



**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
28 AUGUST 2019**

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

BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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	39,068
Vehicles, Plant & Equipment	392
Totals	39,460

4.2 **Appendix 1** lists the major projects for this financial year.

4.3 Actual expenditure up to 30 June 2019 including carry forwards from 2018/19 is £4,798,000.

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 condition D elements, life expired state Mechanical and Electrical Works are favourably progressing on site during the 2019 summer holiday period at the following schools: Speyside High School, Cluny Primary School, Forres Academy, New Elgin Primary School and Andersons Primary School. These upgrade installation works are due for completion before the schools return for the Autumn Term.

Works are also favourably progressing on site for the replacement of various flat roofs at Keith Grammar. Works will extend beyond the school's summer holiday period in term time with planned completion by the end of the calendar year.

Design drawings and specifications are complete for the lower flat roof upgrade at Hythehill Primary School for Billing and Tendering. These works are proposed to be carried out during term time 2019/20 with planned completion before the end of the financial year.

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 7 December 2018 with the following items already complete: ground stabilisation, piling, structural steel frame, precast access stairs, lift shafts, roof lights, suds pond and basin. In addition, the main access road has been installed and the existing car park has been upgraded. The Community Benefits Advisor from Balfour Beatty is working closely with the school and local area with the following notable deliverables in the period:

- Creation of new graduate construction manager post within the project delivery team
- Support for Lossie High School Project x P7 transition event
- Display boards created in the school entrance to share progress photographs with staff and pupils
- Presentation for Moray UHI employability group

The project is currently slightly ahead of programme and 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 the construction programme and works are progressing well. The structural steel frame has now been erected along with staircases. In addition preparations are underway for pouring concrete to the first and ground floors in the coming weeks. The project remains on target for the school being completed on 19 June 2020.

Some additional costs have been incurred around the provision of services to the school site including electricity, sewerage and appropriate access. Mitigation measures have been, and will continue to be taken, to contain costs however there is now pressure on the budget. The position will continue to be monitored closely and a further report will be brought to members.

4.8 Moray Leisure Centre: Combined heat and power unit (CHP) replacement:

The tender documentation for the CHP has been issued with return expected on 17 August. A verbal update will be provided on the outcome of the tender process at Committee if required. The installation of the new system is programmed to complete in June 2020.

4.9 Childcare expansion:

Phase 1 refurbishment to the Lady Cathcart building in Buckie to form nursery facilities is complete. Phase 2 boiler replacement and internal refurbishment to the Gym Hall is progressing favourably with target completion by end of September 2019.

Works on site to build the new Cullen nursery are progressing favourably with a target planned completion date in December 2019.

Works on the new Pilmuir nursery are progressing favourably with a target planned completion date in December 2019

Lhanbryde Primary School refurbishment of the nursery are progressing favourably with target planned completion date by mid-September 2019.

Burghead and New Elgin Primary refurbishment of the existing nursery is also progressing favourably with target planned completion by 20 August 2019.

4.10 Findrassie Primary School

In December 2015 a Masterplan for 1,500 houses was approved as Supplementary Guidance (SG) to the Moray Local Development Plan 2015. As part of the Masterplan a potential site was identified for a primary school. In June 2019 planning permission was granted for approximately 500 houses and the school site was confirmed. Detailed site investigations have been undertaken to identify the best location and suitable ground conditions for construction of a school. The need for this facility has been included within the emerging School Estate Strategy. This will inform the capacity and scope

of the school which is projected to be required for the start of the academic year in 2023.

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 £39,460,000. It is currently projected that the total will be expended during the financial year.

(d) Risk Implications

The major highlighted risks are:

Some additional costs are being incurred at Linkwood Primary School and the budget is now under pressure. A report detailing the position of the project and the budget situation will be submitted to a future meeting of committee.

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, 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