



**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
29 MAY 2019**

**SUBJECT: EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CARE CAPITAL BUDGETS 2019/20
TO 30 APRIL 2019**

**BY: ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR (EDUCATION AND SOCIAL
CARE)**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of projects and proposed expenditure for Capital Budgets within Education and Social Care for 2019/20.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (A) (2) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to the consideration of Capital and Revenue Budgets and long term financial plans.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that Committee scrutinises and notes the contents of the report.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 It is the practice of this Committee to receive regular reports both providing an update on the current financial position of the capital programme and seeking approval to implement projects when they arrive at a suitable point of development.
- 3.2 At the meeting of the Moray Council on 27 February 2019 (item 4 of the minute refers) Council approved the Financial Plan for 2019/20.
- 3.3 The capital budgets covered in this report are those contained within the Education and Social Care Capital Plan at **Appendix 1**.

4. BUDGET DETAIL

- 4.1 The total approved Capital Budget for Education and Social Care for financial year 2019/20 is as follows:-

	18/19 £000
Land & Buildings	38,202
Vehicles, Plant & Equipment	380
Totals	38,582

- 4.2 **Appendix 1** lists the major projects for this financial year.
- 4.3 Actual expenditure up to 30 April 2019 is nil.
- 4.4 Carry forwards from financial year 2018/19 are still to be finalised and will be added following consideration by the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 4.4 Major Project Updates: Individual updates on the major projects are as follows:
- 4.5 Schools Essential Maintenance Programme (Make do and Mend):
The Council has a significant number of building elements in their schools which are in a condition D, life expired state. A programme of replacement of these elements to schools has been developed on the basis of the available budget. Design work is advanced and contracts allocated to carryout Mechanical and Electrical work during the summer holidays of 2019 at the following schools; Speyside High School, Cluny Primary School, Forres Academy, New Elgin Primary School and Andersons Primary School. Design work is complete for the replacement of roofs at Keith Grammar and construction will be carried out on site during the summer of 2019.
- 4.6 Lossiemouth High Replacement Project:
The early works contract commenced at the beginning of October 2018 and progressed smoothly. Work on the main contract commenced on the 7 December 2018 and the ground stabilisation and piling have been completed with the structural steel frame currently being erected. In addition, a Community Benefits Advisor from Balfour Beatty has been engaged with the project and has coordinated several visits to the site for pupils and run external workshops related to the build and the construction industry for local schools and pupils e.g. S1 Maths class visited the site and were shown how maths related to roles within the project team. The project remains on target for completion by August 2020.
- 4.7 Linkwood Primary School:
Works commenced on site for Linkwood Primary school on 18 March 2019 and are progressing well. The site is being cleared, shaped and levels formed along with the completion of vibro stone compaction piling. Access has been granted to Springfield to undertake drainage infrastructure works on the boundary which are almost complete. The project remains on target for the school being completed on 19 June 2020.

4.8 Moray Leisure Centre: Combined heat and power unit (CHP) replacement:
An option appraisal has been carried out for the replacement of the Combined Heat and Power plant at the Moray Leisure Centre. The option appraisal has identified the size and type of plant and tender documents are now being prepared. The installation of the new system is programmed to complete in spring 2020.

4.9 Childcare expansion:
Work to refurbish the Lady Cathcart building in Buckie to form nursery facilities was completed in August 2018 to allow the facility to open with a new intake of pupils. Following the announcement of the funding award by the Scottish Government further upgrading work to the building will be undertaken over the Summer 2019.

Works on site to build the new Cullen nursery have begun with a planned completion date in December 2019.

Works on the new Pilmuir nursery have begun with a phased completion from December 2019.

Detailed proposals are being drawn up for the refurbishment of the nursery at Lhanbryde Primary School with work planned during the summer holidays 2019. Design work has begun on refurbishment of existing nurseries at Burghead and New Elgin Primary schools with construction work planned in the summer holidays of 2019.

5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) **Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP)).**

This report supports the Council's corporate working principles of efficiency, effectiveness and economy and the Education and Social Care Department's objective of providing effective, efficient and sustainable premises.

(b) **Policy and Legal**

There are no policy implications arising directly from this report.

(c) **Financial Implications**

The approved capital budget for 2019/20 is £38,582,000. It is currently projected that the total will be expended during the financial year.

(d) **Risk Implications**

The major highlighted risks are:

The Scottish Government timescale for the implementation of the Early Years expansion programme has required that the largest value projects are committed early in the programme before all the works across all the nurseries are scoped out. This carries the risk that a substantial part of the budget is committed in the first year of the

programme and gives less flexibility to adjust the budget for the refurbishment projects planned in 2019/20. Currently £700,000 of the Early Years budget is allocated to support the provision of the nursery within the new Linkwood School and £600, 000 is allocated to support the replacement of hutted nursery classrooms at Pilmuir Primary School.

(e) Staffing Implications

There are no staffing implications associated with this report.

(f) Property

There are no property implications other than those detailed in the report.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

There are no equalities or socio economic implications associated with this report.

(h) Consultations

Consultations have been undertaken with Paul Connor, Principal Accountant; the Property Resources Manager; the Design Manager; Morag Smith, Senior Solicitor Litigation, the PPR and Communications Officer, the Corporate Parenting and Commissioning Manager; Equal Opportunities Officer; the Head of Development Services, Education and Social Care Senior Management Team and Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer. Where comments have been received, these have been included within the report.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 That Committee notes the programme of Capital Works proposed for Education and Social Care for 2019/20.

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Background Papers:

Ref: Education and Social Care Capital Budgets 2019/20