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**Meeting:** Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 10 September 2012  
**Subject:** General Fund Capital Budget Management Report for period ended 30 June 2012 for Social Care, Health and Housing.  
**Report of:** Cllr Carole Hegley, Executive Member for Social Care, Health & Housing.  
**Summary:** The report provides information on the General Fund directorate capital financial position as at the end of June 2012

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**Advising Officer:** Julie Ogley, Director of Social Care, Health and Housing  
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**Public/Exempt:** N/A  
**Wards Affected:** All  
**Function of:** Council

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Council Priorities:**

1. Sound financial management contributes to the delivery of the Council's value for money, enabling the Council to successfully deliver its priorities

### **Financial:**

2. The financial implications are set out in the report

### **Legal:**

3. Not applicable.

### **Risk Management:**

4. Not applicable.

### **Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

5. Not applicable.

### **Equalities/Human Rights:**

6. Not applicable.

### **Community Safety:**

7. Not applicable.

### **Sustainability:**

8. Not applicable.

**Procurement:**

9. Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDATION: The Committee is asked to note the Social Care, Health & Housing General Fund Capital Budget position at the end of June 2012.**

**Introduction**

10. The report sets out the financial position to the end of June 2012.

**Executive Summary**

11. The forecast position is a projected under spend of £0.177m which is summarised in Table 1 below.

12. The year-to-date position is an over spend of £0.047m.

<u>Table 1 Capital programme summary</u>	<b>Full Year Forecast Variance</b>						
	<b>Gross Expend. Budget</b>	<b>Gross Income Budget</b>	<b>Net Total</b>	<b>Gross Expend. Forecast</b>	<b>Gross Income Forecast</b>	<b>Net Total</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Directorate</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
Disabled Facility Grants (DFG)	3.420	(0.588)	2.832	3.420	(0.588)	2.832	0
Renewal Assistance	0.313	(0.074)	0.239	0.313	(0.074)	0.239	0
NHS Campus Closure	4.837	(4.837)	0	3.651	(3.651)	0	0
Timberlands	0.931	(0.699)	0.232	0.222	(0.167)	0.055	(0.177)
Empty Homes	0.160	0	0.160	0.160	0	0.160	0
Adult Social Care ICT Projects	0.300	(0.300)	0	0.300	(0.300)	0	0
Sheltered Housing	0.020	(0.020)	0	0.020	(0.020)	0	0
Review of Accommodation /Day Support	0.346	(0.346)	0	0.346	(0.346)	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.327</b>	<b>(6.864)</b>	<b>3.463</b>	<b>8.432</b>	<b>(5.146)</b>	<b>3.286</b>	<b>(0.177)</b>

## Detailed Commentary

13. The following table indicates the type of major adaptations completed as part of the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) programme to the end of June 2012.
14. 93 grants have been completed, installing 134 adaptations, as below.

Type of adaptation	No completed
Level access shower/wet room	72
Straight stair lift	17
Curved stair lift	6
Toilet alterations	2
Access ramps	8
Dropped kerb and hard standing	0
Wheelchair/step lift	1
Through floor lift	2
Major extension	6
Kitchen alterations	0
Access alterations (doors etc)	9
Heating improvements	0
Garage conversions	0
Safety repairs/improvements	2
Other	9
Total	134

15. The grants provided to residents through the DFG programme assist some of the poorer and most vulnerable members of the community. Without these grants in many cases the properties involved would be unsuitable for the needs of the occupiers who may then be unable to remain in their own homes. This also reduces pressure on health service resources and residential care, as without these improvements more residents would require emergency or longer term care solutions.
16. Additional revenue resource has been allocated to the Occupational Therapist team, in order to address the backlog of assessments required. The rate of referrals will be closely monitored over the next few months.
17. A review has been scoped, and has now commenced, to evaluate the DFG programme. The purpose of this review will be to ensure that those requiring such works are treated equitably and that the process provides Value for Money for the Council, tenants and council tax payers.
18. The Renewals Assistance programme includes Safety Security Emergency Repair assistance and is an “emergency” type of assistance for the most vulnerable households, for example dangerous wiring, a condemned boiler, etc.
19. The work completed during Quarter 1 of 2012/13 is as follows;
  - 6 Safety Security Emergency Repair grants
  - 13 Home Improvement Assistance
  - 2 Affordable Warmth Assistance
  - 1 Legacy Empty Homes Grant

20. Forecast expenditure on Empty Homes relates to Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOs) for two properties in Hockliffe Street in Leighton Buzzard. A further two EDMOs are also being progressed.
21. Procurement of the Timberlands refurbishment is now underway, but it is unlikely that work will commence until the final quarter of the year. Therefore the majority of this expenditure, £0.709m, has been allocated as slippage into 2013/14.
22. The NHS Campus Closure programme has six remaining projects, three for Central Bedfordshire, two for Bedford Borough and one Luton Borough Council. The Central Bedfordshire scheme in Silsoe starting on site in July 2012 and to complete in February 2013. The second scheme, based in Dunstable, is the refurbishment of a local authority property, and is currently awaiting planning permission and, subject to this, is due to complete in September 2013. The third scheme is the refurbishment of an existing site in Dunstable and is due to start and complete in 2013/14.

**Appendices:**

**Appendix A** Capital Budget Monitoring Appendix

**Background papers and their location:** None