



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

**SUBJECT: EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CARE CAPITAL BUDGETS 2018/19
OUT TURN 31 MARCH 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 the outturn expenditure for Capital Budgets within Education and Social Care for 2018/19.
- 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 14 February 2018 (para 10) (vi) of the minute refers) Council approved the Capital Plan for 2018/19.
- 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 2018/19 is as follows:-

	18/19 £000
Land & Buildings	15,941
Vehicles, Plant & Equipment	514
Totals	16,455

- 4.2 **Appendix 1** lists the major projects for this financial year.
- 4.3 Actual expenditure up to 31 March 2019 is £15,407,000.
- 4.4 Where appropriate underspends for projects straddling multiple years will be considered for being carried forward to 2019/20 by the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 4.5 Major Project Updates: Individual updates on the major projects are as follows:
- 4.6 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. Projects for 2018/19 are complete and design work is underway 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.
- 4.7 Elgin High School Replacement Project:
This project is now complete and the facility maintenance contract is being managed through Educational Resources along with contracts for Elgin Academy and Keith Primary School. Works are now in progress to complete outstanding defect in Phases 2 and 3 at Elgin High School. Elgin Academy and Keith Primary School contracts are both progressing satisfactorily. A refund of £102, 929.87 in the authorities favour for the building insurances has been agreed with the funders representatives for these schools and will be included within the 2018/19 revenue figures.
- 4.8 Milne's Primary: Replacement of Huttred Accommodation and Enhancement of Pre-School Provision (now known as Early Learning and Childcare (ELC)):
The main project is complete. Further remedial works to reduce the height of the water tanks are still required. It is anticipated these will commence in the Summer of 2019. The Lands and Parks department have provided further topsoil and grass seed to the embankment adjacent to the playing fields.
- 4.9 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.

4.10 Linkwood Primary School:

Works commenced on site for the 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 of the site which are almost complete. The project remains on target for the school being completed on 19 June 2020.

4.11 Moray Leisure Centre Financial Recovery Plan

The recovery plan for Moray Leisure Centre comprises 3 elements and includes 2 critical dates. The 3 elements are: integration of Moray Leisure Centre within the Council's Fit Life Scheme in October 2018, replacement of the centres aging fitness equipment and refurbishment of the fitness suite opening March/April 2019.

Progress on the elements and dates are as follows:

- Integration with Fit Life Scheme: The first phase of the integrated scheme has proved extremely successful with primary memberships at MLC close to 2000. Full integration with Fit Life involving integrated databases and systems is complex and an options appraisal exercise is being undertaken. The outcome of this exercise will be reported to committee.
- Replacement of fitness equipment: The new fitness equipment has been installed.
- Refurbishment of the Fitness Suite: A detailed layout to remove and re-provision changing accommodation to allow the creation of a single fitness area is complete and the facility is operational.

4.12 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 2018/19 is £16,455,000. The final outturn position for 31 March 2019 is £15,407,000.

(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 hatted 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 outturn position for Capital Works for Education and Social Care for 2018/19 and the associated budgetary position.

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Background Papers:

Ref: Education and Social Care Capital Budgets 2018/19