ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGET TO 30 DECEMBER 2020

1.1 The table below details the Direct Services Capital Budget position to 31 December 2020. 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 2020/21	Actual Expenditure 31 December 2020	Projected Expenditure 2020/21	
	£000	£000	£000	
Vehicles, Plant &	3,526	1,387	3,590	
Equipment				
Land & Buildings	11,269	4,023	10,822	
Infrastructure	6,513	2,167	6,461	
TOTAL	21,308	7,577	20,873	

2.1 The following table shows the programme within the Capital Budget

	Capital Plan 2020/21	Actual Expenditure 31 December 2020	Projected Expenditure 2020/21	RAG
	£000	£000	£000	
Land and Buildings				
Car Parks	155	-	155	
Waste Management	11,109	4,023	10,662	
Parks & Open	5	-	5	
Spaces				
	11,269	4,023	10,822	
Vehicles, Plant and				
Equipment				
Vehicle & Plant	2,823	752	2,823	
Replacement				
Programme				
Waste Management	571	501	576	
Harbours	80	124	139	
Lands and Parks	35	9	35	
Play Equipment				
Traffic	7	1	7	
	3,516	1,387	3,580	
Infrastructure				
Road Safety	655	95	546	
Road Improvements	2,060	918	2,060	
Street Lighting	500	222	500	
Bridges	1,775	310	1,775	

Flood Risk	514	375	514	
Management &				
Coastal Protection				
Sustainable Travel	-	12	57	
(Grant Funded)				
Harbours	1,009	235	1,009	
Facilities	10	-	10	
Management				
Equipment				
	6,523	2,167	6,471	
TOTAL	21,308	7,577	20,873	

Land and Buildings

- 2.2 **Car Parks -** A Capital Plan allocation of £155,000 is projected to be spent on various car parks budgets including upgrades to St Giles Car Park.
- 2.3 **Waste Management** Expenditure of £529,000 has been incurred for the ongoing project to provide integrated waste facilities at Moycroft in Elgin. £612,000 has been spent on the Dallachy Landfill site, this project is currently projecting an underspend of £453,000 and it is requested that this be carried forward to 2021/22. This is to accommodate the capping of Phase 7B which has been delayed due to a decrease in the amount of waste being landfilled (any decrease in waste being sent to landfill extends the life of the cell, therefore delaying the schedule for capping and reinstatement works). It is anticipated that phase 7B will be at full capacity by April/May 2021. £2,866,000 has been spent to date on the NESS energy from waste project.
- 2.4 **Lands and Parks Cemetery Provision in Moray** This budget is projected to spend £5,000 by 31 March 2021 as ground checks and early design brief work are commenced in preparation for a new cemetery in Elgin.

Vehicles, Plant and Equipment

- 2.5 **Vehicle plant and replacement programme –** Expenditure of £2,823,000 is projected by 31 March 2021. However, vehicle factories across the world have been closed during the Covid-19 lockdown so levels of spend are dependent on how backlogs of work are resolved.
- 2.6 **Waste Management** There has been expenditure on the replacement of a green waste shredder £235,000 and £207,000 for a new baler at Moycroft. Domestic & Trade Waste Bins have an actual expenditure at 30 December of £59,000.
- 2.7 **Lands and Parks Play Equipment** This has an actual expenditure at 30 December 2020 of £9,000. £35,000 is projected to be spent by the end of the financial year with £26,000 allocated for upgrading children play areas.
- 2.8 **Harbours -** £65,000 was spent at 30 December on a pilot boat replacement at Buckie Harbour with a total projected spend of £80,000. Expenditure of £59,000 occurred in quarter 3 for a replacement excavator engine for the dredger (Selkie).

Infrastructure

2.9 **Road Safety-** The 5 projects have a total actual expenditure of only £95,000 to 30 December 2020 against a total projected expenditure of £546,000 to the end of March 2021.

Road Safety – New Road Signs and Markings had an actual spend of \pounds 12,000 with total projected expenditure of \pounds 37,000, Covid 19 has resulted in a reduced lining programme.

Road Safety Barrier provision - the full capital allocation of £36,000 has been spent.

Road Safety Provision has an actual expenditure of \pounds 17,000 to 30 December 2020 and a total projected expenditure of \pounds 27,000 to the end of March 2021. This projected underspend of \pounds 65,000 is due to the impact of COVID and the reduced number of schemes being implemented.

Road Safety CWSS Cycling Walking Safer Streets has incurred expenditure to 30 December 2020 of £27,000. Whilst scheme delivery has been impacted by Coronavirus, it is still anticipated to spend £185,000 by end March 2021. This is ring-fenced government grant funding and unspent grant (currently estimated at £236,000) will be returned.

- 2.10 Road Improvements Carriageway resurfacings/ reconstruction /surface dressing / drainage/footways/ kerbs have an actual expenditure of £901,000 against a capital plan allocation of £2,020,000. A reduced surface dressing programme was due to a delayed start and only 50% of pre Covid workforce allowed on site. Because of the impact of Covid, these schemes, which are also weather dependent, have been rated as red- they are not expected to meet projected expenditure this financial year.
- 2.11 **Road Improvements A95 Landslip River Isla** £17,000 expenditure to date has been incurred to date on this project with works on site progressing and the full budget of £40,000 is expected to be spent by 31 March 2021.
- 2.12 **Street Lighting £**30,000 expenditure has been incurred replacing SOX and SON street lights with energy efficient LED units and £192,000 has been spent to date replacing columns and lights. Works were severely affected by Covid19 which prevented the full complement of operational staff on site.
- 2.13 Bridges Works are progressing on 9 bridge refurbishment and repair projects with an actual spend of £310,000 and a projected combined full budget spend of £1,662,000 by 31 March 2021. £77,000 has been spent on Lossiemouth bridge replacement and £40,000 expenditure has been incurred on remote footbridges, with a further £127,000 projected to be spent by 31 March 2021.
- 2.14 **Flood Risk Management & Coastal Protection -** The Schemes at Forres (River Findhorn and Pilmuir) are operational but there are compensation claims that need to be agreed before these budgets can be closed and £375,000 expenditure has occurred this year in the Findhorn scheme.
- 2.15 **Sustainable Travel Projects (grant funded) -** £7,000 was spent on Low Carbon Travel and Transport ERDF car charging points with a total of £57,000 projected to be spent by the end of March 2021. These additional works were approved by the funder as they are within the overall grant budget to utilise project underspend on path upgrade.

- 2.16 **Harbours replacement of life expired elements and upgrades -** works expected on Findochty Pontoons will not be undertaken this year due to delays associated with the Covid pandemic. £27,000 expenditure has been incurred to date on Burghead Sheet Pile Repairs and £206,000 on Portknockie Inner Basin Repair.
- 2.17 **Harbours Economic Development –** has only £1,000 expenditure to date this year. There has been no expenditure on Buckie Harbour Infrastructure Improvements Ice Plant at 30 December 2020. This will be funded by a Grant from the Coastal Community Fund.