure a new approach on sharing information can be taken forward.
A9.5 Update and develop the Pressure Analysis Toolkit for Housing (PATH) to inform area based planning.	Last updated in 2018, the Pressure Analysis Toolkit for Housing (PATH) provides an evidence base for SHIP site selection and other decisions around the provision of services for each area. Although no update took place in 2019/2020, work is now underway to refresh and review the toolkit to ensure it remains fit for purpose. Once complete, this local data set will also be used to contribute to the development of the next regional Housing Needs Demand Assessment.

Work to progress these areas will continue to be made throughout the remainder of the LHS.

- 5.5 The review demonstrated good progress has been made for 87 indicators. Key highlights within these have been provided for each of the five chapters below:

Housing Supply, Choice and Affordability

- To improve the availability of affordable housing in South Lanarkshire, a total of 284 additional affordable homes for social rent were delivered in 2019/20. This included 206 new build homes by Registered Social Landlords, 18 Council new build homes and 60 additional Council homes purchased through the council's framework for Open Market Purchase. A full update on progress of the SHIP will be presented to the Housing and Technical Resources Committee on 23 November 2020.
- Following the 2019/2020 additions, an additional 1,000 affordable homes for social rent have now been delivered by the Council and Registered Social Landlords across South Lanarkshire since this current LHS was approved and published.

Housing Quality and Energy Efficiency

- The proportion of homes meeting current EESSH standards continues to increase. In 2019/2020, 94.3% of the Council homes met this standard. The Council continues to work towards this target and through the Home+ programme will bring the remaining, non-exempt homes up to the standard, subject to sitting tenants granting consent to necessary works.
- The Council continues to support both the social and private housing sectors through the local administration of the Scottish Government's Home Energy Efficiency Programme: Area Based Scheme (HEEPS: ABS). To date, more than £8million in grant funding has been processed through this in South

Lanarkshire, funding a range of improvements to properties including the installation of internal and external insulation.

- During 2019/2020, Housing and Technical Resources completed a pilot Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy as a part of a national pilot programme. This sought to understand challenges and opportunities in improving the energy efficiency performance of both rural properties and those within the private rented sector and has provided a range of data sets to support targeted energy efficiency improvement works within the private sector.

Supporting Independent Living and Specialist Provision

- Of the 284 additional affordable homes for social rent delivered during 2019/2020, 118 (42%) were particular need/amenity properties. All new homes within the programme meet the housing for varying needs standard and are 'future proofed', meaning they are designed in such a way that they can be easily adapted to meet the specific needs of a wide range of customers, now and into the future.
- As part of the 2018/2019 annual review, following revised guidance from the Scottish Government, a target of 8% for wheelchair accessible housing as a proportion of new build social housing was introduced to the LHS. In 2019/2020, eight of the 18 new Council houses were categorised as wheelchair accessible with work continuing to effectively collate statistics for Registered Social Landlords properties.
- The Council and housing partners continue to promote the wide range of sheltered housing available across South Lanarkshire with revised published online guides on the accommodation and associated services available.
- During 2019/2020, in consultation with current residents of the Council's two Gypsy/Traveller sites, investment master plans continue to be developed and implemented which will see a range of improvements delivered across both sites during 2020/2021 and beyond. This includes the installation of new communal facilities, site reconfigurations and energy efficiency improvements to amenity buildings.

Addressing Homelessness

- The time spent in temporary accommodation has reduced by 7% from an average of 200 days in 2018/2019 to 187 days in 2019/20, the lowest level over the past three years.
- There has been a significant improvement in the number of homeless households waiting more than 12 months for permanent accommodation, with a 34% reduction noted throughout 2019/2020.
- The Council has continued to develop its Integrated Housing Options model, increasing resources over recent years dedicated to early detection of housing risk factors and interventions to prevent homelessness where possible. This has led to an increase in the Housing Options caseload from 753 cases during 2017/2018 to 933 in 2019/2020. The Housing Options approach also promotes the private rented sector as a viable option for the prevention of homelessness, with 80 cases resolved through this route in the last year.
- Housing Options and Homelessness awareness training continues to be provided to secondary schools across South Lanarkshire. Over the last year awareness sessions were delivered to 200 young people. Work is also underway with Education Resources to produce a film focusing on

homelessness and tackling poverty which will be included in the future school curriculum. The film will continue the theme of co-production and involve those with lived experience of homelessness.

Sustainable Places

- The Council continues to work in partnership with key stakeholders and partners to deliver 230 new social rented properties through the Whitlawburn Regeneration Masterplan, due for completion in 2022/2023.
- The Council and its housing partners continue to engage with communities within Clydesdale, experiencing low demand of social rented housing to develop housing-led local area action plans that promote housing sustainability.

5.6 Six actions were identified as 'to be reported later'. Four of these were as a result of the data not being available at the time the review was completed due to delays in reporting associated with Covid-19. The two outstanding actions will be commenced and progressed during the remaining term of the LHS.

6. Proposed revisions to LHS Performance Framework

6.1 Taking account of the wider context and policy changes as detailed in Section 4, it has been necessary to review the performance framework against which progress within the LHS is measured. This is to ensure the performance indicators remain relevant and measurable.

6.2 Following the 2019/2020 annual review, it is proposed that no measures or actions are to be added or removed from the LHS.

7. Impact from Covid-19

7.1 Whilst the review covers the 2019/2020 financial year, part of the review process looked to identify how progress in meeting the agreed actions and measures within the LHS would be impacted by the current Covid-19 pandemic. A summary of the two key areas that are anticipated to be the most significantly impacted is provided in the table below:

Affordable housing supply programme	As a result of national lockdown, significant delays to construction projects have occurred. The Council and Registered Social Landlords are working with the Scottish Government and contractors to restart sites and make progress on existing and planned sites. Ensuring safe systems of work and securing materials amidst shortages are also factors that now need to be considered.
	A full update on both progress made to date and revised timescales within the South Lanarkshire Strategic Housing Investment Plan will be presented to Housing and Technical Resource Committee on 23 November 2020.

Homelessness	<p>Whilst there has not been a substantial increase in the number of homeless presentations made to the Council since the pandemic began, challenges have arisen relating to the throughput of temporary accommodation as a result of little movement in the housing market.</p> <p>The Council and its housing and homelessness partners continue to meet these new challenges, including through innovative approaches such as utilising empty student accommodation for homeless households and substantially increasing the percentage of lets to homeless households. Further issues are anticipated however, particularly when the current national ban on evictions comes to an end.</p> <p>The Council and its partners will continue to monitor and adapt to ensure support is provided to those who need it. This includes reviewing and contributing to national policy direction relating to homelessness and housing support.</p> <p>The first Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan 2019-2024 annual review presented to the Housing and Technical Resources Committee on 16 September 2020 provides further details of the required changes of approach by services to meet the new challenges presented in this area.</p>
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- 6.2 The full impact of the pandemic on the outcomes contained within the LHS and associated plans and strategies will be reported to Executive Committee as part of the 2020/2021 annual review.

7. Looking ahead

- 7.1 2020/21 will be the fourth year of the LHS. In addition to the actions being progressed within the strategy, the Council and its partners will continue to take forward a wide range of other work, including:

- Contribution to the development of the Glasgow City Region Housing Demand Needs Assessment which will assist in the annual Strategic Housing Investment Plan submission and development of South Lanarkshire's next LHS.
- As part of the wider HNDA, development of a South Lanarkshire Gypsy/Traveller accommodation needs assessment will be completed in partnership with housing, health and education services to ensure the right numbers and types of accommodation options are available.

- 7.2 Further information on these, including how they each impact the current actions and measures within the LHS will be reported to the Executive Committee as part of the 2020/2021 annual review.

8. Next Steps

- 8.1 The Council and its housing, health and homelessness partners have made good progress in 2019/2020 towards delivering on the current, agreed LHS Priority Outcomes. The findings of this review will be shared with the Scottish Government, as

recommended good practice, and a summary 'LHS 2017-2022 Annual Report' is being prepared and will be published on the Council's website.

8.2 The action plan and monitoring framework as set out in the LHS 2017-2022 will be updated to ensure the strategy continues to align with associated plans and strategies, as well as to reflect new national policy priorities as noted in Section 4.

8.3 The Council will continue to monitor, influence where possible and enact any national policy changes that relate to the LHS, including the associated impact and recovery from the current Covid-19 pandemic.

9. Employee Implications

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

10. Financial Implications

10.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

11. Other Implications

11.1 The actions in the LHS link closely to the wider Rural Strategy, Strategic Commissioning Plan, Local Development Plan and Economic Strategy.

11.2 A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) pre-screening determination was completed as part of the development of the LHS 2017-2022.

11.3 The content of this report will contribute to the evidence to support the requirements of the newly introduced Annual Assurance Statement.

12. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

12.1 A full Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) was completed as part of the development of the LHS 2017-2022. The EQIA identified that the LHS would be of particular relevance to individuals covered under the "protected characteristics" as defined in the Equality Act 2010 and would have a positive impact upon communities across South Lanarkshire.

12.3 The LHS is subject to ongoing consultation and engagement with key partners and stakeholders.

Daniel Lowe

Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)

4 November 2020

Links to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Improve later life
- ◆ Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults
- ◆ Deliver better health and social care outcomes for all
- ◆ Improve the quality, access and availability of housing

- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality thriving and sustainable communities
- ◆ Support our communities by tackling disadvantage and deprivation and supporting aspiration

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee Report, 'Local Housing Strategy (LHS) Annual Review 2018/19', 4 December 2019
- ◆ Executive Committee Report, 'Local Housing Strategy (LHS) Annual Review 2017-22', 21 November 2018

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan 2019-24
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Strategic Commissioning Plan 2019-22

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