

**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL
Resources Committee
25 November 2015**

Agenda Item	11
Report No	RES/ 99/15

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE
CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Report by The Chief Executive

Summary

This report sets out the monitoring position for the Chief Executive's Office 2015-16 capital budget for the period to 30 September 2015.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report and appendices reflect a new approach to the reporting of capital monitoring in response to recommendations from an Audit Scotland National report which was considered by Resources committee in May 2015.
- 1.2 The revised approach places greater emphasis on the monitoring of major projects (those with a value greater than £4m) and the monitoring of projects on a full-life (multi-year) basis. The revised approach brings an enhanced level of information and transparency in relation to the monitoring of capital projects. The Chief Executive's Office budget does not have any projects above £4m. However, there is a second appendix included in the Chief Executive's Office Capital Monitoring for the first time providing greater detail on the projects supported by the Carbon Clever Capital Budget.
- 1.3 In addition, payments from the Council's Capital Discretionary Fund are now shown in the Chief Executive's Office Capital Budget to assist with monitoring. Decisions with regard to Capital Discretionary Budget awards are taken on a case by case basis at Resources Committee and only show in the budget once payment has been made.

2. 2015/16 Capital Budget Monitoring

- 2.1 **Appendix A** sets out the capital budget and monitoring position to the end of September 2015. The Chief Executive's Office' budget has four capital budget headings for the financial year 2015/16: Capital Discretionary Fund; Regeneration of Cameron Square, Fort William; Inverness City Gateways; and Carbon Clever Community Grant Fund. At present, these four headings amount to a net budget of £0.604m, with £0.412m spent to date. All are expected to be fully spent by the conclusion of the financial year.

- 2.2 **Appendix B** sets out the monitoring position for the Carbon Clever Capital Budget. This budget is separate from the Carbon Clever Community Grant Fund monitored in **Appendix A**. The latter provides funding for non-council community based projects whereas the budget in **Appendix B** is specifically to support projects that assist the Council in meeting its carbon reduction targets. The Carbon Clever Capital Budget has £0.338m spent out of a total budget of £0.850m.
- 2.3 The Chief Executive's Office is currently predicting a slippage of £0.512m in the Carbon Clever Capital Budget by the end of the year. However, there is a report later on the Resources Committee agenda which seeks members' approval for a number of additional projects to be supported from the Community Grant Fund and the Carbon Clever Capital budget. If approved, this would leave £0.305m unallocated in the Carbon Clever Capital budget and £0.035m un-allocated from the Community Grant Fund.

3. Implications

- 3.1 Resources - There are no resource implications other than those already set out.
- 3.2 Legal - there are no legal implications for The Highland Council.
- 3.3 Equalities and Climate Change - there are no negative equality or climate change implications arising from this report.
- 3.4 Risk, Gaelic and Rural - there are no risk, Gaelic or rural implications to The Highland Council.

4. Recommendation

- 6.1 Members are asked to consider the capital monitoring position for the Chief Executive's Office Capital Budget for the period 1 April 2015 to 30 September 2015.

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Designation: Chief Executive

Date: 15 November 2015

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MONITORING OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - 1ST APRIL 2015 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2015							
SERVICE: CHIEF EXECUTIVES SERVICE							
Project Description	Actual Net Year to Date £000	Revised Net Budget £000	Year End Estimated Net Outturn £000	Year End Net Variance £000	(Slippage)/Acceleration Net £000	Anticipated Year End (Under)/Over £000	COMMENTS
Discretionary Fund	346	332	332	0			£281k CAB; £50k Alexandra Bridge
Regeneration of Cameron Square, Fort William	6	6	6	0			Project complete. Retention to be paid in 15/16
Inverness City Gateways	0	66	66	0			Expenditure expected late 15/16 - anticipated to be fully spent
Carbon Clever Community Grant Fund	60	200	200	0			
OVERALL TOTAL	412	604	604	0	0	0	

Capital Expenditure Monitoring Report - Projects over £4m

1 April - 30 September 2015

Total Project Budget						
Project	Original Budget	Approved Change	Approved Change	Revised Total	Original Completion Date	Revised Completion Date
	£000	£000	£000	£000		
				0		

Projected Lifetime Outturn			
Spend To Date	Projected Future Spend	Projected Project Outturn	Projected Lifetime Variance
£000	£000	£000	£000
		0	0

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL							APPENDIX B
MONITORING OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - 1ST APRIL 2015 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2015							
SERVICE: CARBON CLEVER							
	Actual Net Year to Date	Revised Net Budget	Year End Estimated Net Outturn	Year End Net Variance	(Slippage)/ Acceleration Net	Anticipated Year End (Under)/Over	COMMENTS
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	
Carbon Clever	338	850	338	(512)	(512)		Slippage due to time taken to identify suitable projects and gain committee approval
OVERALL TOTAL	338	850	338	(512)	(512)	0	

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