

The Highland Council

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

18 September 2013

Agenda Item	6
Report No	PED 55/13

Capital Expenditure Monitoring 2013/14

Report by Director of Planning & Development

Summary

This report outlines the Expenditure and Income to July 31 for the 2013/14 Capital Programme.

The Planning and Development Service Capital Programme and use of the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund supports the Council's programme of support for the Highland economy and specifically helps make Highland an attractive environment for business and supports the development of Highland urban centres.

1. 2013/14 Capital Programme

- 1.1 The Capital Monitoring Statement attached at Appendix 1 shows the position to the end of July 2013. The "Budget" column is that approved by the Highland Council on 27 June 2013, adjusted for underspends carried forward from 2012/13.
- 1.2 The comments column of Appendix 1 provides an indication of the status of individual projects within the programme.
- 1.3 Pending the current detailed business process review for the delivery of capital projects within Planning and Development Service, it is premature to make any realistic adjustment to forecast outturns, but it is anticipated that year end expenditure will be below that currently forecast due to staff resource limitations. Further information on proposed process improvements to improve this matter will be brought to the November 2013 Committee.
- 1.4 It has previously been brought to the attention of this Committee that the demands of managing the Service portfolio of nearly 250 countryside assets impacts significantly on the capacity of the Projects & Facilities Team. In tandem with the capital projects business process review noted in paragraph 1.3, the Service is also initiating the preparation of a Planning and Development Service Facilities Management Strategy, with a view to rationalising and prioritising Service delivery in this regard. Further information will be brought to a future meeting of this Committee.

2. Vacant and Derelict Land Fund (VDLF)

2.1 The Council received Ministerial approval of the 2013/14 Delivery Plan on 6 August 2013. Given that only four weeks has passed since receiving approval of the Delivery Plan, progress has been limited and expenditure at the time of writing remains at nil. A verbal update will be provided at Committee and a detailed update on each of the individual projects will be included in all future Committee reports from the 6 November 2013. This will include updated entries in Appendix 1.

3. Implications

3.1 Resource: The Core Projects are funded from the Capital Programme with external funding secured in addition whenever possible. The scope of projects is tailored to the funds available and therefore there are no additional resource implications for the Council. As the VDLF is grant funding from the Scottish Government there are no resource implications for the Council albeit if the full VDLF allocation is not utilised, any unspent funds may require to be returned to the Scottish Government.

3.2 Legal: There are no legal implications.

3.3 Equality: Equality issues are considered for each project as an integral part of the project management process.

3.4 Climate Change/Carbon Clever: Issues are currently addressed as required as an integral part of the project management process.

3.5 Risk: Risk implications vary due to the wide range of projects undertaken and consideration of risk is an integral part of the project management process. There are no specific concerns regarding current capital programme or VDLF projects. If significant risks are foreseen, these are reported to Senior Management for inclusion as appropriate in the Service Risk Register.

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Note the contents of this report.

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THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
MONITORING OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - 1 April 2013 - 31 July 2013

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Project Description	BUDGET			ACTUAL YEAR TO DATE			ESTIMATED OUTTURN			VARIANCE	COMMENTS
	A Gross Expenditure £000	B Income £000	C Net Expenditure £000	D Gross Expenditure £000	E Income	F Net Expenditure	G Gross Expenditure	H Income	I Net Expenditure £000	J Column I minus Column C	K
Community Woodland	10	-	10	-	-	-	10	-	10	-	CF = Carry Forward LC = Legally Committed FY = Financial Year ITT / ITQ = Invitation to Tender / Quote
Core Path Network Development	45	-	45	-	-	-	45	-	45	-	ITQ in prep
Visitor Management	100	-	100	13	-	13	100	-	100	-	Safety upgrades Great Glen Way and West Highland Way
Dunnet	75	-	75	15	-	15	75	-	75	-	Ongoing signage and interpretation projects
Kilt, Lealt, Raasay, Kyle, Storr	116	-	116	14	13	1	116	41	75	(41)	Final scope to be referred back to local Members for agreement
Beauly Square	-	28	(28)	-	-	-	2	28	(26)	2	Storr Woodland restructuring ongoing with SRDP income. Kyle steps upgrade designs in prep. Kilt, Lealt, Storr, Raasay options appraisal to be initiated.
Helmsdale	88	-	88	26	-	26	88	-	88	-	Defects to complete. Retention £2k 2012/13. Final Leader income early 2013/14 £28k. Overall minor overspend.
Wick	120	-	120	-	-	-	120	-	120	-	Path works on site. Car park works ITT issued.
Thurso	30	-	30	-	-	-	30	-	30	-	Delays re Coghill footbridge upgrade pending further options appraisal. Tolbooth Lane underway.
Inverlochy Village Centre Regeneration	3	-	3	2	-	2	3	4	(1)	(4)	Beech Court upgrade & Esplanade improvements - designs in prep.
Portree Regeneration Phase 2	54	-	54	-	-	-	54	-	54	-	Complete. Final Leader income claimed £4k.
Ballachulish inclined plane	6	-	6	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	Bayfield steps upgrade - designs in prep.
Inverness City Gateways	66	-	66	-	-	-	66	-	66	-	Applications in prep for significant external funding for 2013/14 project around £200k.
Subtotal Core Projects	713	28	685	70	13	57	715	73	642	(43)	Contribution to Ness River Public Art Programme; see committee report.
Vacant & Derelict Land Fund	920	920	-	-	795	(795)	920	920	-	-	Balance of VDLF funds -budgets to be approved
Huntly House, Inverness	-	-	-	-	68	(68)	-	-	-	-	Project did not commence in 2012/13. Project forms part of the 2013/14 VDLF Delivery Plan.
Rhind House, Wick	-	-	-	-	19	(19)	-	-	-	-	Project did not commence in 2012/13. Project forms part of the 2013/14 VDLF Delivery Plan.
High Street, Invergordon	-	-	-	-	80	(80)	-	-	-	-	Project complete. VDLF grant will be paid in 2013/14.
Longman Estate, Inverness	-	-	-	-	186	(186)	-	-	-	-	Long term VDLF project comprising of a number of different work packages. Project forms part of the 2013/14 VDLF Delivery Plan.
Former dairy, Balmacara	-	-	-	-	46	(46)	-	-	-	-	Legally committed. VDLF will be drawn down in 2013/14.
Former distillery Inverlochy	-	-	-	-	21	(21)	-	-	-	-	Legally committed. VDLF will be drawn down in 2013/14.
Cromlet Park, Invergordon	-	-	-	-	100	(100)	-	-	-	-	Project did not commence in 2012/13. Project forms part of the 2013/14 VDLF Delivery Plan.
Technical assessments	-	-	-	-	20	(20)	-	-	-	-	Legally committed. VDLF will be drawn down in 2013/14.
Subtotal Vacant & Derelict Land Fund	920	920	-	-	1,335	(1,335)	920	920	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL	1,633	948	685	70	1,348	(1,278)	1,635	993	642	(43)	

Appendix 2: Vacant and Derelict Land Fund 2013/14

Site Address		Budget 2013-2014	Expenditure up to 6 September 2013	Remaining Expenditure to Year End 2013-14
Inverness	Huntly House	£68,000	£0	£68,000
	Longman East*	£186,000	£0	£186,000 <i>(£36k legally committed)</i>
	Westercraigs Site 2B	£125,000	£0	£125,000
	Glebe Street	£50,000	£0	£50,000
	Viewhill House	£50,000	£0	£50,000
Culloden	Former Smithon Sawmill	£120,000	£0	£120,000
Ardersier	Whiteness Head	£450,000	£0	£450,000
Invergordon	High Street*	£80,000	£0	£80,000 <i>(£80k legally committed)</i>
	Cromlet Park	£100,000	£0	£100,000
	Former Victoria Garage	£300,000	£0	£300,000
	Industrial Estate	£200,000	£0	£200,000
Dingwall	Riverside Field	£175,000	£0	£175,000
Fort William	Inverlochy Distillery	£21,000	£0	£21,000
Skye	Kilbeg Village	£200,000	£0	£200,000

Wick	Grounds of Rhind House	£19,000	£0	£19,000
Balmacara	Former Dairy	£51,000	£0	£51,000 (£51k legally committed)
Glenborrodale	Glenborrodale School	£40,000	£0	£40,000
Technical Studies		£20,000	£0	£20,000 (£20k legally committed)
Total		£2,255,000	£0	£2,255,000

*2012/13 Legally Committed
Projects