

The Highland Council
Planning, Development and Infrastructure Committee
11 May 2016

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Report No	PDI 21/16

Capital Expenditure Monitoring for Major Projects to 31 March 2016

Report by Director of Development and Infrastructure

Summary

This report invites Members to approve the capital expenditure monitoring position for the period to 31 March 2016 for all major projects over £1million.

1. Background

- 1.1 This report is produced in support of the Council's corporate governance process, which in turn is designed to support/augment the Council's overall/corporate delivery of all of its obligations in terms of the Single Outcome agreement.

2. Capital Programme 2015-16

- 2.1 The 2015/16 financial year closedown is ongoing and Final Accounts will be presented to the Council meeting on 29 June 2016. However, Near Final summary figures will be reported to the Resources Committee on 25 May 2016, and the detail for Development & Infrastructure will be reported to the next meeting of this Committee.
- 2.2 The summary of capital expenditure on projects with a value in excess of £1million against current programme and estimated outturn is included in **Appendix 1**. The baseline, for reporting purposes, is the capital programme approved at Highland Council on 12 March 2015.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 **Appendix 1** provides Members with whole of life project information for individual projects with a budget of greater than £1m. At this stage, other than minor changes to planned completion dates, no financial variance is anticipated to the current total approved budgets. This will be subject to ongoing review.

4. Project Updates

- 4.1 Inverness West Link
The enabling works contract – to undertake tree felling and statutory undertaker's diversion is now complete. The Contract for Stage 1 (Dores Road to the A82) and the Canal Parks Enhancement has been awarded to Wills Bros Ltd, with a tender assessment of c£22.5m, which is within the budget allocated.

Works are due to start on 9 May 2016 for completion late 2017. Community liaison meetings are being held to keep local communities briefed on progress and the works programme. These meetings are well attended and appreciated, a letter drop to the local communities has also been undertaken. Stage 2 (additional swing bridge) will be phased for construction following the relocation of the Golf Course.

4.2 Inshes Roundabout

The flaring works at Inshes Roundabout has been awarded to Breedon Aggregates Scotland Ltd. Works commenced on the 11 April, and are due to be completed in July. Works are being progressed in a manner to limit traffic disruption. Design work is progressing on the 'three lanes' over Inshes overbridge – which is technically feasible without major bridge strengthening works. These works would be progressed as permitted development in land in the ownership of the Highland Council – statutory undertaker's diversion works will be required which, with long lead in times, will influence delivery. Dialogue with Transport Scotland over the A9/A96 Connectivity study (East Link), and specifically traffic modelling work is progressing with close liaison with the aim to establish the most effective Inshes junction layout.

4.3 Kinnairdie Link Road

Stage 1, County Buildings Junction is complete with the works being undertaken by Pat Munro Ltd. The flood attenuation works will be undertaken prior to the main roadworks to gain the flood attenuation benefit. To align with the capital budgets the flood attenuation work is programmed for 2017, with the main roadworks commencing in 2018.

4.4 Muir of Ord Railway Bridge

Construction works on the replacement bridge started in November 2015, with the contract being awarded to George Leslie Ltd. Works are progressing well and are currently ahead of programme following good coordination and liaison with Network Rail. Works are programmed to be completed early 2017.

4.5 Ruthven (Spey) Bridge

The works are complete, and are in the maintenance period which finishes on the 29 October 2016. No issues being evident to date.

4.6 B9090 White Bridge, Cawdor

Following confirmation of funding in November, design work is progressing. Topographic surveys and public utility details have been obtained. Environmental surveys are ongoing but further surveys for bats, badgers, otter, red squirrel and birds are required. Statutory consultations are underway and this includes Historic Environment Scotland due to the existing structure being listed. The bridge is programmed to be operational in 2018. Community Services have progressed the 18T weight restriction.

4.7 Torvean Golf Course

Tenders have been issued for the golf course construction with works programmed to commence this Summer. This contract will programme the works for completion and occupation in Spring 2019 to release the area of the

existing golf course for construction of Stage 2, the additional swing bridge.

4.8 Canal Parks Enhancement

The works were included as one contract with the West Link Stage 1, due to the interrelationship in the construction areas, and the mitigation and coordination works needed to minimise the impact on the Rugby Club, and their training and match fixtures. Stage 1 and Canal Parks Enhancement was awarded to Wills Bros Ltd with works commencing on 9 May 2016. Good coordination of the works with the Rugby Club has been agreed, allowing rugby to continue throughout the full construction programme.

4.9 River Ness Flood Scheme

The River Ness Flood scheme is complete and in the maintenance period. Remedial works are being undertaken by the contractor (at their expense) to fencing at the Harbour area.

4.10 Wick Office

All staff have now occupied the new office building. Remedial works are being carried out to the basement waterproofing system. The contractor has redesigned the external façade stone cladding and it is anticipated the works to replace this will be completed in late 2016.

4.11 Fort William Office Rationalisation

The contractor, Robertsons, has now been appointed for the works. Discussions are underway with potential project partners. Works are scheduled for start in May 2016, and should be completed in Autumn 2017.

4.12 Kingussie Office Rationalisation

Work is ongoing and is due for completion in July 2016. Slight delay has been caused because of additional repairs to the roof which required a reapplication of listed building consent. This consent has now been granted.

5. Implications

5.1 Resource implications are discussed in the report.

5.2 There are no legal, equality, climate change/carbon clever, risk, Gaelic or rural implications arising as a direct result of this report.

Recommendations

Members are invited to approve the capital expenditure monitoring position for the period to 31 March 2016 for all major projects over £1million.

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Background Papers: Monitoring Statements 31/03/16 and the Highland Council Financial Ledger

MONITORING OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - Projects Over £1m

SERVICE: DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Project Description	Approved Budget March 2015	Current Approved Budget	Total Project Spend to Date	Forecast Total Project Spend	Forecast End of Project Variance	Project Completion Dates	
						Planned at March 2015	Current Estimate
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000		
ROADS AND BRIDGES							
Major Road Improvements							
The Inverness West Link	43,352	43,352	3,102	43,352	0	Mar 2021	Mar 2021
Inshes Roundabout	6,975	6,975	295	6,975	0	Mar 2020	Mar 2020
Kinnairdie Link Road, Dingwall (Incl Junction at County Buildings)	7,258	7,258	913	7,258	0	Mar 2019	Mar 2019
Major Bridge Works							
A862 Muir of Ord Railway Bridge	5,360	5,360	743	5,360	0	Mar 2018	Mar 2018
B970 Ruthven (Spey) Bridge	1,150	1,150	712	1,150	0	Mar 2016	Mar 2016
B9090 White Bridge, Cawdor	2,250	2,250	71	2,250	0	Mar 2019	Mar 2019
LEISURE FACILITIES							
Torvean Golf Course	8,227	8,227	3,646	8,227	0	Mar 2019	Mar 2019
Canal Parks Enhancement	4,144	4,144	527	4,144	0	Mar 2018	Mar 2018
FLOOD PREVENTION							
Flood Prevention Schemes							
River Ness Flood Prevention - Tidal Section (Incl Streetscaping)	34,708	34,708	34,648	34,708	0	Mar 2017	Mar 2017
STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT							
Wick Office	8,500	8,500	8,350	8,500	0	Mar 2016	Aug 2016
Fort William Office Rationalisation	5,801	5,801	498	5,801	0	Mar 2017	Mar 2018
Kingussie Office Rationalisation	1,994	1,994	1,671	1,994	0	Mar 2016	Mar 2017
OVERALL TOTAL	129,719	129,719	55,176	129,719	0		