

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: POLICY & RESOURCES (FINANCE & CUSTOMER SERVICES) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: FINANCE & CUSTOMER SERVICES – CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15 MONITORING REPORT 1 APRIL TO 2 JANUARY 2015 (PERIOD 10)
From: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICES		
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1. Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Sub-Committee on the current capital programme for Finance & Customer Services and provide a summary of the financial performance of the Service as at 2 January 2015 (Period 10).

2. Capital Programme

2.1 The Finance & Customer Services' Capital Programme for 2014/15 is £1.212m and consists of various projects within Enterprise Computing and Corporate Telecommunications including review of the corporate internet and filtering infrastructure and the replacement of telecommunications equipment.

3. Summary of Financial Position

3.1 The Service is anticipating a projected outturn of £1.127m (93%) as at financial year end reflecting slippage of £0.085m. As at period 10 actual expenditure incurred totalled £0.308m 25.4% of the programme and 27.3% of the projected outturn. Total commitments amount to £0.827m, which equates to 68% of the programme and 73% of the projected outturn.

4. Capital Programme

4.1 The paragraphs that follow discuss the progress of the capital programme and the main variances in more detail –

4.1.1 Due to procurement delays slippage of £0.295m is anticipated in relation to the Schools Network Hardware Refresh project.

4.1.2 New priorities have emerged in connection with Windows 2003 server upgrade (£0.160m) and the Automated Call Distribution project (£0.062m). The Service has advised that this above expenditure will be managed within the overall 5-year capital programme and can be accommodated in the current year as a result of slippage in relation to the Schools Network Hardware Refresh project (£0.295m). However consideration is currently being given to whether the Window 2003 server upgrade will be fully spend this financial year.

5. Transformation Programme

- 5.1 In February 2014 the Council set aside £15m to provide additional one-off investment of which £5m was allocated to EGASD in recognition of the 5-year ICT strategy. On the 21st May 2014 P&R Finance Sub-Committee approved the implementation of 3 key projects which comprises Phase 1 of the ICT Transformation Programme.
- 5.2 The Transformation Programme is still within the early stages of development. It has previously been reported that in year spend of £1.250m would be expected this financial year however this is currently being reviewed given the progress to date as discussed below. As at period 10 actual expenditure of £0.622m (50%) has been incurred across the 3 project areas: Network Redesign, Flexible and Mobile Working and Schools Bandwith & Hardware Refresh. In acknowledging that the funding is expected to be utilised across more than one financial year any unutilised funds will be carried forward to 2015/16.
- 5.3 Delivery of the final design of the various work streams within Flexible and Mobile Working (FAMW) has been delayed slightly due to unforeseen technical issues. SCC (Specialist Computer Centres) are currently finalising their report on the proposed solution for FAMW which will provide the cost basis for implementation of this project. Hutchinson Networks have been appointed to provide the design for wireless capability, a key component within FAMW, which will also provide the bill of materials and estimated cost associated with it.
- 5.4 An Invitation to Quote has been issued for a contractor to carry out surveys for the High Schools' Hardware refresh. Again, this should provide a bill of materials and estimated cost associated with this project.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to:-
- 6.1.1 Approve the monitoring report on the Finance & Customer Services' Capital Programme as at 2 January 2015.



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