

Report

Report to: Education Resources Committee

Date of Meeting: 16 March 2021

Report by: Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject: Capital Budget Monitoring 2020/21 - 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 29 January 2021.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendations:
 - that the Education Resources capital programme of £24.480 million, and expenditure to date of £17.093 million, be noted; and
 - (2) that the projected outturn of £22.200 million, be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. This is the fourth 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 (19 January 2021), the budget for Education Resources for financial year 2020/2021, including carry forward, was £23.153 million.
- 3.3. Since that meeting, the Executive Committee on 10 February 2021 have agreed changes to the Education Resources Capital Programme. These adjustments total an increase of £1.327 million and the details are shown in Appendix A. This takes the Education Resources programme for 2020/2021 to £24.480 million.
- 3.4. 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 3.3, the revised capital programme for Education Resources for financial year 2020/2021 is £24.480 million. Spend to 29 January 2021 totals £17.093 million.

5.2. 2020/21 Outturn

Work has been ongoing to monitor the predicted spend position for this financial year and current estimates from Housing and Technical Resources suggest an outturn of £22.200 million. This is an underspend of £2.280 million and mainly reflects the anticipated timing of spend on a number of projects, resulting in budget required in 2021/22 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, smaller projects in relation to minor alterations / ASN adaptations, the extension at St Mark's Primary School, Hamilton and the construction of the new building at Auchingramont Road. 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. Again, this is a timing issue only, with funding for the overall spend on this programme already identified.

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.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Tony McDaid

Executive Director (Education Resources)

25 February 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

Accountable, Effective, Efficient and Transparent

Previous References

- Education Resources Committee, 19 January 2021
- Executive Committee, 10 February 2021

List of Background Papers

Financial ledger to 29 January 2021

Contact for Further Information

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

Lorraine O'Hagan, Finance Manager (Strategy)

Ext: 2601 (Tel: 01698 452601)

E-mail: lorraine.o'hagan@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Appendix A

South Lanarkshire Council Capital Expenditure 2020-21 Education Resources Programme For Period 1 April 2020 – 29 January 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	155
ICT Developments	3,500	1,953	0	5,453	2,691
Early Years 1,140 Hours	12,879	425	0	13,304	11,958
Other	4,657	649	0	5,306	2,289
TOTAL	21,453	3,027	0	24,480	17,093

For Information Only

Budget Adjustments presented to Executive Committee 10 February 2021:

Education Information Communication Technology (ICT) £0.700m
Acquisition of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School Building £0.627m

Total Budget Adjustments £1.327m