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**Meeting:** Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 10 October 2013  
**Subject:** Capital Programme Report for Community Services for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2013  
**Report of:** Cllr Brian Spurr– Executive Member for Community Services  
**Summary:** Forecast capital expenditure and external funding for 2013/14 as at the end of June, 2013.

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Public/Exempt: Public  
Wards Affected: All  
Function of: Council

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Council Priorities:**

The capital programme provides the necessary infrastructure to support the Council priorities. In particular the Community Services has direct impact on the stated Council priorities of:

- Enhancing your local community, and
- Great Universal Services.

### **Financial:**

The financial implications are set out in the report.

### **Legal:**

All expenditure is in accordance with the Constitution of the Council and Public Procurement Regulations.

### **Risk Management:**

Outline and detailed business cases ensure that risks are addressed before schemes are accepted into the programme. Project Managers oversee delivery risks.

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

Covered in business cases as relevant

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

Covered in business cases as relevant

### **Community Safety:**

Covered in business cases as relevant

### **Sustainability:**

Resource usage and project outcomes are assessed at business case stage.

## RECOMMENDATION(S):

### 1.0 that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee note:

- (a) Forecast capital expenditure of £25,023k and external funding of £6,435k;
- (b) A full year variance of £4,472k on expenditure and of £1,875k on external income resulting in a net variance of £2,597k.

## Introduction

2.0 The Community Services capital programme in 2013/14 is made up of 43 schemes which includes large groupings of projects that relate to Environmental services, Libraries, Leisure and Transport.

### 3.1 Overall position

The directorate forecasts to spend £25,023k and receive external income of £6,435k, leaving net spend below budget in 2013/14 of £2,597k. This includes the forecast variance on the BEaR project .

### 3.2 Summary Table A

Table A shows the Directorate's net budget and forecast by scheme categories for 2013/14. The scheme categories are broadly related to the type of asset being created or enhanced.

**Table A – Capital budget by Category (£'000)**

Scheme Categories	Net Expenditure Budget	Net Expenditure Forecast	Net Expenditure Forecast Variance
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Environmental Services	4,950	437	-4,513
Libraries	202	245	43
Leisure	4,379	5,041	662
Transport	11,654	12,865	1,211
<b>Community Services</b>	<b>21,185</b>	<b>18,588</b>	<b>-2,597</b>
<b>Percentage of budget</b>		<b>87.7%</b>	<b>12.3%</b>

## 4. Major schemes

The Capital Programme is key to delivering the priorities set out in the Medium Term Plan, the majority of which were led by the former Sustainable Communities directorate. These supported the aim of keeping Central Bedfordshire as a great place to live and work.

### **Environmental Schemes**

A replacement glass vehicle for the south collection fleet has been purchased.

### **Libraries**

Capital works are on schedule to be completed by end of March 2014, with the work to commence in September after the summer reading challenge period.

### **Leisure**

Work has started at Tiddenfoot leisure centre and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Work has also started at Astral Park and scheduled to be completed by January 2014. The Flitwick Leisure Centre redevelopment scheme is at feasibility stage and on schedule.

### **Transport Schemes**

A total of 2.177 km of road and 0.876km of footways have been resurfaced.

A total of 180 street lighting columns and 430 lanterns have been replaced.

The works at Long Lane Culvert have commenced and the Boscombe Road gyratory altered layout implemented are on site.

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Corporate Capital Summary 2013/14

Appendix 2 – Community Services Actual as at June, 2013

**Background Papers:** None

**Location of papers:** Technology House, Bedford