

General Services Capital Plan 2013/14 Quarter 2 Monitoring**Report by Gary Fairley, Head of Finance and Human Resources****1 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on the projected performance against budget for 2013/14.

2 Background**2.1 Expenditure**

The revised General Services Capital Plan was included earlier on today's agenda and provided for a budget of £25.643 million in 2013/14.

Expenditure to date is £8.694 million and at this stage it is anticipated that the budgets for the projects detailed in appendix 1 will be fully spent in the current year with the following exceptions:

- The project to upgrade Stobhill Depot is still on hold pending ongoing discussions on the future utilization of depots;
- The project at the Midlothian Snowsports Centre is projected to have an overspend of £0.114 million. This is due to rectification works required following faulty design work, details of this overspend will be reported separately to Council;
- Other minor variances totalling £0.061 million.

Overall it is anticipated that 2013/14 expenditure will be £25.249million.

2.2 Funding

The funding available is estimated to be £10.426 million, with £4.592 million received to date, as shown in appendix 2.

The receipts from sales includes the full sale price for the land at Mauricewood. The developer contributions have been re-profiled to reflect the revised expenditure profile for Bilston and Gorebridge North primary schools.

2.3 Borrowing

To fund the investment it will be necessary to borrow £14.823 million. The impact on the Council's borrowing costs are reflected in the Financial Monitoring report elsewhere on today's agenda.

3 Report Implications**3.1 Resource**

There are no direct resource implications as a result of this report.

3.2 Risk

The inherent risk in the Capital Plan is that projects will cost more than estimated thus resulting in additional borrowing. The monitoring procedures ensure that significant variations are reported at an early stage so that remedial action can be taken to mitigate this risk.

3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☐ Community safety
- ☐ Adult health, care and housing
- ☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☒ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- ☐ None of the above

3.4 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

There are no issues arising directly from this report.

3.5 Adopting a Preventative Approach

There are no issues arising directly from this report

3.6 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

No external consultation has taken place on this report.

3.7 Ensuring Equalities

There are no equalities issues arising directly from this report.

3.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

There are no sustainability issues arising directly from this report.

3.9 IT Issues

There are no IT implications arising from this report

4 Recommendations

Council is asked to note the General Services monitoring position for 2013/14.

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Background Papers:

Appendix 1 – GSCP 2013/14 Quarter 2 Monitoring - Approved Projects

Appendix 2 – GSCP 2013/14 Quarter 2 Monitoring