

ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGET TO 30 JUNE 2021

- 1.1 The table below details the Direct Services Capital Budget position to 30 June 2021. The total Capital Plan budget of £21.308 million has an actual spend at the end of December 2020 of £7.577 million.

	Capital Plan 2021/22	Actual Expenditure 30 June 2021	Projected Expenditure 2021/22
	£000	£000	£000
Vehicles, Plant & Equipment	4,635	316	3,641
Land & Buildings	12,781	2,805	12,647
Infrastructure	11,080	725	11,187
TOTAL	28,496	3,846	27,475

- 2.1 The following table shows the programme within the Capital Budget

	Capital Plan 2020/21	Actual Expenditure 31 June 2021	Projected Expenditure 2021/22	RAG
	£000	£000	£000	
Land and Buildings				
Car Parks	842	112	842	
Waste Management	11,589	2,693	11,633	
Cemetery Provision in Moray	10	-	80	
Cemetery Provision in Moray - Infrastructure	100	-	73	
Operational Work – Tree Surveys	40	-	-	
Parks & Open Spaces – Infrastructure	200	-	19	
	12,781	2,805	12,647	
Vehicles, Plant and Equipment				
Vehicle & Plant Replacement Programme	3,572	305	3,045	
Orchard Road Signals	220	-	28	
Traffic	43	1	43	
Waste Management	395	2	120	

Chemical Waste Disposal Points	170	1	170	
Lands and Parks Play Equipment	235	7	235	
	4,635	316	3,641	
Infrastructure				
Road Safety	328	11	302	
Road Safety	698	12	668	
Road Improvements				
Carriageway Resurfacing	3,456	2	3,456	
Drainage	460	18	460	
Footways	300	2	300	
Kerb Edge Replacement	50	-	50	
Timber Traffic Structural Works	500	-	-	
Portknockie Landslip	15	-	15	
A95 Meikle Cantlay Landslip	693	-	-	
Street Lighting		-	1,057	
LED Replacement Programme	257	-	257	
Replacement Columns and Lights	800	-	550	
Bridges	1,601	371	1,534	
Flood Risk Management & Coastal Protection	113	165	165	
Wards Road Junction Improvements	372	1	250	
Sustainable Travel (Grant Funded)	-	9	-	
Harbours	1,713	109	1,713	
Facilities Management Equipment	24	1	24	
Charge Points – Ashgrove (Grant Funded)	-	23	-	
	11,080	725	11,187	
TOTAL	21,308	7,577	20,873	

Land and Buildings

Car parks -

Waste Management - The overspend on Moycroft in quarter 1 is a result of legacy costs from 2020/21. Scottish Water and Covid disruption costs are still yet to be confirmed, however, initial estimates have indicated that these could be in the region of £85,000. An invoice that was submitted late and now allocated to this year is for £45,000. Final invoices have still to be submitted and may vary the final cost of the project up or down. Spend of £2,626,000

has been incurred on the Council's contribution to the NESS Energy for Waste Plant and £23,000 on cell capping at Dallachy Landfill Site. Both these projects are anticipated to fully spend the budget allocation by 31st March.

Cemetery Provision in Moray – The original projected expenditure in 2021/22 of £10,000 was to cover internal project management costs for the new Elgin Cemetery. The timing of the project has been advanced and specialist technical and design services to progress this project to the next stage are currently being tendered for which will require an estimated £70,000 in this financial year.

Cemetery Provision in Moray Infrastructure – The projected spend against this line is to undertake Health and Safety works. Currently expenditure in 2021/22 is estimated to be £84.5k however should other priority works emerge this year's allocated could be committed in full.

Tree Survey Operational Works – No works have commenced under this budget allocation of £40,000. It is proposed to defer expenditure in response to construction industry supply chain issues, plans and designs for future works could be developed at minimal cost so it is therefore proposed that the majority of this budget allocation be deferred to 2022/23.

Parks & Opens Spaces Infrastructure – It is currently only planned to carry out priority and health safety works under this heading, resulting in c. £20k spend against a budget of £200,000. It is proposed that the resulting underspend of £181,000 be deferred to 2022/23 with any further expenditure in this year limited to priority health and safety works only.

Vehicles, Plant and Equipment

Vehicle & Plant Replacement Programme – Expenditure of £3,045,000 is projected by 31 March 2022. However, suppliers are experiencing extreme difficulties in being able to predict delivery dates due to the ongoing effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on vehicle factory production levels and also the availability of small components such as semi conductors. 2021/22 spend will be dependent on how factories recover and small components come back on stream.

Orchard Road Signals - There were difficulties in tendering Orchard Road signals, and this will now be carried out in-house with uncertainty as to how much spend will be achieved this financial year

Waste Management - £2,000 has been spent to 30th June on the purchase of Domestic and Trade Waste bins. Worldwide shortages of plastics have seen lead times for deliveries extended, and also the costs of bins increase and it is anticipated to fully spend the budget of £100,000. The budget of £275,000 against this heading was originally earmarked for upgrades to Gollachy Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC). This has been deferred previously due to uncertainty over the life of the facility. The detail of the work to be undertaken is still be scoped so it is recommended that the full budget of £275,000 is deferred 2022/23 until market conditions in the construction industry improve.

Chemical Waste Disposal Points – Delays have occurred during phase 1 of this project in the procuring of waste points. This has now been resolved and the remaining elements of the project are on track.

Play Equipment – play area upgrades are currently being developed for 4 play areas (Rothes, Logie, Findochty and Mannachie). Upgrades and designs are being carried out in conjunction with local communities with some progressing external grant funding applications to further enhance the scope of works. Delays to the delivery of this programme is being experienced as a result of the process with only one play area facility likely to complete a tendering exercise and commit spend (of up to £50k) in this financial year. Other expenditure on materials and equipment for other sites is estimated at £20k. Therefore, expenditure in this financial year is estimated to be £70k with the remainder expected to be carried forward into 2022/23. The Council has also been recently notified that it will receive an allocation of £92,000 as part of the Scottish Government's 'Capital Allocation for Renewal of Play Parks 2021/22'. Further guidance is awaited on this funding and the timelines for expenditure, however there may be an opportunity to prioritise spend against the government funding allocation and to defer the Council's capital allocation.

Infrastructure

Road Safety - Projects allocated to road safety provision and CWSS are being reviewed so as to maximise CWSS spend, as this is time-limited specific grant funded. The Wards Road scheme is developer obligation funded, and is still programmed for delivery before November 2021, but has been delayed because of Covid and the subsequent impact on availability within the construction sector.

Road Improvements – Carriageway resurfacings/ reconstruction /surface dressing / drainage/footways/ kerbs have an actual expenditure of £22,000 against a total capital plan allocation of £5,474,000. Our annual surface dressing programme of over £1m has successfully been delivered to date. Programmes of work have been developed for the individual items of work referenced above and these are on plan to be successfully delivered this financial year. Works are currently progressing on site with our edge strengthening works and resurfacing programmes.

Road Improvements – A95 Landslip River Isla Unfortunately, following a recent tender exercise it needs to be reported that the return has been disappointingly very low, in that the Council received only one bid. The returned bid has also come with a number of issues that make it challenging for the Council to accept, which include: Works won't be completed until 9/2/22, works estimated to be completed 2 months later than the SEPA controlled activity regulations (CAR licence) will allow and tendered value is significantly higher than the initial budget estimated. It is therefore suggested that these works are put on hold, with the intention of undertaking a re-tendering exercise next year.

Street Lighting – Work is progressing to complete the small number of outstanding SOX and SON street lights with energy efficient LED units and £0 has been spent to date replacing lighting columns beyond their design life. It is anticipated both programmes will be completed this financial year.

Bridges – Works are progressing on 7 bridge refurbishment and repair projects with an actual spend of £365,000 and a projected combined full budget spend of £1,476,000 by 31 March 2022. £153,000 has been spent on Lossiemouth bridge replacement, which has a total budget of £1,800,000. A total budget allocation of £92,000 is available for non network bridges and this is projected to be spent by 31 March 2022.

Flood Risk Management & Coastal Protection - The Scheme at Forres (River Findhorn and Pilmuir) is operational but there are compensation claims that need to be agreed before this budget can be closed and £163,500 expenditure has occurred so far this year.

Harbours replacement of life expired elements and upgrades - works to replace Findochty Pontoons have been delayed due to COVID and the Marine Licence application process. The installation of the pontoons is now programmed to start mid September 2021, with a total budget of £600,000. Work to repair the inner basin at Portknockie and the sheet piles at Burghead carried over from last year are now complete with an actual spend of £186,000, the total budget for this work was £652,000. The contract to replace the timber piles at Cullen Harbour has been awarded and works are programmed to start in September 2021. This work has a total budget of £200,000, which is projected to be spent by 31 March 2022.