

# Report

Report to: Education Resources Committee

Date of Meeting: 1 June 2021

Report by: Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

**Executive Director (Education Resources)** 

Subject: Capital Budget Monitoring 2020/2021 - Education

Resources

#### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

♦ provide information on the progress of the capital programme for Education Resources for the period 1 April 2020 to 26 February 2021.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendations:
  - (1) that the Education Resources capital programme of £24.480 million, and expenditure to date of £18.934 million, be noted; and
  - (2) that the projected outturn of £22.561 million, be noted.

#### 3. Background

- 3.1. This is the fifth capital monitoring report presented to the Education Resources Committee for the financial year 2020/2021. A final report will be presented following the end of the financial year.
- 3.2. As noted in the last report to this Committee (16 March 2021), the budget for Education Resources for financial year 2020/2021, including carry forward, was £24.480 million. There have been no other changes to this budget allocation since that meeting.
- 3.3. The report details the financial position for Education Resources in Appendix A.

#### 4. Employee Implications

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

### 5. Financial Implications

5.1. As detailed in Section 3.2, the revised capital programme for Education Resources for financial year 2020/2021 is £24.480 million. Spend to 26 February 2021 totals £18.934 million.

#### 5.2. 2020/21 Outturn

As at period 12, the predicted spend position for this financial year, advised by Housing and Technical Resources, was anticipated to be an outturn of £22.561 million. This

would be an underspend of £1.919 million. As reported to this Committee previously, this mainly reflects the anticipated timing of spend on a number of projects, resulting in budget required in 2021/2022 rather than 2020/21.

- 5.3. The progression of a number of projects has been impacted by the ongoing lockdowns due to Covid-19. This includes the Information Communication Technology refresh programme, St Charles' Primary School Extension, Kilbride Early Learning Centre, Lightburn Early Learning Centre, the extension at St Mark's Primary School, Hamilton, the construction of the new building at Auchingramont Road and smaller projects in relation to minor alterations / ASN adaptations. Any underspend on these projects, along with the funding, will carry forward into next financial year.
- 5.4. These underspends are offset by more spend than originally anticipated in relation to the Early Years 1,140 Hours programme which is progressing well as we move towards the year-end. Again, this is a timing issue only, with funding for the overall spend on this programme already identified.
- 5.5. The year-end position is currently being finalised and this will be reported to the Executive Committee on 23 June 2021. Current indications are that spend will be higher than the period 12 outturn suggests due to good progress on the Early Years 1,140 hours programme. The final position will be reported to the next Education Resources Committee on 31 August 2021.

## 6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

#### 7. Other Implications

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

## 8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

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## Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

Accountable, Effective, Efficient and Transparent

#### **Previous References**

Education Resources Committee, 16 March 2021

## **List of Background Papers**

Financial ledger to 26 February 2021

## **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:

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# Appendix A

## South Lanarkshire Council Capital Expenditure 2020-21 Education Resources Programme For Period 1 April 2020 – 26 February 2021

Education Resources	Base Budget £000	Budget Adjustments £000	Slippage/ Acceleration £000	Total Budget £000	Actual Expenditure £000
Primary School Modernisation Programme	417	0	0	417	158
ICT Developments	3,500	1,953	0	5,453	3,338
Early Years 1,140 Hours	12,879	425	0	13,304	12,834
Other	4,657	649	0	5,306	2,604
TOTAL	21,453	3,027	0	24,480	18,934