## **Assets and Corporate Services Sub-Committee**

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Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 - 10.00 a.m.

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# THE FIFE COUNCIL - ASSETS AND CORPORATE SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE - REMOTE MEETING

22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2021 10.00 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Barratt (Convener), David Alexander, Alistair Bain,

Alex Campbell, Mick Green, Gary Guichan, Garry Haldane,

Kathleen Leslie, David MacDiarmid, John O'Brien, Ross Paterson,

Bill Porteous and Andrew Verrecchia.

**ATTENDING:** Keith Winter, Executive Director - Enterprise and Environment;

Ken Gourlay, Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment, Alan Paul, Senior Manager (Property Services), Michael O'Gorman, Service Manager (Estates), Assets Transportation and Environment; and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic

Services.

**APOLOGIES FOR** Councillors Jean Hall Muir and Graham Ritchie **ABSENCE**:

#### 180. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 7.1.

#### 181. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Assets and Corporate Services Sub-Committee of 4th March, 2021.

#### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

#### 182. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR VACANT PROPERTY

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment which provided an update on the arrangements to the security of vacant property, further to the report submitted to Committee on 29th October, 2020.

#### **Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) agreed that local members would be engaged when the status of a council asset is proposed to change;
- (2) endorsed the approach outlined for the management of vacant properties; and
- (3) agreed that an annual report be brought back to Committee

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# 183. ASSETS AND CORPORATE SERVICES SUB COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

#### **Decision**

The Committee noted the current forward work programme for the Assets and Corporate Services Sub-Committee.

#### 184. DUNFERMLINE LEARNING CAMPUS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising of the intention to acquire and dispose of land in order to create the Dunfermline Learning Campus which was proposed to house the replacement Woodmill and St Columba's High Schools together with Fife College.

#### **Decision**

The Committee noted;

- (1) the information contained in the report; and
- (2) that a further report detailing the financial terms would be considered in private later in the meeting.

#### 185. DUNFERMLINE LEARNING CAMPUS (PRIVATE REPORT)

The Committee resolved, under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973, to exclude the public and press from the meeting for this item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment seeking authority to enter into an agreement to acquire the land to create the Dunfermline Learning Campus (DLC) for the co-location of the replacement Woodmill and St Columba's High Schools together with Fife College.

#### Decision

The Committee approved:-

- the entering into conditional agreements to acquire land from Shepherd Offshore and Fife College;
- (2) the subsequent acquisition of the sites following completion of the education consultation process and the required site due diligence and feasibility work;
- (3) the disposal of land to Fife College; and

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(4)	the production of a planning development brief, that would inform and support the subsequent marketing of the existing schools.
	therwise on the terms and conditions imposed by the Head of Legal and cratic Services.

#### **Assets & Corporate Services Sub-Committee**

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Agenda Item No. 04



# Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of Land at 4-5 Beech Way, Dalgety Bay

Report By: Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability

Wards Affected: Ward 6 - Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to secure approval to promote a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of land at 4-5 Beech Way, Dalgety Bay extending to 1.32 hectares or thereby which follows an earlier decision to promote a CPO for the land in 2012.

#### Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that Committee, using the powers conferred by the Land Clauses (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1845, the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947 and section 189 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997:

- Resolve to make a compulsory purchase order ("CPO") to acquire all of the subjects comprising the land at 4-5 Beech Way, Dalgety Bay extending to 1.32 hectares or thereby as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report and as shown delineated and coloured red on the Plan annexed as Appendix 2;
- 2. Authorise the Head of Business and Employability and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to advertise the CPO and take all other necessary steps to obtain title to the said subjects;

#### **Resource Implications**

The resource implications are:

- (i) The acquisition costs of the land in the CPO;
- (ii) The compensation and other costs payable to the owners of the subjects described in the CPO. The compensation will be agreed with the relevant party or parties or as determined by the Lands Tribunal in accordance with the Lands Compensation (Scotland) Acts;

- (iii) Staff time in the preparation of the CPO;
- (iv) The cost of undertaking the necessary site clearance, land remediation and servicing costs;
- (v) Revenue costs associated with any site security and management pending completion of site servicing works and future disposal of the serviced plots;
- (vi) Capital receipts arising from the disposal of serviced employment land.

The compensation costs and other costs associated with the acquisition of the subjects shall be funded under the Fife Industrial Innovation Investment Programme (Fi3P) and the costs under (iv) will be met from Vacant and Derelict Land Fund and section 75 planning monies. Any revenue costs associated with any site security and management shall be met from the revenue budget of Business and Employability Services.

#### Legal & Risk Implications

There are no direct legal implications associated with this report. Risks associated with the CPO are limited to the amount of compensation to be paid. If the Scottish Ministers do not confirm the CPO this will constrain the provision of serviced employment land in Dalgety Bay, and constrain the opportunities for businesses to invest, grow and create employment in Fife. Furthermore, the subjects identified within the CPO occupy a prominent location within Hillend and Donibristle Industrial Estate, Dalgety Bay and failure to secure it would have an adverse impact on the regeneration of the Estate.

#### **Impact Assessment**

An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed. The general duties under the Equality Act have been considered and there are no equality impacts due to the nature of the proposal.

The Fairer Scotland Duty requires the Council to consider how it can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socioeconomic disadvantage when making strategic decisions. The strategic approach to the City Deal Fi3 Programme, particularly the site selection process, is focused on delivering fair outcomes and reducing inequality. This is embedded within a City Region Deal approach.

#### Consultation

Councillors Dave Dempsey, Dave Coleman, David Barratt, Alice McGarry and Gary Guichan; the Executive Director of Enterprise and Environment; Head of Finance Services and Head of Legal and Democratic Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 This report follows an earlier report to the Policy Finance and Asset Management Committee on 29 March 2012. Approval was given to promote the CPO of the subjects at that time which was proposed to have been funded through the Council's capital programme.
- 1.2 Following the approval to promote a CPO for the subjects the previous owner of the land did however demolish the redundant buildings in 2013, which made a considerable improvement to the environment. On the basis that the derelict buildings were removed, and the owner had intimated that it intended to re-develop the subjects the Council did not pursue the CPO. Since that time, however, no proposals to develop the land have come forward and the subjects have remained vacant and unused. Regular communication has taken place with the previous and current owners since the buildings have been demolished to establish their respective intentions for future development. However, no definitive proposals have been forthcoming since the original intervention.
- 1.3 Over the past 10 years Fife Council has made a number of interventions to promote the regeneration of Hillend and Donibristle Industrial Estate (HADIE). These include the purchase, demolition and site servicing of the former Havelock Europa site and the construction of 8,000 sq.ft. of small industrial units. In addition, Fife Council has secured planning consent to construct a further 15,000 sq.ft.of industrial units and construction will commence this year. The Council remains committed to the regeneration of HADIE and this gateway site has remained vacant and undeveloped for many years. The Fi3 Programme Board has approved, subject to approval of this Committee, the purchase of the subjects for the purpose of undertaking site servicing and funding is therefore committed through the Fi3 Programme. Funding has also been secured through the Vacant and Derelict Land Fund, which has been approved by the Scottish Ministers, as well as commuted payments secured under section 75 planning obligations.

## 2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 The subjects are designated in the adopted FIFEplan for employment use (uses classes 4,5 & 6) and are owned by United UK Propco 2 SARL. The subjects have remained vacant and under-utilised for a considerable length of time and have been on the Vacant and Derelict Land Register for over 20 years.
- 2.2 Section 189 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 allows local authorities to purchase compulsorily any land which is suitable for and is required in order to secure the carrying out of development, re-development or improvement and is required for a purpose which it is necessary to achieve in the interests of the proper planning of the area where the land is situated. This is the power to be used for the acquisition of the subjects referred to above and as detailed in Appendix 1.

- 2.3 The subjects occupy a strategically important location within Hillend and Donibristle Industrial Estate and it is considered essential that they are retained for employment related uses. Furthermore, the site clearance, remediation and servicing of the subjects will contribute towards the ongoing regeneration of HADIE as an important location for companies seeking to invest and develop new business property. The Council has obtained an independent valuation of the subjects from the District Valuer and approached the owner of the subjects to purchase them. The owner has declined this offer, stating they wish to develop the subjects themselves. The owner has, however not come forward with any proposals for development. Further, a proposal to enter into a joint venture with the owner was declined.
- 2.4 It has therefore been concluded that the only means of ensuring that the subjects are brought back into beneficial employment use is for the Council to secure the purchase of the subjects for the purpose of undertaking site remediation and provision of services with a view to selling individual serviced employment sites. The serviced plots would be marketed for the purposes of employment use falling under use classes 4 (business), 5 (general industrial) and 6 (storage & distribution). In order to achieve these objectives and considering the current owner is unwilling to dispose of the subjects at their current market value the Council will require to use its statutory powers and promote a Compulsory Purchase Order to obtain title to the subjects.
- 2.5 The purchase of the subjects will be funded by the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal and will form part of tranche 2 of the Fi3 Programme. The delivery of the Fi3 programme is closely monitored by the Scottish Government and to date Fife Council has been successful in delivering the first three years of the programme. This includes the acquisition of Fife Interchange North, Dunfermline; the construction and letting of new units at Flemington Road, Glenrothes; and the provision of new industrial units which are under construction at Dunnikier Business Park, Kirkcaldy.

#### 2.6 Options Appraisal

#### 2.6.1 Do Nothing

The Council could decide not to pursue the acquisition of the subjects. It is considered that this option, given the recent history of the subjects, is likely to result in the subjects remaining derelict and vacant and will make no effective contribution to the provision of employment land. It is considered that this option should not be pursued

2.6.2 Promote Compulsory Purchase Order and carry out remediation and servicing of the subjects in order to bring serviced sites to the market .

The Council has statutory powers to promote a Compulsory Purchase Order to secure the carrying out of development, re-development or improvement and required for a purpose which it is necessary to achieve in the interests of the proper planning of the area where the land is situated. It is evident that in the absence of the Council promoting a Compulsory Purchase Order it is unlikely that voluntary agreement will be reached to secure the purchase of the subjects and it is therefore considered that this option should be pursued.

### 3.0 Conclusions

3.1 Committee is asked to resolve to make the CPO for the subjects for the purpose stated in paragraph 2.4 and to authorise the Head of Business and Employability and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to advertise the CPO and take all other necessary steps to obtain the title to said subjects.

#### **List of Appendices**

- Schedule of Properties and Owners for the CPO
- 2. Plan showing the land required for the CPO
- 3. Minute of the meeting of the Policy Finance and Asset Management Committee held on 29 March 2012

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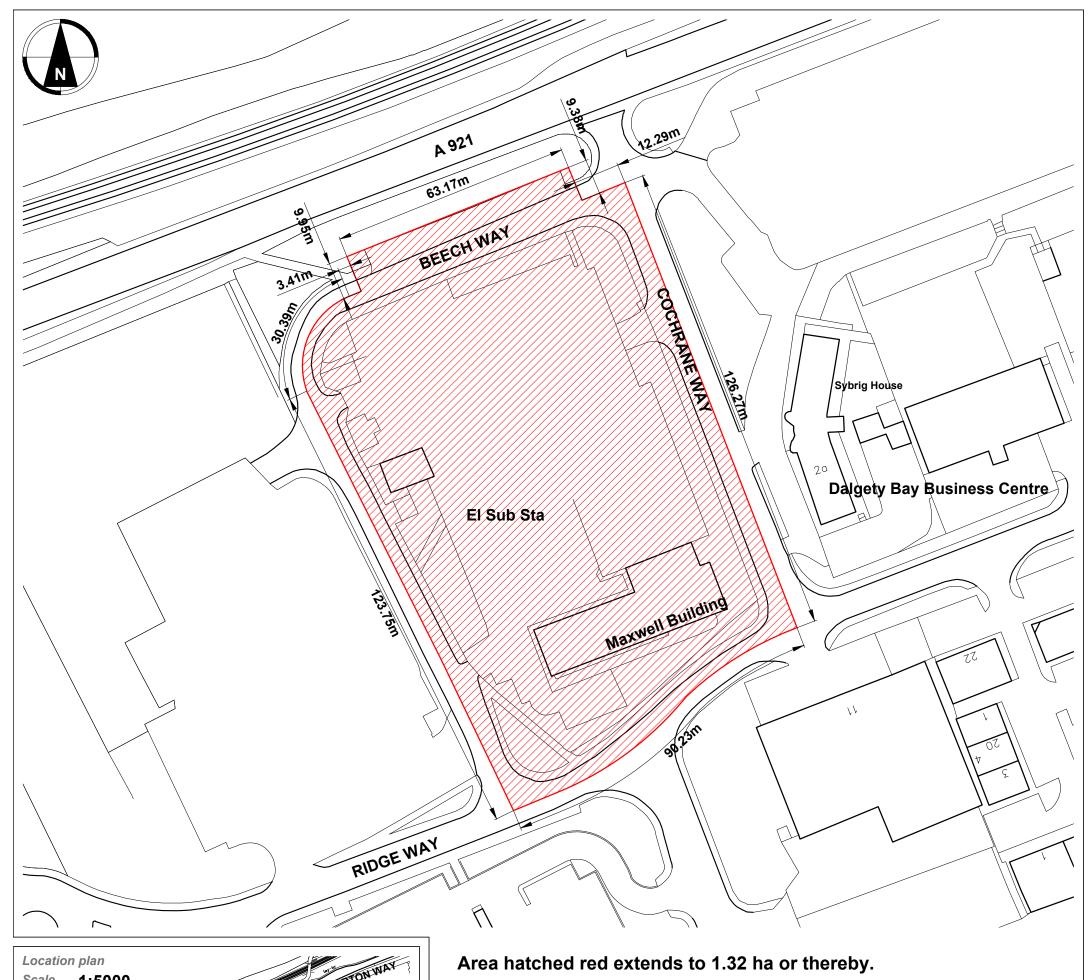
THIS IS APPENDIX 1 REFERRED TO IN THE REPORT TO ASSETS AND CORPORTAE SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE ASSET DATED 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021 RELATIVE TO A COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER BY THE FIFE COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF LAND AT 4-5 BEECH WAY, DALGETY BAY

#### **SCHEDULE**

All the land described in this Schedule is situated, for the purpose of registration of writs, in the County of Fife.

#### **LAND TO BE PURCHASED**

No. on Map	Description of the Land	Owners	Lessees and Occupiers
Plot 1	Subjects 4-5 Beech Way, Dalgety Bay extending to 1.32 hectares or thereby being part of the subjects registered in the Land Register of Scotland with Title Number FFE77705	United UK Propco 2 SARL	Vacant



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#### Minute of Policy, Finance & Asset Management Committee of 29 March 2012

# 607. THE FIFE COUNCIL (MAXWELL BUILDING, 4-5 BEECH WAY, DALGETY BAY) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2012

(Previous Minute Reference: Para. 534 of 2011.P.F.A.M.330)

The Committee considered a joint report by the Heads of Asset & Facilities Management Services and Enterprise, Planning & Protective Services recommending the compulsory purchase of the Maxwell Building, 4-5 Beech Way, Dalgety Bay in order to ensure that the site was retained for employment related uses only. Members noted the representations which had been made on behalf of one of the landholding interests and that discussions with them would continue.

#### **Decision**

The Committee agreed, using the powers conferred by the Land Clauses (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1845, the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947 and the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, to:

- (1) resolve to make the The Fife Council (Maxwell Building, 4-5 Beech Way, Dalgety Bay) Compulsory Purchase Order 2012 ("CPO") to acquire all of the subjects comprising the Maxwell Building, 4-5 Beech Way, Dalgety Bay detailed in the Annex attached to the report; and
- (2) authorise the Head of Asset & Facilities Management Services and the Chief Legal Officer to advertise the CPO and take all other necessary steps to obtain title to the subjects.

#### **Assets and Corporate Services Sub-Committee**

19th August 2021

Agenda Item No. 05



# The Fife Council (Former Kinglassie Community Hall) Compulsory Purchase Order

Report by: Ken Gourlay, Head of Assets, Transportation & Environment

Eileen Rowand, Executive Director, Finance & Corporate Services

Ward Affected: 13

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek a reaffirmation of the decision of the Assets and Corporate Services Committee of 16th January 2020 to make a compulsory purchase order in respect of the Former Kinglassie Community Hall, and to remove the reference to 2020 from its name, due to the changes in Scottish Government practice.

#### Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that Committee, using the powers conferred by section 189(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947 reaffirm the decision of the Assets and Corporate Services Committee of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to make a compulsory purchase order in respect of the Former Kinglassie Community Hall and to remove the reference to 2020 from its name.

#### **Resource Implications**

None other than as stated in the original report.

#### **Legal & Risk Implications**

None other than as stated in the original report.

#### **Impact Assessment**

The Locality Manager has completed an Equality Impact Assessment and it is considered that there are no impacts on equality.

#### Consultation

As the report seeks only to reaffirm the terms of the original decision of the Assets and Corporate Services Committee of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020, no further consultation has taken place.

## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Assets and Corporate Services Committee at its meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020, agreed to make a compulsory purchase order to acquire the Former Kinglassie Community Hall in order to allow the property to be sold and brought back into beneficial use.
- 1.2 Further to that approval Scottish Government practice changed and a compulsory purchase order should now have a title which contains the year in which the order is made. This means that the Committee approval of January 2020 only provides authority to make an Order entitled 'The Fife Council (Former Kinglassie Community Hall) Compulsory Purchase Order 2020'. As the Order was not made in 2020 it cannot be called 'The Fife Council (Former Kinglassie Community Hall) Compulsory Purchase Order 2020'.

## 2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 As the Committee specifically resolved to make 'The Fife Council (Former Kinglassie Community Hall) Compulsory Purchase Order 2020', in order to avoid any potential challenge to the validity of the compulsory purchase order, it is considered prudent to reaffirm the decision of the Assets and Corporate Services Committee of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to make a compulsory purchase order in respect of the Former Kinglassie Community Hall but without reference to a specific year.
- 2.2 Removal of the date provides necessary flexibility as a compulsory purchase order is generally not made immediately following a committee decision. Additional documentation and research is often required to support the submission of the Order to the Scottish Government. In this instance due to working arrangements surrounding Covid 19, the need required investigation of physical files stored at Fife House and pressures on available resources arising from the epidemic, there was a prioritisation of activities which impeded progress.
- 2.3 Another change which has arisen since the initial approval is as a consequence of a challenge to a compulsory purchase order in England under Equalities legislation. It is now considered good practice to carry out an Equalities Impact Assessment in respect of each compulsory purchase order. This has been undertaken and it has been determined that there are no equality impacts and therefore a full assessment is not required.
- 2.4 These various aspects have resulted in this matter being referred back to Committee to seek the requisite authority to limit the risk of challenge to the Order.

## 3.0 Conclusions

3.1 Committee is asked to reaffirm the decision of the Assets And Corporate Services Committee of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020, to make a compulsory purchase order in respect of the Former Kinglassie Community Hall and to remove the reference to 2020 from its name.

#### **List of Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Schedule of land to be acquired

Appendix 2 – Plan of land to be acquired

#### **Background Papers**

The Fife Council (Former Kinglassie Community Hall) Compulsory Purchase Order 2020; Assets and Corporate Services Committee of 16th January 2020

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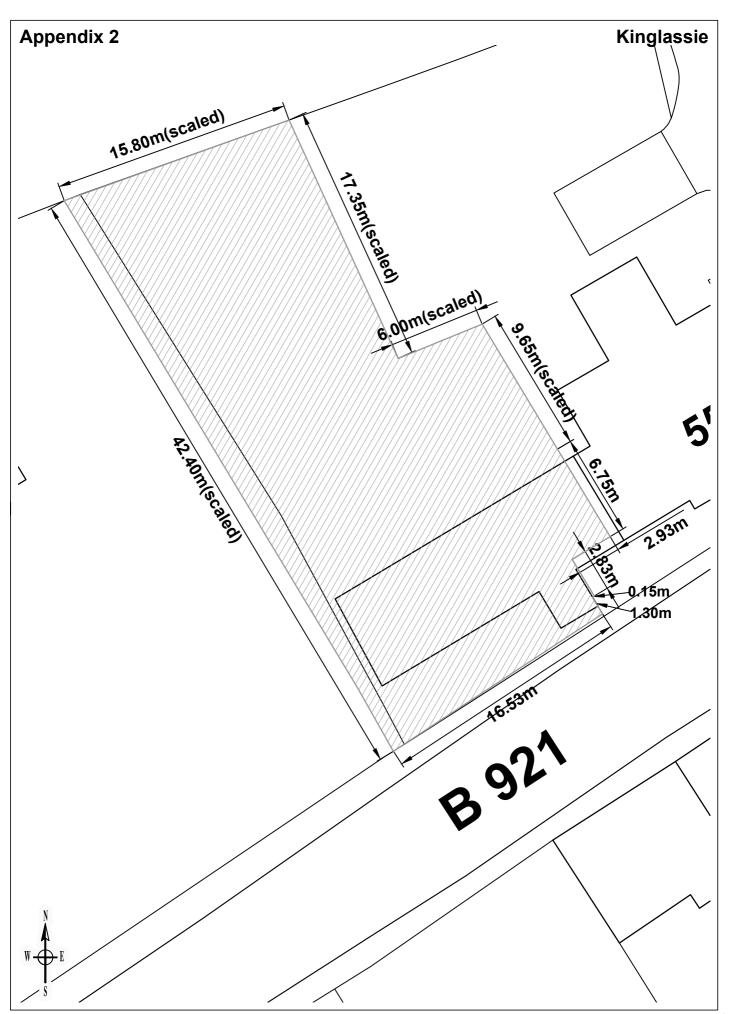
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#### **SCHEDULE**

All the land described in this Schedule is situated, for the purpose of registration of writs, in the County of Fife.

#### **LAND TO BE ACQUIRED**

Number on Map	Description of the Land	Owners	Lessees and Occupiers
1	Area of land on the north side of the B921 public road at 53 Main St, Kinglassie extending to 0.068 Ha or thereby together with the whole buildings comprising the property formerly known as Kinglassie Community Centre erected thereon and the garden ground to the rear	Successors of the late James Martin and/or William Martin, names and whereabouts unknown	The garden ground to the rear extending to 0.048 Ha has been leased to the adjoining owner Mr & Mrs Mitchell since 1995



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19<sup>th</sup> August 2021 Agenda Item No. 06

# Gallatown Bike Hub: Request to Purchase Additional Land

Report by: Ken Gourlay, Head of Assets, Transportation & Environment

Ward Affected: 12

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to permit the Sub Committee to consider the request from the Gallatown Bike Hub to purchase land at Oswald Road, Kirkcaldy.

#### Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Sub Committee approve:

- (1) the disposal of 258 sqm of land at Oswald Road, Kirkcaldy at less than Best Consideration:
- (2) the disposal of 258 sqm of land at Oswald Road, Kirkcaldy at a price of £Nil;

and otherwise on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Head of Assets, Transportation & Environment and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services.

#### **Resource Implications**

There will be a loss of a potential capital receipt of around £20,000.

The disposal of this area will remove responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of this area.

#### **Legal & Risk Implications**

Approval of this disposal at a concessionary value requires to comply with the terms of the Disposal of Land by Local authorities (Scotland) Regulations 2010.

#### **Impact Assessment**

An EIQA was not required because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

#### Consultation

Councillors Ian Cameron, Rod Cavanagh and Richard Watt were consulted on this proposal.

## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 At the meeting of 1 November 2018, the Assets, Property & Facilities Committee approved the disposal of the Gallatown Bowling Club and Bowling Greens to Kirkcaldy YMCA at less than Best Consideration.
- 1.2 The YMCA have now established the Gallatown Bike Hub on the former Bowling Club and Greens. This comprises a re-modelling of the former Gallatown Park Bowling Club which incudes a sizeable extension to the building at a cost of approximately £700,000. This neighbourhood resource will allow the development of community based and led services within Gallatown area, one of Fife's most deprived neighbourhoods. Services will include: parent and family support, youth work, a nature play space, bike hub and track, mental health support work and adult learning programmes.

## 2.0 Land Purchase Request

- 2.1 Now that the Bike Hub has been operating it has been noted that there are some issues with the current site. The existing access arrangements for disabled scooters/double buggies is considered unsuitable. The existing access is very narrow and is not suitable for further development of the site. It is also unsuitable for emergency service vehicles.
- 2.2 The land requested currently provides a pedestrian access to the Bike Hub though a temporary construction access has been created over the area to facilitate the construction works. The remainder of the area is laid out in grass with boundary hedges for the Bike Hub.
- 2.3 It is proposed to use the temporary construction access as a vehicular access point and create a wider path access to the new Bike Hub. This would allow the facility being developed to be DDA and push chair compliant.
- 2.4 As the original Bowling Club and Bowling Greens were purchased under the Community Asset Transfer arrangements the YMCA have requested that this area of land also be sold on similar favourable terms.

### 3.0 Best Consideration

3.1 Where the Council is considering a proposal that land be disposed of at 'less than the best consideration that can reasonably be obtained,' in situations like the current one, it needs to follow the process set out in the Disposal of Land by Local Authorities (Scotland) Regulations 2010.

The process consists of three steps:

- The Council must appraise and compare the costs and other disbenefits and the benefits of the proposal;
- > Be satisfied that the disposal for that consideration is reasonable; and
- ➤ Be satisfied that, as regards some or all of the local authority area or persons resident or present there, the disposal is likely to contribute to the promotion of improvement of economic development or regeneration; health; social well-being; or environmental well-being.

In this instance, the costs are the loss of a potential capital receipt of around £20,000. There are no other disbenefits of the proposal.

#### Its benefits are:

- full accessibility to a new community building, allowing all to enjoy ease of access via a clear and barrier free and safe route, particularly for young person access.
- Strengthening the ability of community partners to deliver on the Plan 4 Kirkcaldy and the Plan 4 Fife by creating thriving communities and contributing to community wealth building;
- ➤ Provide vital support to parent, children, young people and other residents in East Kirkcaldy and in particular the Gallatown neighbourhood, through programmes which deliver on growing community spirit, personal development and learning, community development and participation and projects which focus on wellbeing and the environment. There are already around 220 children and young people using the bike track, nature play space and attending youth clubs and 85 adults using the site for parent support, 2 mental health groups, training and gardening. New programmes are being developed and will be enhanced by easier access to the site;
- > Supports the Council's priority to nurture community led services;
- Supports outdoor and community based education programmes in partnership with Pathhead Primary School and Nursery with 100 children currently taking part in 4 weekly sessions and Viewforth High School also planning to use the Hub in the new academic year;
- Reduces grounds maintenance costs as proposed land will become responsibility of a third sector organisation.

Comparison: compared with the costs and other disbenefits, the benefits of this proposal are considered to be greater because of the significant number of young people and adults using the hub which brings about social and community benefits.

The disposal for that consideration is considered to be reasonable for the reasons outlined above.

The disposal is likely to contribute to social and economic regeneration of Gallatown and beyond as well as have outcomes which will benefit health and well being as outlined above.

### 4.0 Conclusions

4.1 The land adjacent to the Gallatown Bike Hub should be sold on the terms set out in this report to allow access to the new facility to be improved.

#### **List of Appendices**

1. Location Plan

#### **Background Papers**

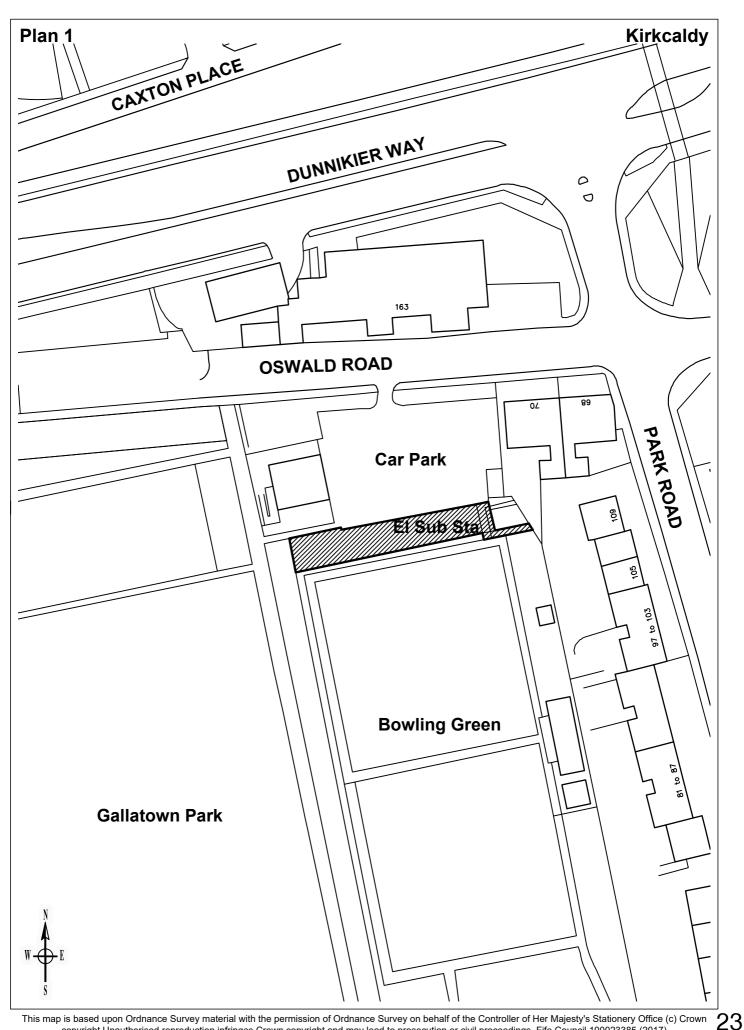
The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:-

Asset, Property & Facilities Committee – 1 November 2018

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#### **Asset and Corporate Services Committee**



19<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Agenda Item No. 07

## Finance & Corporate Services Performance Report 2020/21

Report by: Eileen Rowand, Executive Director – Finance & Corporate Services

Wards Affected: All

#### **Purpose**

To present the performance scorecard for Finance & Corporate Services for 2020/21

#### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Consider the Finance & Corporate Services performance information presented at appendix 1.
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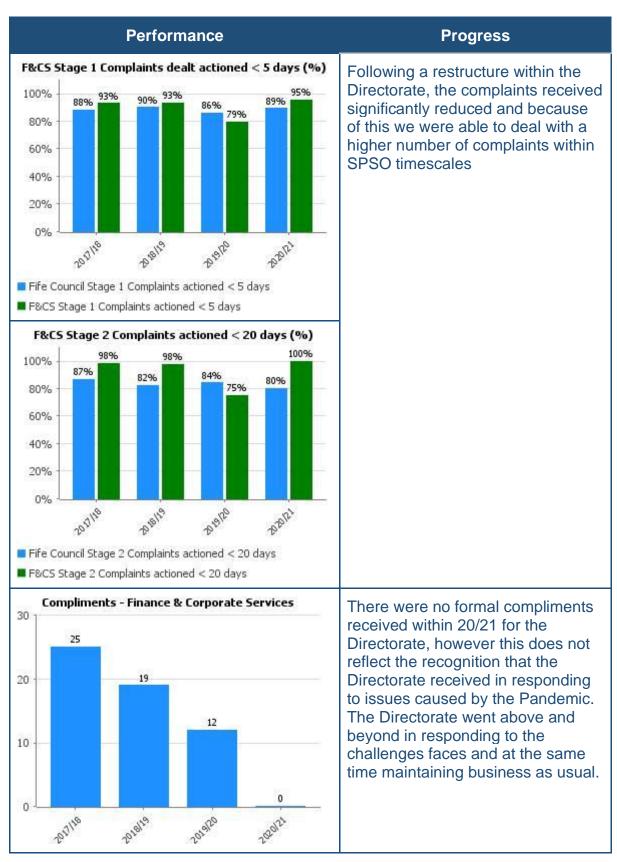
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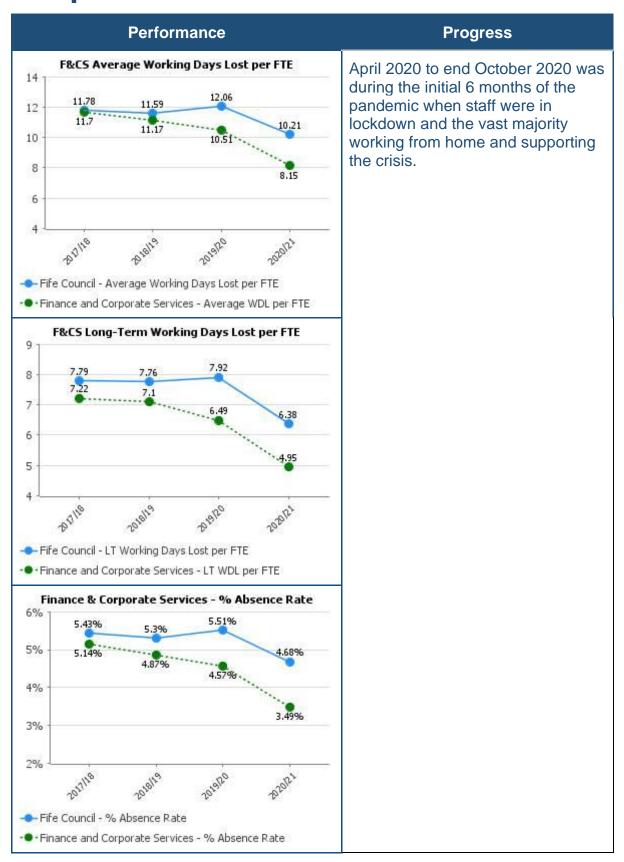
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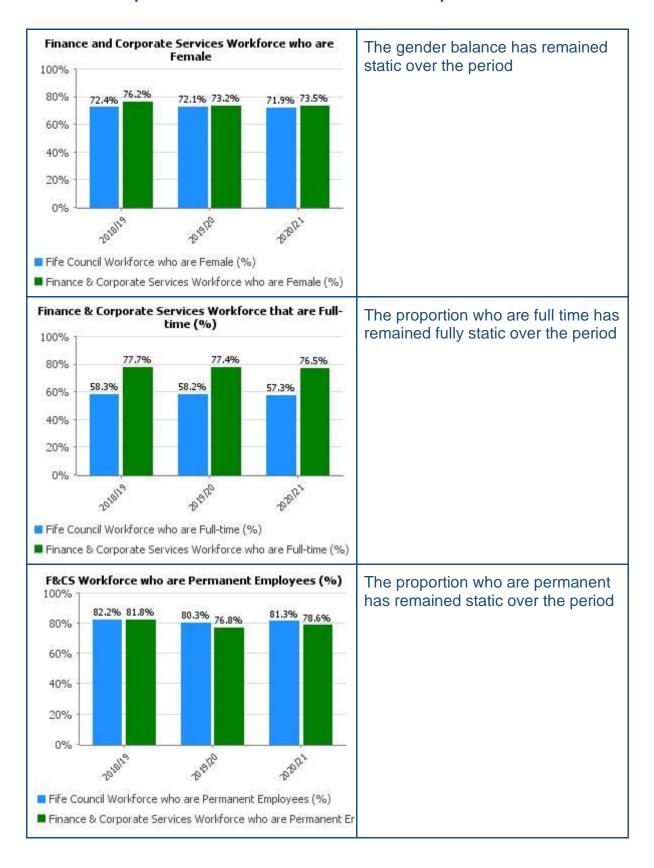
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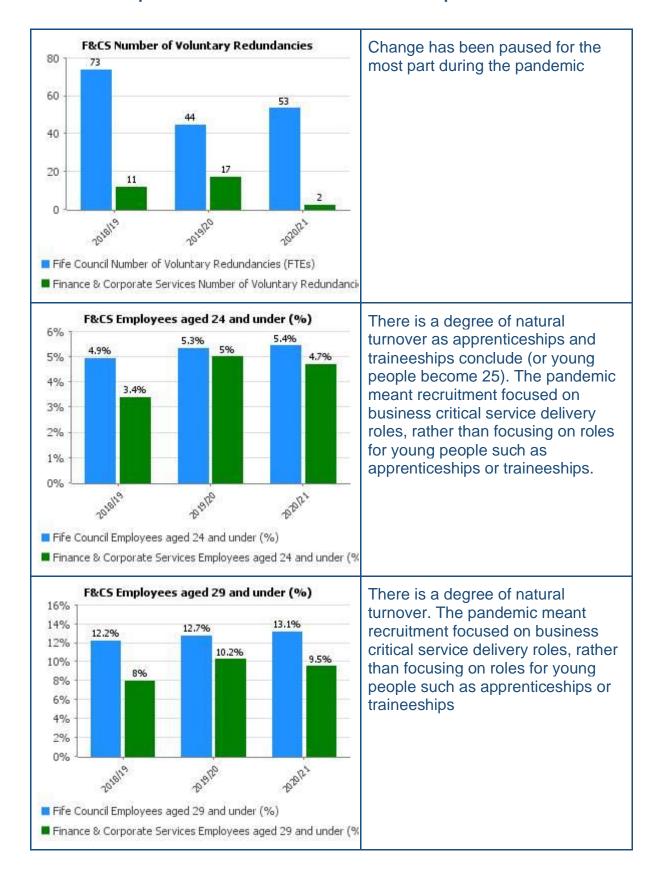
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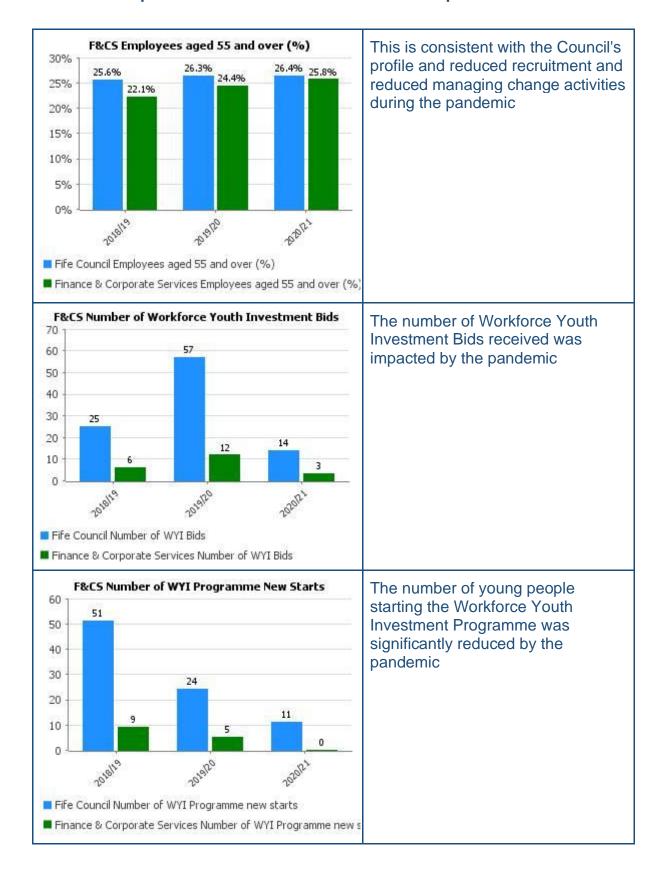


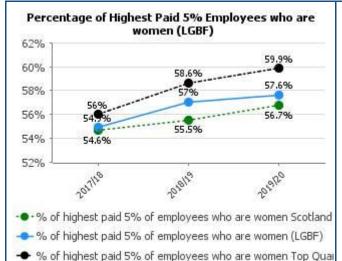
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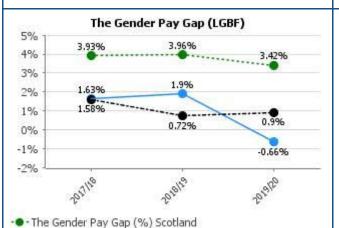






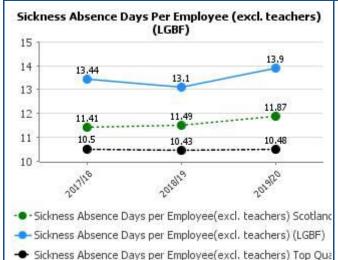


Encouragingly we continue to see the gender balance in our senior posts move towards a more accurate reflection of our workforce as a whole in which 72% are female.



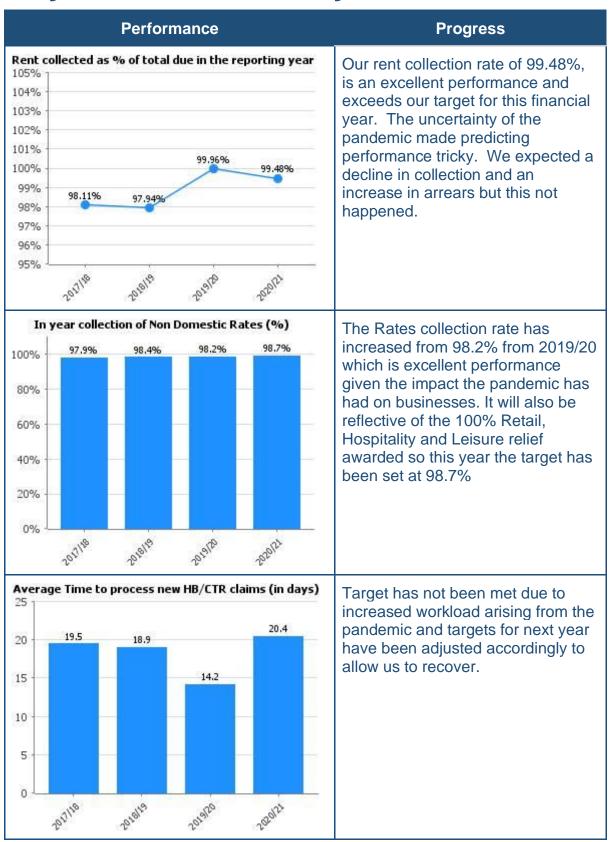
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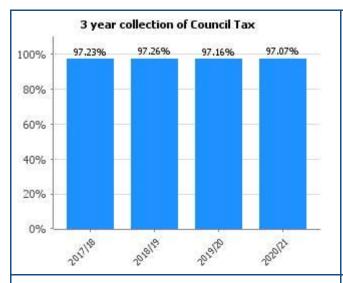
The gender pay gap across the whole Council has fallen to -0.66% (as at 31st March 2020) which means that across the Council the average hourly rate of pay between men and women is about the same. Our gender pay gap continues to be below the Scottish Local Authority average (3.4% as at 31st March 2020).



October 2020 figure shows a slight improvement but has not been published. The pandemic period is difficult to predict/anticipate impact on staff absence.

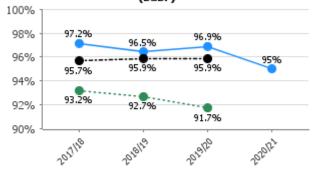
## **Key Business Delivery**





While the in-year collection rate reduced by 0.9% compared with 2019-20, the actual income collected, in cash terms, rose by £6.389 million in 2020-21 to £231,939 million - and increase of 2.83% on the previous year (2019-20).

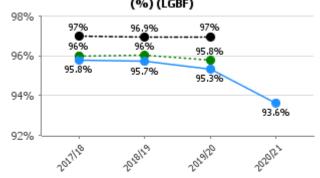
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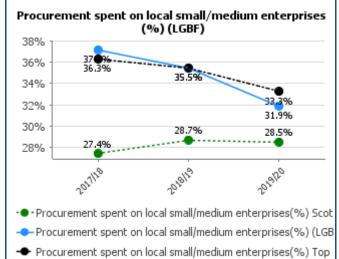
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## Income due from CTax received by the end of the year (%) (LGBF)



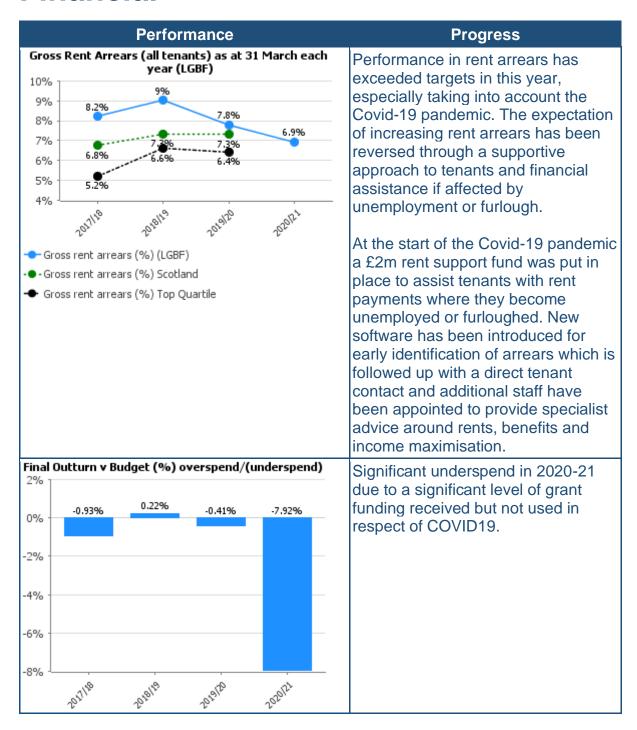
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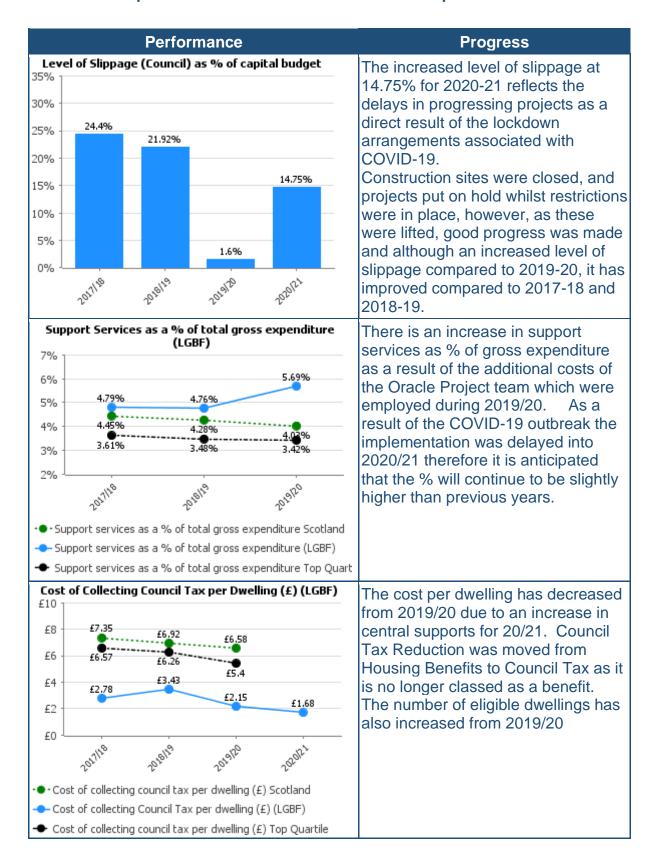


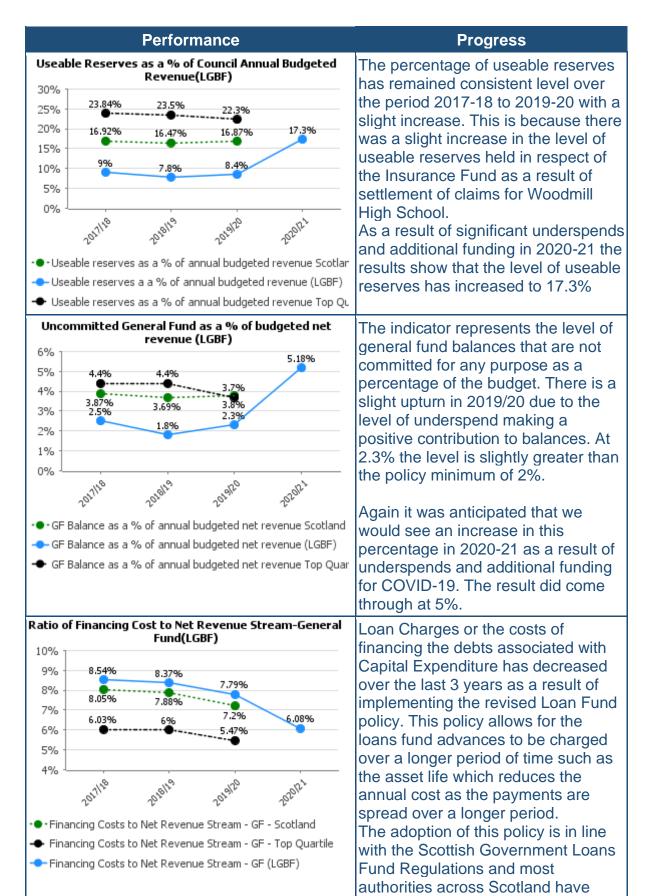
Fife has consistently had a high rate of local spend in comparison to the average, but work is ongoing to continue to improve this where feasible to do so.

# **Financial**



### Finance & Corporate Services Annual Performance Report 2020/21





Finance & Corporate Services Annual Performance Report 2020/21

Performance	Progress
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Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream - HRA (LGBF)  24% 23.59% 22.83% 22.56%  22% 21.54% 21.98%  20% 20.23% 16.71% 16.71%  16% 16.95% 16.71% 20.11%	This indicator has steadily increased reflecting increased capital expenditure on HRA and Affordable Housing, therefore there is an increased cost of covering the borrowing associated with these projects.  This remains fairly constant at 21.98% for 2020-21 and is in line with the agreed levels per the HRA Business Plan
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Appendix 2

# FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE – WORKFORCE PROFILE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR (01 APRIL 2020 – MARCH 2021)

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Assessors Service	28.00	39.00	38.00	-1
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Finance	92.01	94.89	96.24	1.35
HR	81.00	78.81	75.81	-3
Legal & Democratic	53.67	54.47	55.27	0.8
Revenue & Shared Services	779.17	596.39	584.78	-11.6
Total	1,272.16	1,102.11	1,069.42	-32.69

### **Asset and Corporate Services Sub-Committee**

Fife

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Agenda Item No. 08

# **Enterprise and Environment Directorate Section/Service Performance Reports**

**Report by:** Keith Winter, Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment

Wards Affected: All

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- 3.1 The Property Service vision is to lead effective management of our estate and use our land and property assets to deliver better outcomes, empower communities and leverage economic stimulus.
  - Bereavement Services manage our care of the dead and are responsible for the operation of our crematoria at Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline. The service also undertakes interments and looks after Fife's 115 cemeteries.
- 3.2 Strong cross service working across the Council and with partners was one of the dominant themes of activity over the last year. In the case of Property Services this involved working with other services and partners to support our collective response to COVID and the lockdown. Initiatives included support for NHS colleagues, support for services in the adaptation and safe use of our estate and the delivery and advancement of key projects such as the restoration of Woodmill High School (following the fire in 2019), delivery of Madras College (opening in Aug 2021) and progress with Dunfermline Learning Campus. The challenges faced by Bereavement Services were different and through the year the service worked with local partners to try to ameliorate the impact of lockdown restrictions, whilst at the same time strengthening service resiliency through initiatives such as web streaming, provision of additional capacity and the cremator replacement programme.
- 3.3 Project delivery arrangements were safely modified and adapted to allow projects to progress, to include Dunfermline Learning Campus, Madras, early years programme, New Care Village in Methil, continuing progress in the Affordable Housing Programme, to list a few.
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- 3.5 As noted above, Bereavement Services worked collaboratively over the year to ameliorate the impact of lockdown restrictions whist investing to improve service resiliency to include replacement of cremators at Kirkcaldy (similar replacement is currently taking place at Dunfermline) and provision of webcasting services for funerals. The service also worked closely with NHS, funeral directors and other council services to improve data tracking and to manage storage capacity. Alongside this activity, work continued to improve the condition of our cemeteries. Around 12,000 headstones have now been made safe (inspections continue to show a failure rate of 40-60% of all headstones) and of the £1.2m committed in improving the condition of cemetery walls and structures over a 4-year programme, over £700k has been spent since work began in 2019/20.
- 3.6 During the initial period of lockdown, Bereavement Services were heavily involved in contingency planning/actions for what fortunately never came to pass. The Service has continued to amend working arrangements to ensure continued, dignified service provision and support to bereaved families across Fife. wrong section?
- 3.7 Regarding reported PIs, customer satisfaction remains high across both Services and attendance levels shows continued improvement across Bereavement and remain high within Property.
- 3.8 Adaption to new hybrid workstyles will be a key challenge for the services over the year ahead.

#### **Facilities Management**

- 3.9 The Service provides Catering, Cleaning, Facilities Management, Meals on Wheels and Janitorial for the Council.
- 3.10 Facilities Management Services (FMS) have managed to successfully deliver all services as demanded by various services including Schools, Social Care Residential Homes, Meals on Wheels (MOW), Corporate Buildings and Community Services etc. The service has taken on many additional duties and activities including more daytime cleaning in schools, increased number of MOW customers and supporting Fife Council/NHS asymptomatic testing clinics in various locations.
- 3.11 Commercial catering services have suffered trading losses due to the Scottish Government directives on closure of cafes/food outlets. However, the Service observed a marked increase in take-up during the "Eat out Help out" period particularly in secondary schools. The schools experience has shown that the potential customers are price sensitive, and this may influence future pricing policies.
- 3.12 FMS teams have also successfully enabled the smooth operation of corporate buildings, e.g., Fife House complex and Bankhead, to ensure that critical services and officers could operate successfully. They assisted by helping to remedy the operational challenges that were encountered e.g., desk booking facilities to help with "track and trace". Much of the knowledge gained from these modified operational changes and innovations will help to inform the Fife Council's future way of (hybrid/blended) working.
- 3.13 It cannot be overstated that many FMS staff have demonstrated they undoubtedly care about their local communities and services by volunteering to work in unfamiliar work locations and have been very flexible in assisting the service i.e., working out of contracted hours, working split shifts etc.

#### **Building Services & Fleet Operations**

3.14 Building Services provides Fife Council with a 24 hour, 365 day a year repairs, maintenance and construction development service. There is a large and highly skilled

workforce undertaking all mainstream trade activities and delivering quality works at competitive prices through a best value partnership with Property Services.

Fleet Operations are primarily responsible for the management and maintenance of the Council's vehicles, plant and equipment, of which the Council owns and operates a vast range. They range from car-derived vans and minibuses to large specialised commercial vehicles and road registered plant.

- 3.15 Building Services operational delivery has been significantly impacted by Covid-19 in 2020/21. Many workstreams were stopped or slowed by distancing measures diminishing productivity levels. Recovery is underway and altered working practices have become business as usual, minimising downtime. The service continues to work with the Corporate Procurement and Economic Development Services on a local procurement strategy which will increase construction tender opportunities for Fife based companies. There are regulatory barriers to direct engagement with local companies but innovative strategies and a more balanced approach to risk is being considered.
- 3.16 Compliance measures have significantly restricted productivity levels with workstreams involving house access being stopped completely during lockdown periods. Performance is being managed carefully and has improved as working practices have bedded in. Recovery plans should see productivity return to normal when restrictions are lifted. However, material shortages in the coming year will present a new set of challenges and mitigating actions are being considered presently.
- 3.17 With access to council housing and public buildings restricted for most of 2020/21, mainly emergency repairs were undertaken, and performance levels remained high, as did customer satisfaction despite potential virus transmission concerns for some. Working days lost has understandably risen as a result of the pandemic and that situation should improve as things return to normal. Plans are being made to mitigate the impact of forthcoming material shortages and a number of procurement and design practices are being considered. Apprentice training has been delayed but steps are being taken to recover the missed onsite exposures and academic learning. No apprentice will be disadvantaged by the disruption in their training or compromised in the final recruitment process for permanent employment with Building Services.
- 3.18 Fleet Services continue to deliver high standards of contract hire maintenance and vehicle management services. Work continues with Transport Scotland on the introduction of electric vehicles and charging infrastructures. Opportunities to reduce fleet volumes are continually being explored with client services.
- 3.19 Covid compliance measures have not significantly impacted day to day operations and recovery plans are underway with blended workstyles already implemented and working well. Significant reductions in fuel usage were experienced across all services, with savings exceeding £1m.
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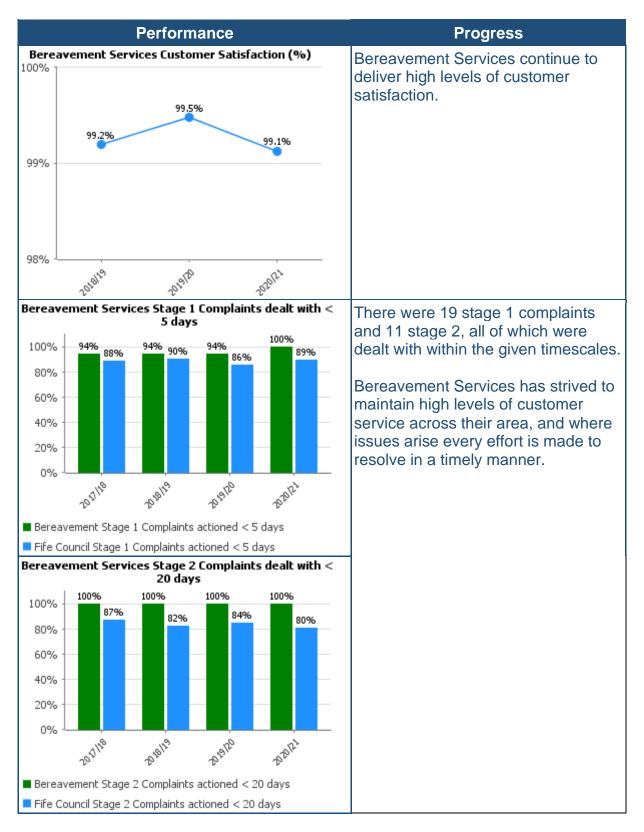
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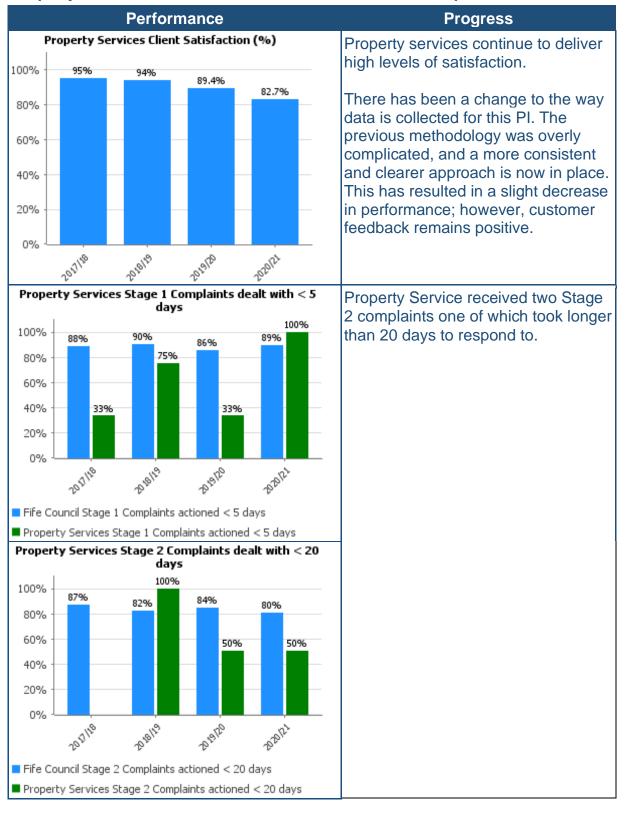
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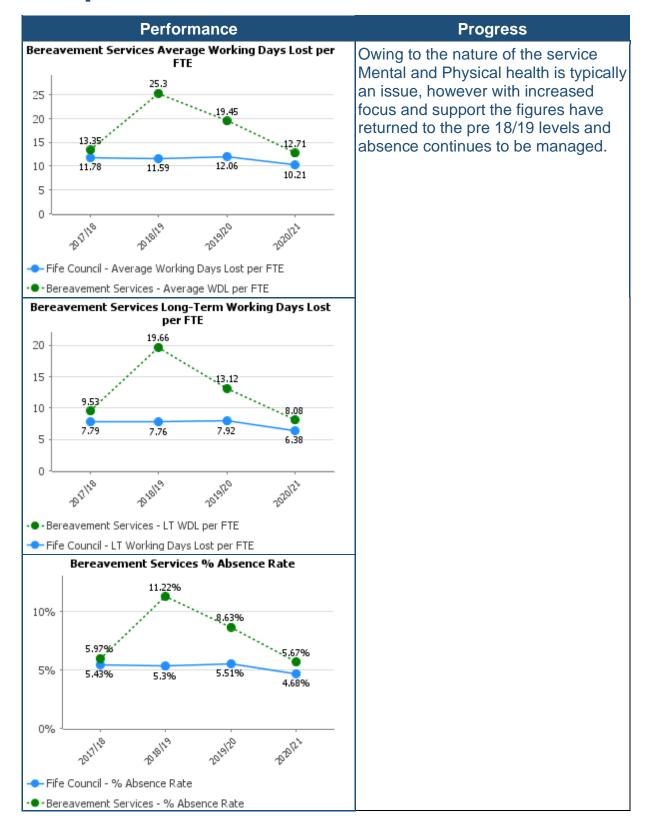
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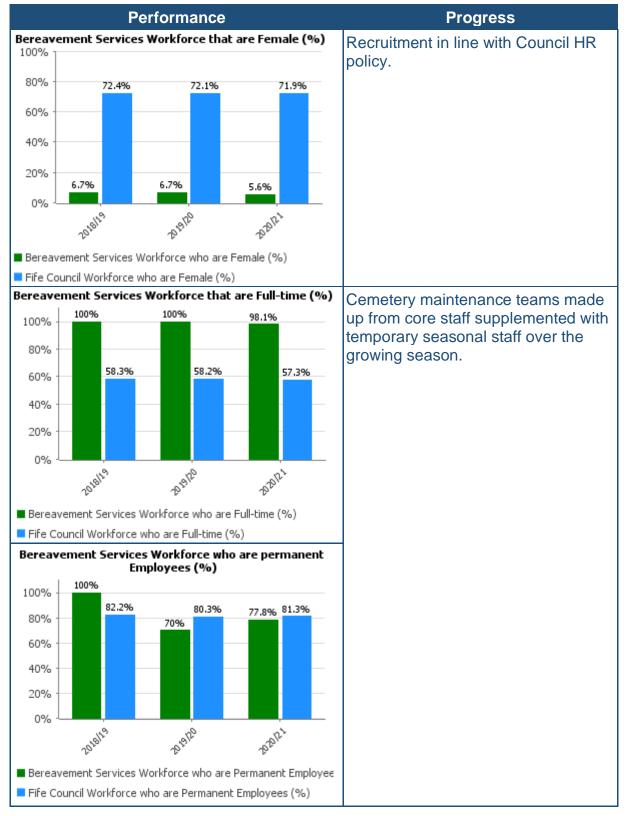
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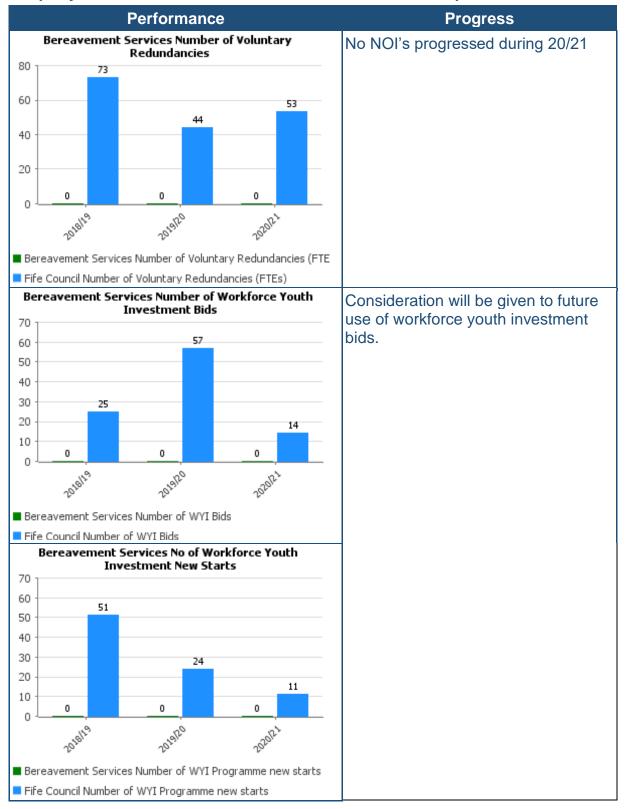
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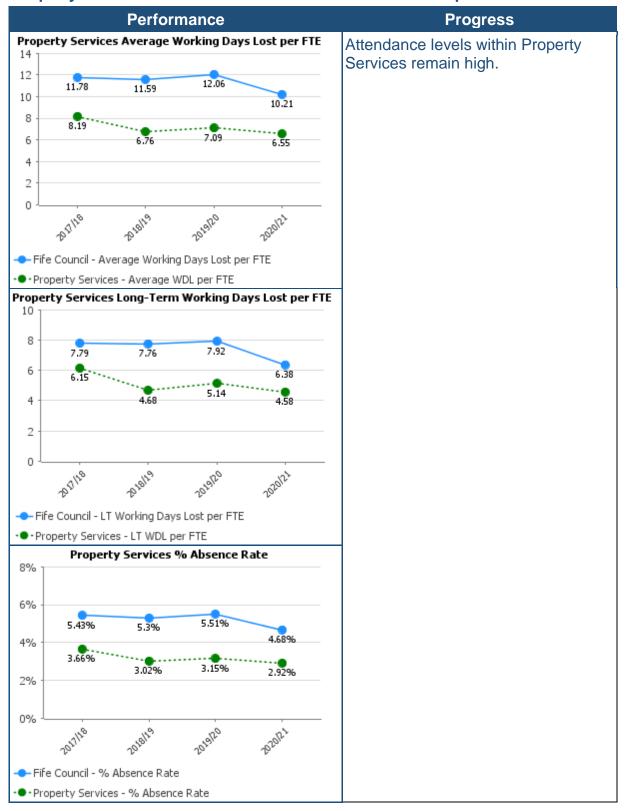
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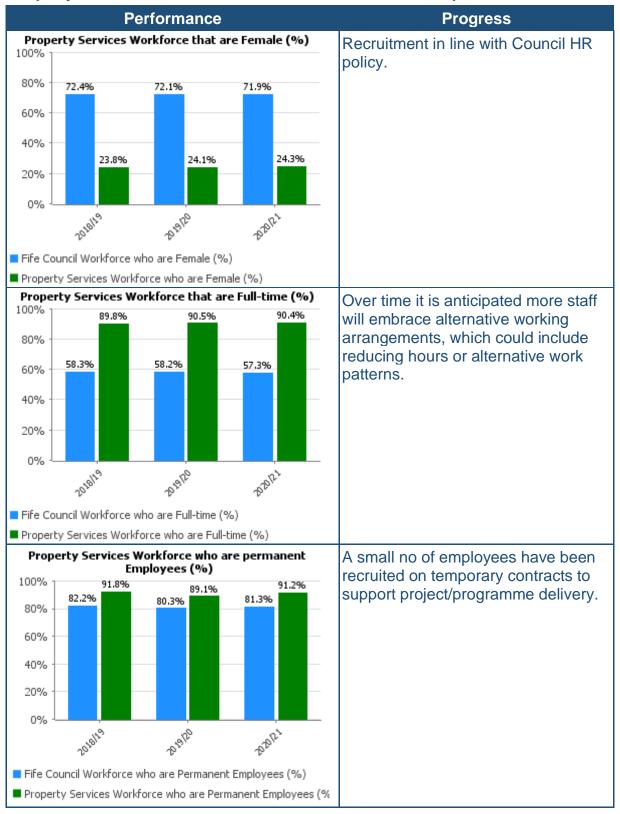
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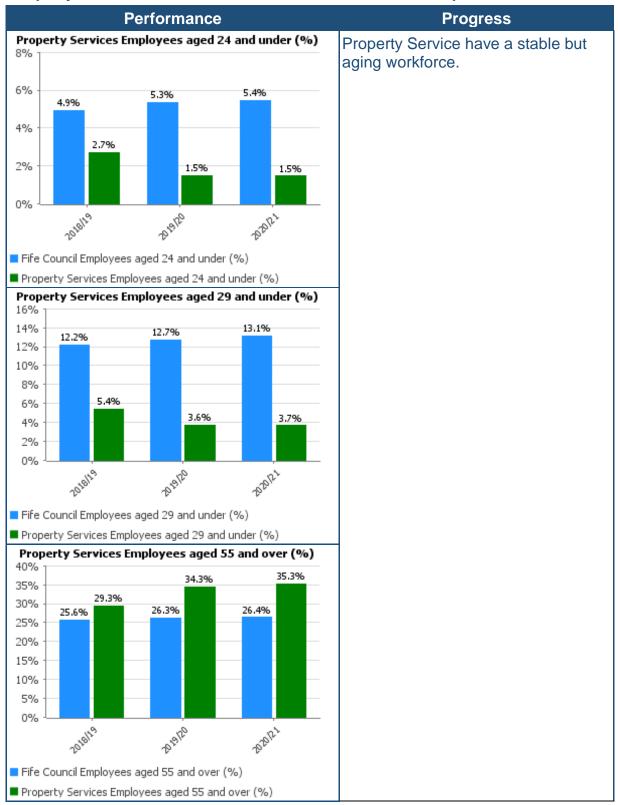
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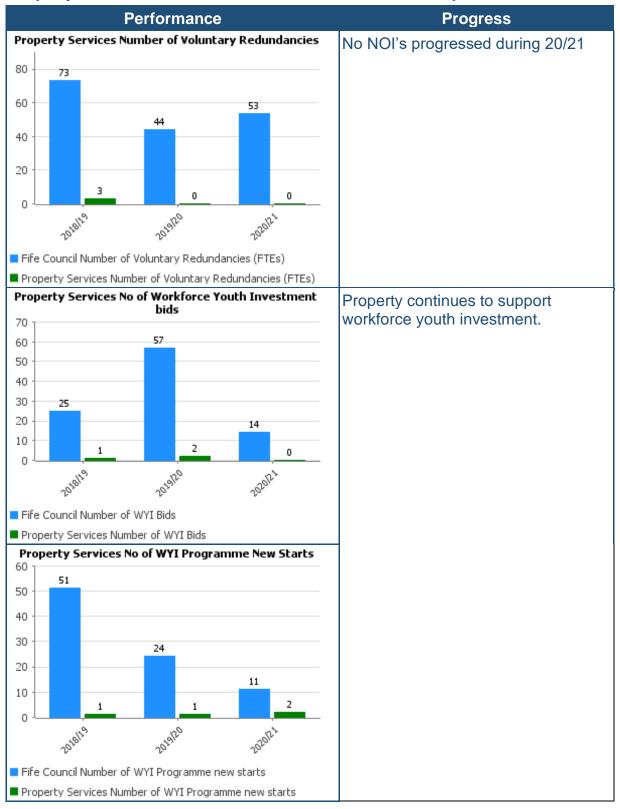
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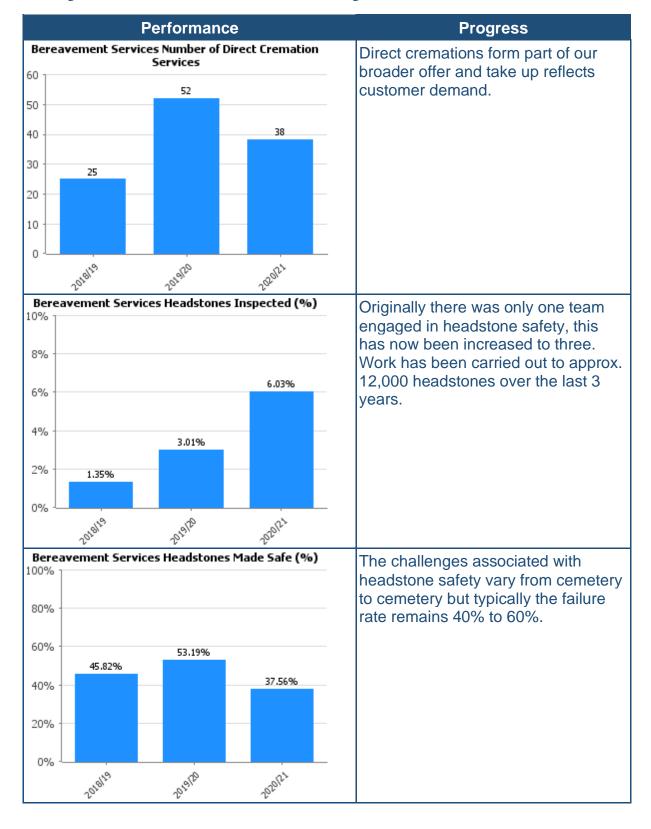
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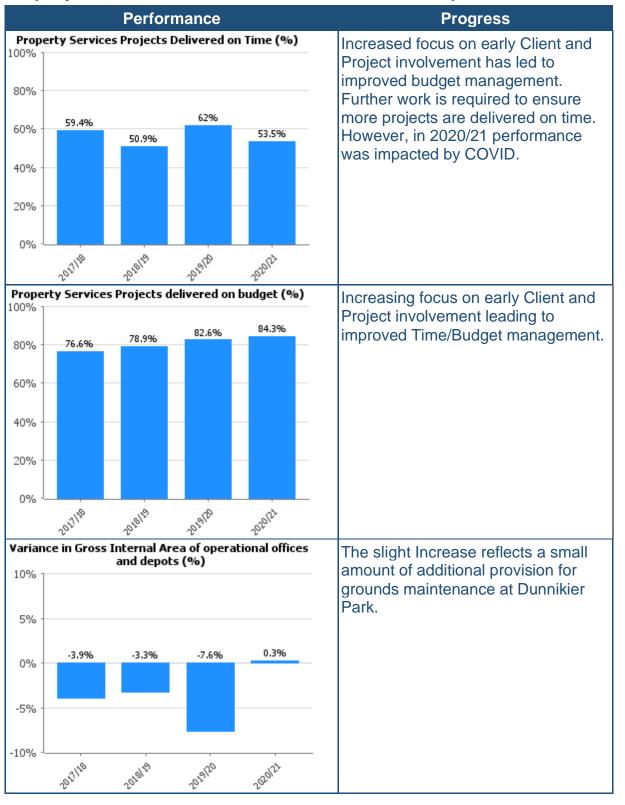
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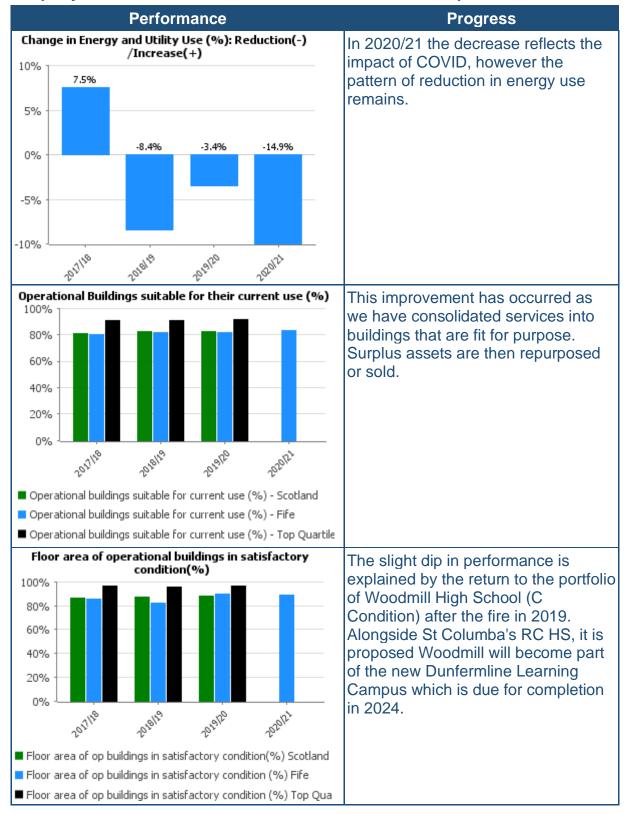
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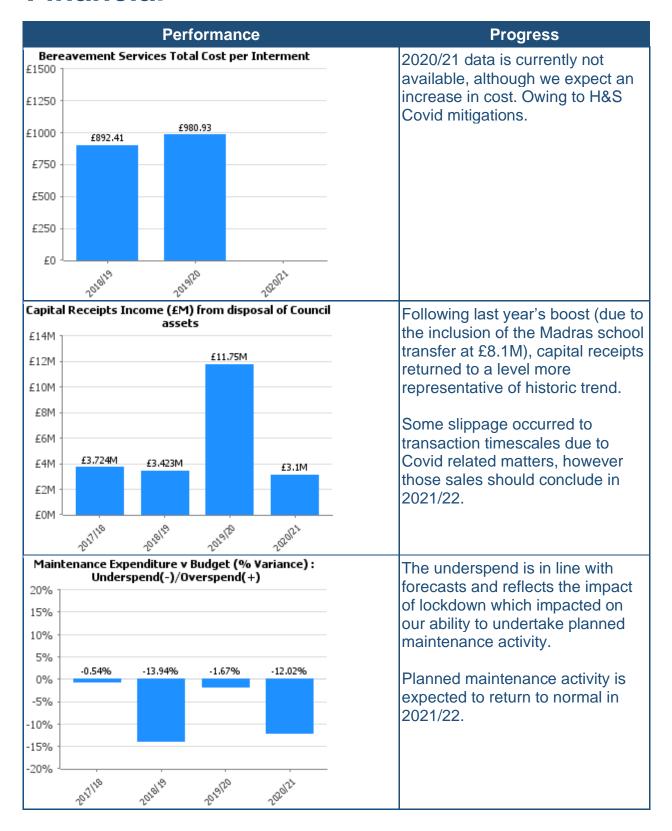
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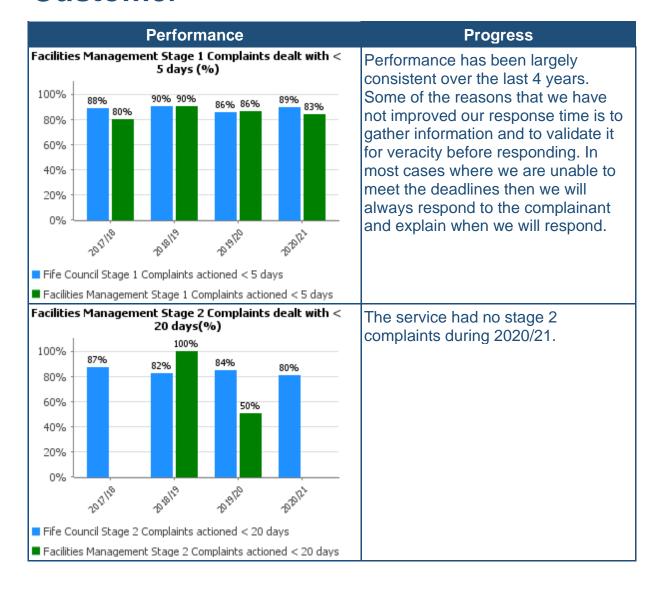
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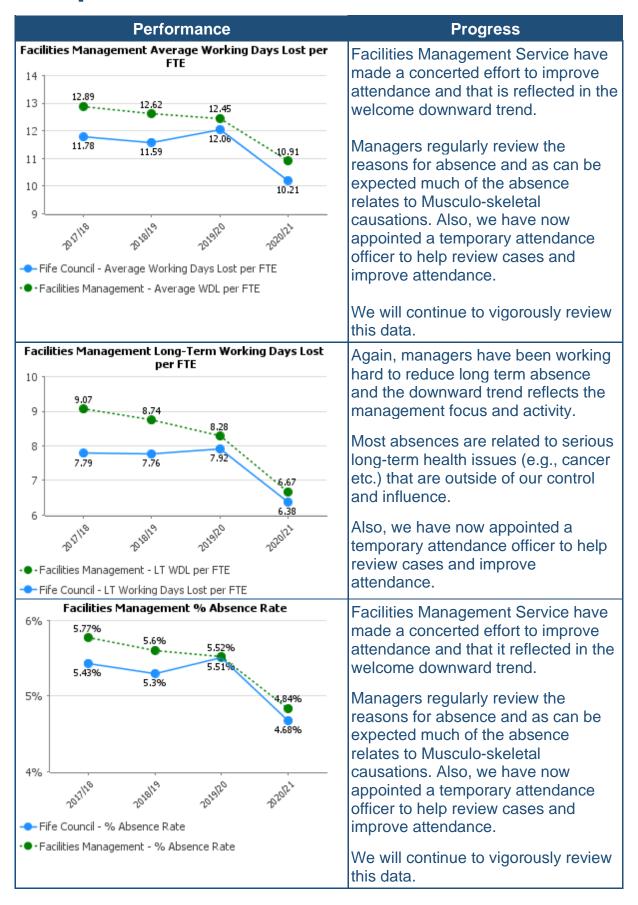
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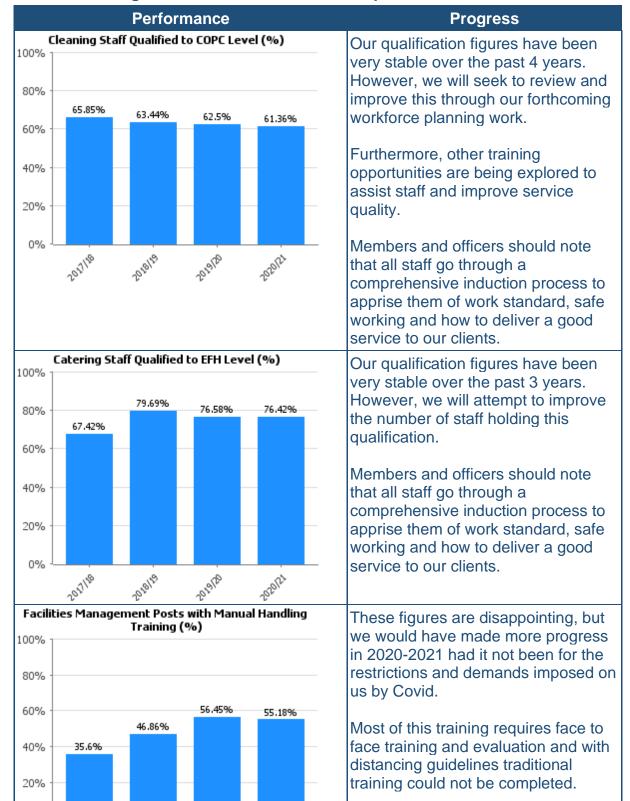


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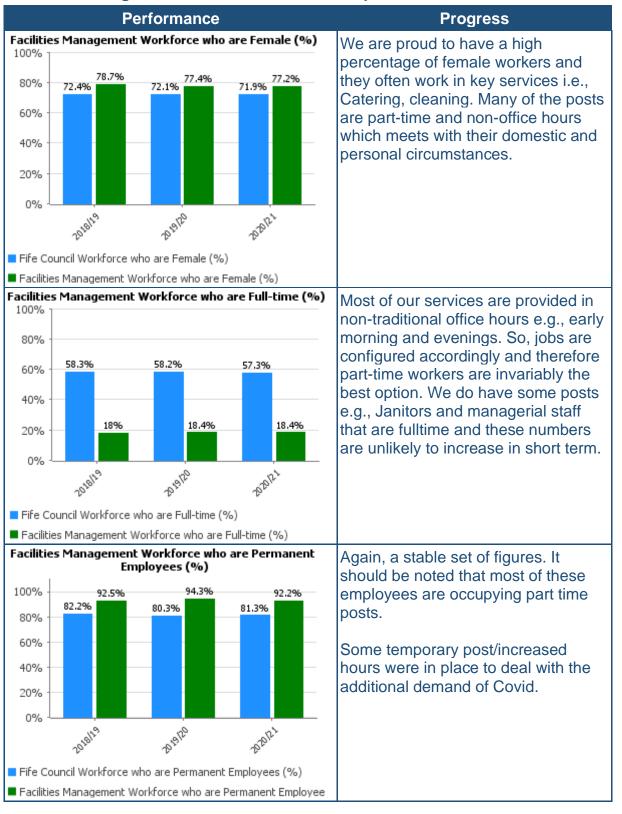
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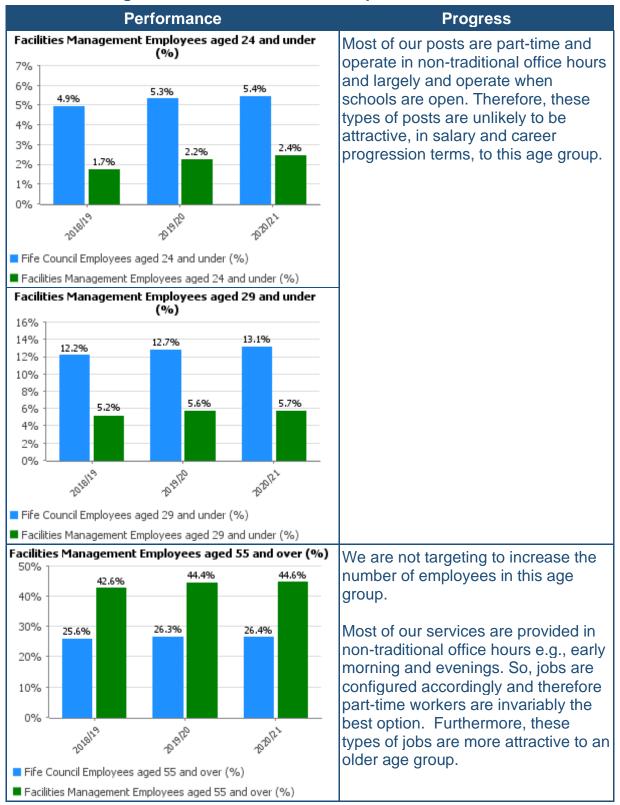
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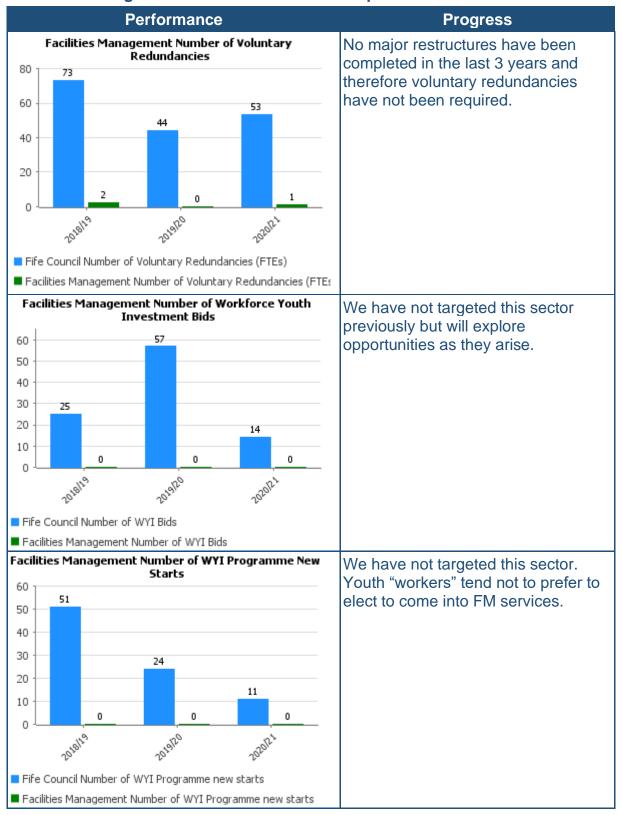
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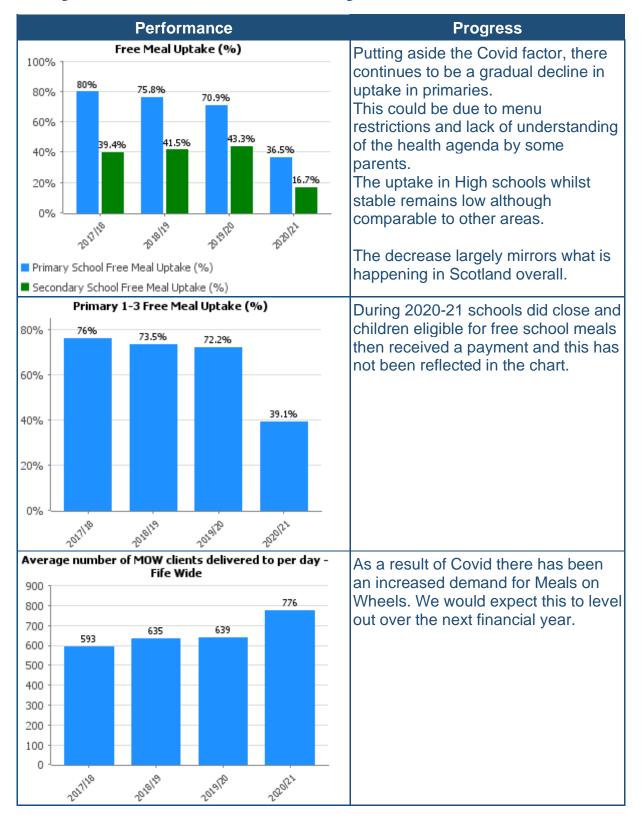
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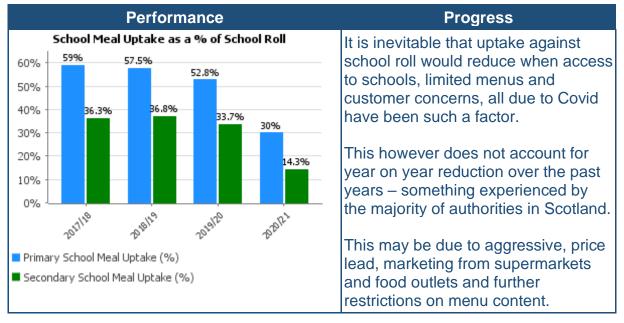




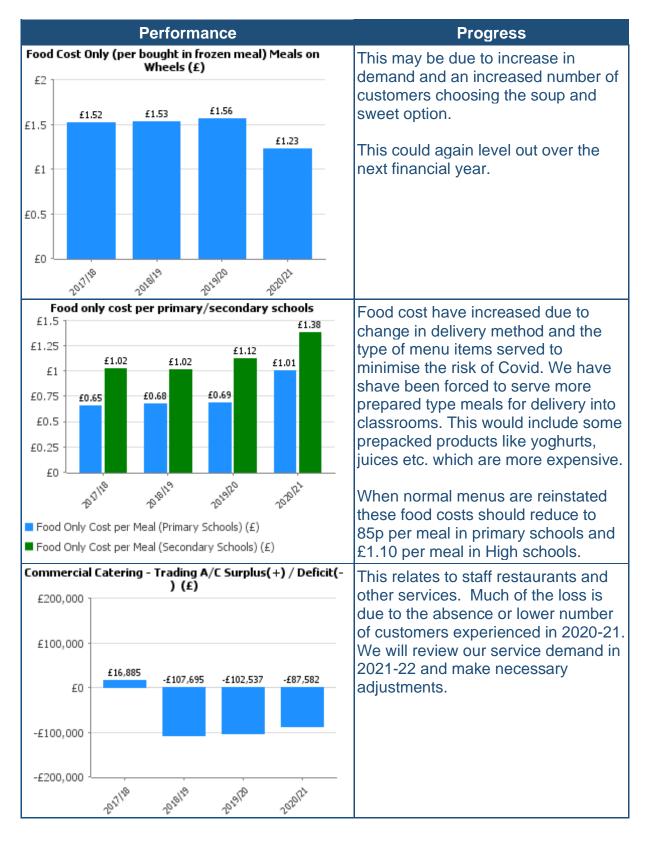


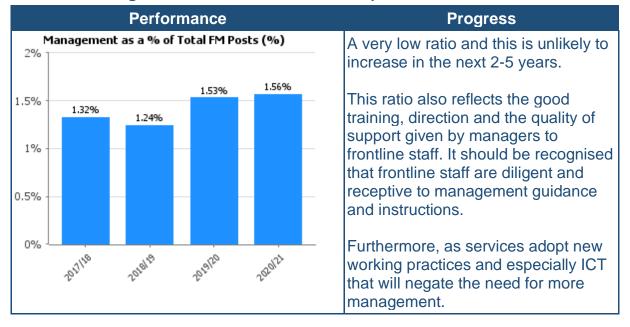
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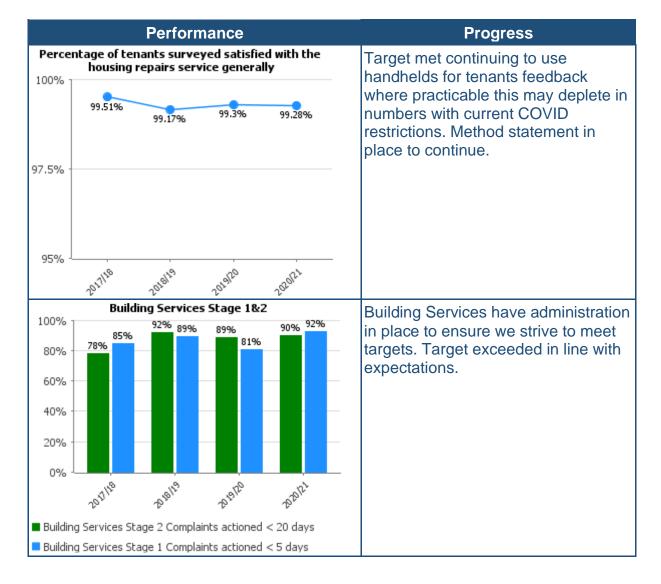


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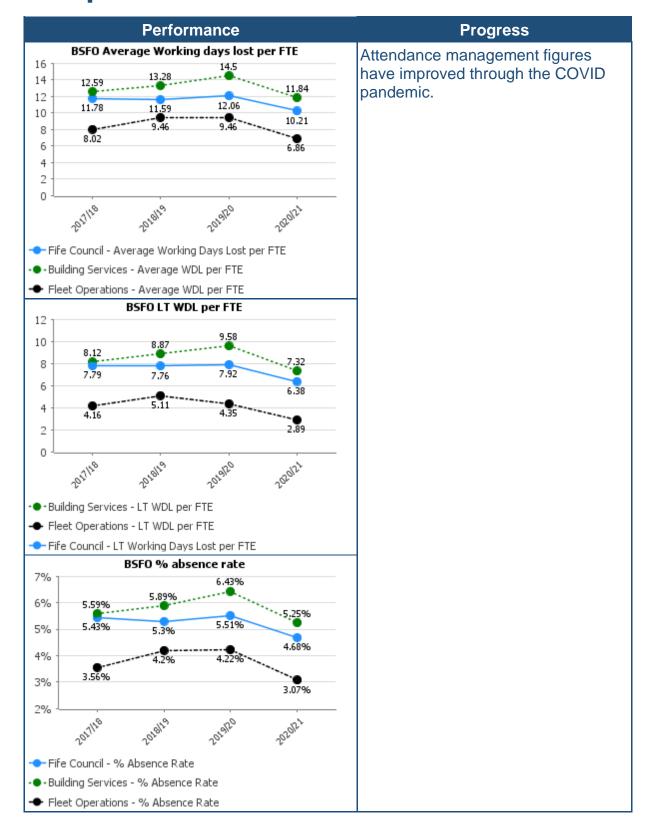


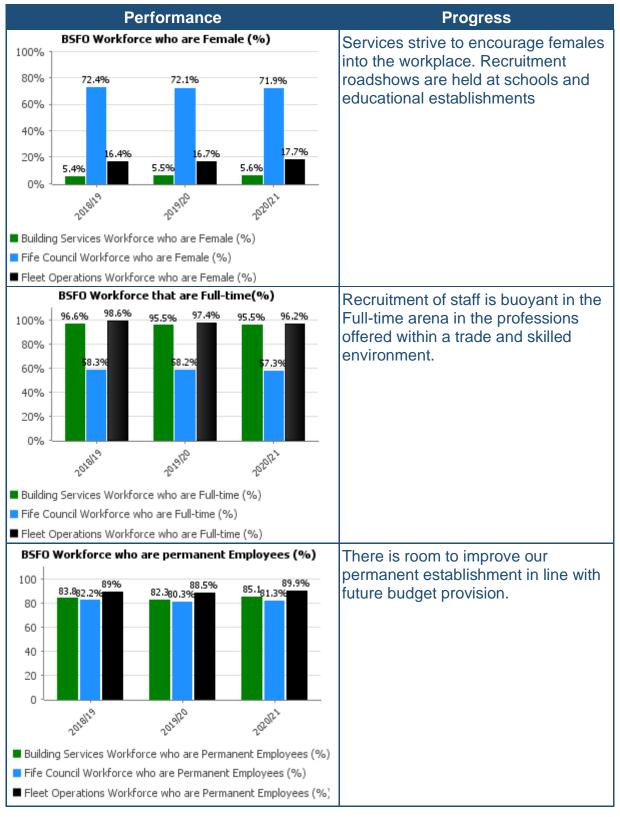


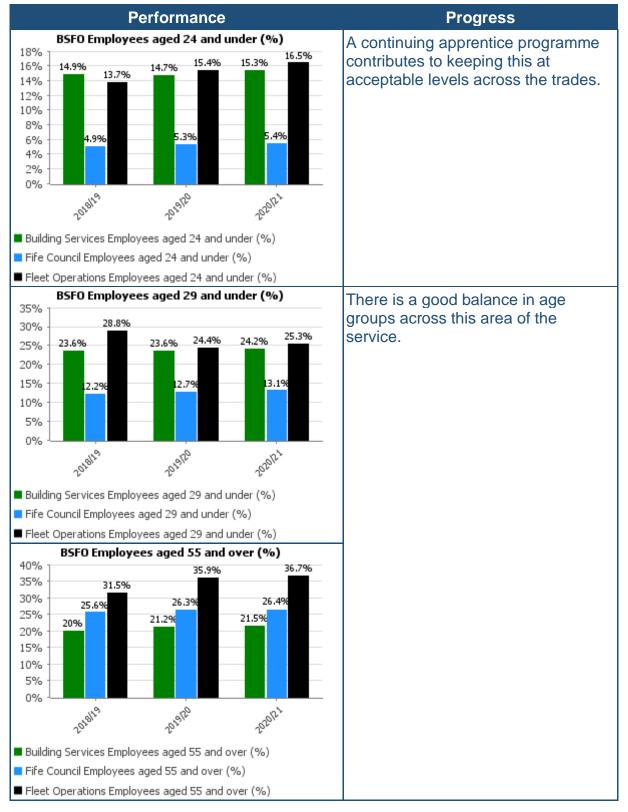
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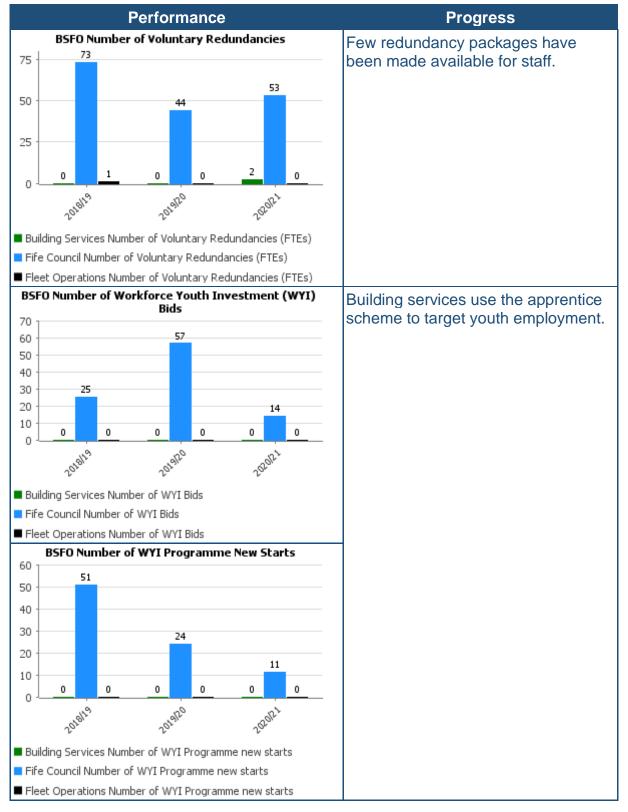


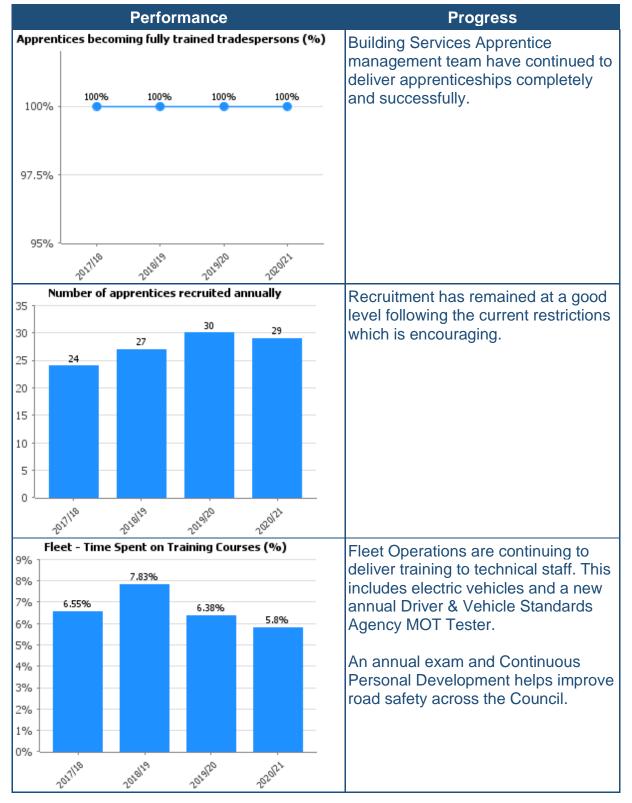
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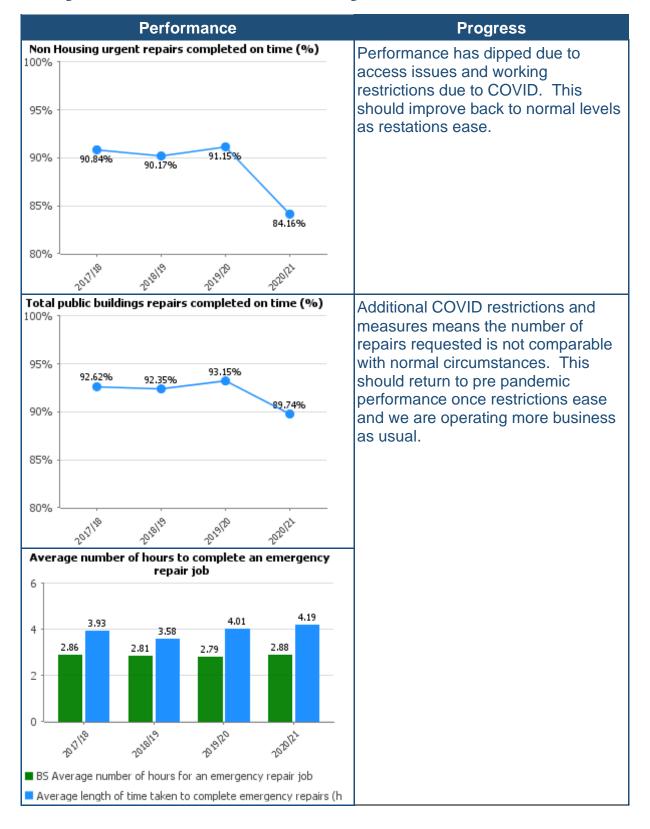


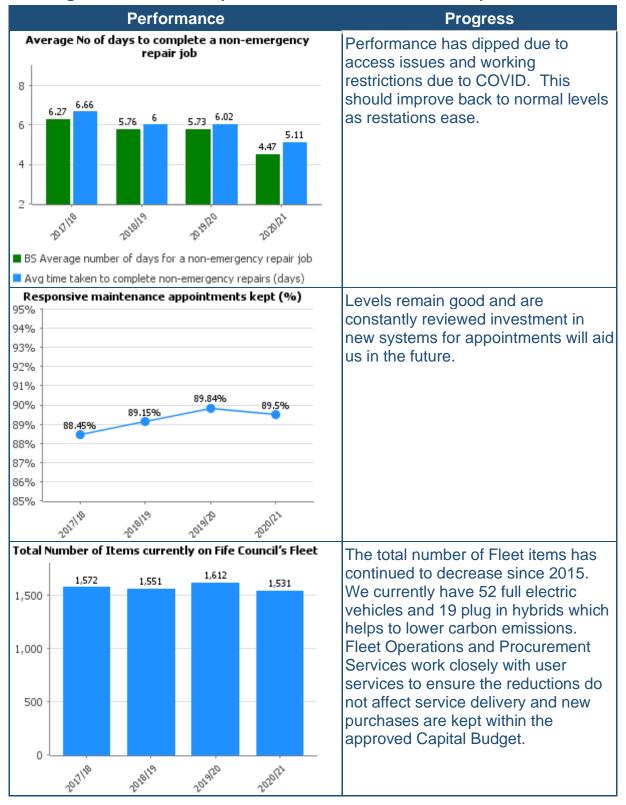


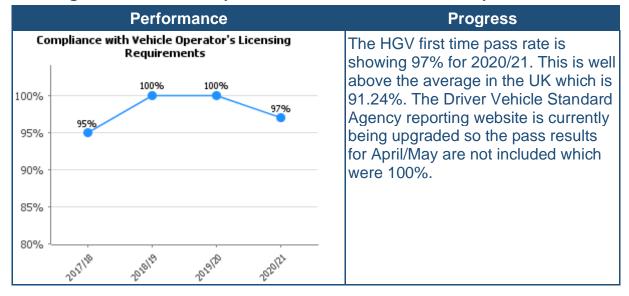




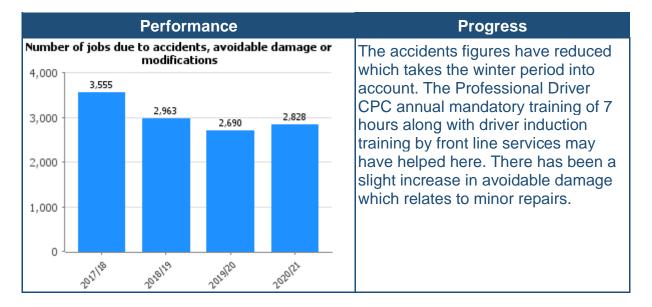
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# PROPERTY SERVICES, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT, BUILDING SERVICES & FLEET OPERATIONS – WORKFORCE PROFILE 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR (01 APRIL 2020 – MARCH 2021)

Service	Budgeted FTE April 2018	Budgeted FTE April 2019	Budgeted FTE April 2020	Budgeted FTE April 2021	Difference in Budgeted FTE 2020-2021
ATE Management	1	1	1	1	0
Property	203.54	199.54	201.02	201.83	0.81
Facilities Management	1,198.81	1,182.33	1,166.74	1,171.60	4.86
Building Services	1006.12	988.92	981.80	984.3	2.5
Fleet Operations	77.40	76.40	83	83	0
Total	2,486.87	2,463.39	2,441.96	2441.73	8.17



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# 2020/21 Revenue Monitoring Provisional Outturn – Finance and Corporate Services

Report by: Eileen Rowand, Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services

Wards Affected: All

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to give members an update on the 2020/21 provisional outturn for the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate.

#### Recommendations

Committee is asked to consider the current financial performance and activity as detailed in this report.

#### **Resource Implications**

None.

#### **Legal & Risk Implications**

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

#### **Impact Assessment**

An EqIA has not been completed and is not necessary as no change or revision to existing policies and practices is proposed.

#### Consultation

None.

## 1.0 Background

The report summarises the provisional outturn position for 2020/21, taking into account the actual expenditure incurred, and provides an explanation of the main budget variances at section 3.

#### 2.0 Issues

#### 2.1 Provisional Outturn

- 2.1.1 Based on current information for the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate, of a service managed net expenditure budget of £47.098m the position across all Services is an actual expenditure of £48.136m resulting in a provisional net overspend of £1.038m (2.20%). This provisional net overspend includes COVID-19 financial pressures of £1.188m.
- 2.1.2 Also, within the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate, there is a net expenditure budget of £4.347m for Benefits & Council Tax and Miscellaneous Service, with a provisional underspend of £1.173m (26.98%). This budget sits within the Directorate but is managed corporately. Therefore, the Services within Finance and Corporate Services do not have a direct influence on these budgets.
- 2.1.3 Appendix 1 shows the provisional level of expenditure against budget across the various Services within the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate. Section 3 provides a brief explanation of the main areas where there are significant variances (+/-£0.250m) between planned and provisional expenditure and income across service managed budgets.
- 2.1.4 The financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the level of funding received has been reported to Policy and Co-ordination Committee on 24th June 2021. COVID-19 funding has been held centrally, unless it was a specific grant. Therefore, COVID-19 pressures have been reported as overspends at Service level, but these overspends have been offset by COVID-19 funding at a corporate level. Where there has been a specific grant, this funding has been maximised and applied to the relevant expenditure.

# 3.0 Major Variances

- 3.1 Directorate position Variance (£0.135m) underspend, movement (£1.752m)
- 3.1.1 Finance and Corporate Services Service Managed position Variance £1.038m overspend, movement (£0.679m)

Within Finance & Corporate Services, there was additional expenditure of £1.188m that relates to the impact of COVID-19. This includes BTS costs of £0.390m for remote working and IT equipment to enable home working, as well as PPE and flu vaccination costs of £0.100m. Lost income from liquor licencing is approximately £0.105m for bars, restaurants and events and an impact on savings from projects that were delayed has resulted in an overspend of £0.544m.

COVID-19 pressures are partially mitigated by £0.432m from a reduction in printing and stationery costs alongside reduced staff travel due to home working.

Other overspends of £0.400m are due to an underlying pressure linked to the delivery of savings, mitigated by reduced costs related to pay and training. The underlying pressure relates to unachieved savings for an Early Payment Solution within Revenue & Commercial Services.

The movement mainly relates to a reduction in the level of COVID-19 pressures.

3.1.2 Benefits & Council Tax/Miscellaneous Services – Variance (£1.173m) underspend, movement (£1.073m)

There is an underspend of (£1.100m) which relates to the Housing Benefit Overpayment bad debt provision. This provision has reduced following a review of the accounting treatment following audit points being raised during the 2019/20 annual process.

The accounting treatment for Statutory Penalties has also been reviewed resulting in an underspend (£0.800m).

Miscellaneous Services has an overspend of £0.542m. This mainly relates to an increase in Bad Debt Provision £0.096m and the write-off of historical debtors' balances of £0.388m. This overspend has been offset by the underspends relating to Council Tax.

In the main, the movement relates to Council Tax and Miscellaneous Services as described above.

## 4.0 Progress on Budget Savings

- 4.1 Appendix 2 provides details of revenue budget savings for the areas falling under the scope of the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate, detailing achievements against the current year approved budget savings as at Quarter 2. The appendix details:
  - the 3 year budget period for which the savings were approved
  - the title of each saving
  - the savings target relevant to the current financial year
  - the value of saving forecast as deliverable for the financial year
  - a Red/Amber/Green Status for each saving
  - details of any substitute savings
- 4.2 All savings have been categorised using a Red/Amber/Green status and these are described as follows:

Green – No issues and saving is on track to be delivered

Amber – There are minor issues or minor reduction in the value of saving, or delivery of the saving is delayed

Red – Major issues should be addressed before any saving can be realised

- 4.3 Where a saving is no longer deliverable in the current year it is expected that substitute savings are identified to ensure that costs remain within budget overall. Where this is the case, the original saving will be categorised red or amber and a substitute saving will be identified. The substitute saving will be categorised as green and identified in the tracker as a substitute.
- 4.4 The areas in scope for the Finance & Corporate Services Directorate have a significant level of savings to manage within the financial year 2020/21. Overall, the savings to be delivered are £1.608m. Whilst the delivery of savings is becoming more challenging, the relevant Services are looking to minimise the financial impact of any amber or red savings by determining mitigating actions as soon as possible. Across all areas, £0.051m has been identified as Red status, with £0.227m identified as being Amber status.
- 4.5 The full year saving amounts are detailed along with annual forecast information detailed in Appendix 2.

#### 5.0 Conclusions

5.1 The provisional outturn position for the service managed budget within the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate is a net overspend of £1.038m (2.20%), which includes COVID-19 financial pressures of £1.188m. The provisional outturn position for Benefits & Council Tax and Miscellaneous Services is a net underspend of £1.173m (26.98%).

#### **List of Appendices**

- 1 Provisional Outturn 2020/21 Detail
- 2 Approved 2020/21 Savings

#### **Background Papers**

None

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BUDGET MONITORING REPORT SUMMARY 2020-21						Appendix 1
FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES  SERVICE	CURRENT BUDGET 2020-21 £m	FORECAST 2020-21 £m	FORECAST VARIANCE £m	FORECAST VARIANCE %	PREVIOUS REPORTED VARIANCE £m	MOVEMENT FROM PREVIOUS REPORTED VARIANCE £m
TOTAL COST OF SERVICE	62.452	62.307	(0.145)	-0.23%	1.617	(1.762)
LESS: CORPORATELY MANAGED ITEMS	11.007	10.997	(0.010)	-0.09%	0.000	(0.010)
SERVICE MANAGED NET BUDGET	51.445	51.310	(0.135)	-0.26%	1.617	(1.752)
ANALYSIS OF SERVICE MANAGED BUDGET						
ASSESSORS SERVICE	1.516	1.514	(0.002)	-0.13%	0.080	(0.082)
AUDIT & RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICE	0.560	0.551	(0.009)	-1.61%	(0.105)	0.096
FINANCE	2.910	2.981	0.071	2.44%	0.474	(0.403)
REVENUE & COMMERCIAL SERVICES	14.282	13.886	(0.396)	-2.77%	(0.160)	(0.236)
HUMAN RESOURCES	5.270	5.117	(0.153)	-2.90%	0.135	(0.288)
BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	15.386	15.786	0.400	2.60%	1.056	(0.656)
LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES	3.729	4.029	0.300	8.05%	0.001	0.299
FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGEMENT	3.445	4.272	0.827	24.01%	0.236	0.591
	47.098	48.136	1.038	2.20%	1.717	(0.679)
BENEFITS & COUNCIL TAX	2.052	0.337	(1.715)	-83.58%	(0.100)	(1.615)
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	2.295	2.837	0.542	23.62%	0.000	0.542
	4.347	3.174	(1.173)	-26.98%	(0.100)	(1.073)
FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES	51.445	51.310	(0.135)	-0.26%	1.617	(1.752)

#### FIFE COUNCIL TRACKING APPROVED 2020-21 SAVINGS FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES MARCH 2021

Area	Approved Budget Year	Title of Savings Proposal	Savings Target £m	Actual £m	(Under) / Over £m	Rag Status
Finance & Corporate Services Management	2020-23	Improve Customer contact and experience	0.051	0.000	(0.051)	Red
Revenue & Commercial Services	2020-23	Procurement -Review Buying Team	0.100	0.000	(0.100)	Amber
Business Technology Solutions	2019-22	Review of Software Licences	0.100	0.000	(0.100)	Amber
Legal & Democratic Services	2019-22	Review of Licensing - Automation	0.027	0.000	(0.027)	Amber
Revenue & Commercial Services	2018-21	Channel Shift - review of manual processes in Business Support	0.429	0.000	(0.429)	Green
Business Technology Solutions	2018-21	Centralise and reduce project, analysis and change resources	0.150	0.150	0.00	Green
Business Technology Solutions	2019-22	Reduction in hosting costs by moving new solutions to Cloud	0.014	0.014	0.00	Green
Business Technology Solutions	2019-22	Transfer of Council Phone lines to internet based telephony (SIP)	0.030	0.030	0.00	Green
Business Technology Solutions	2019-22	Analysis and retirement of analogue phone lines provided as emergency backup	0.070	0.070	0.00	Green
Finance	2018-21	Restructure of Internal Audit	0.023	0.023	0.00	Green
Finance	2020-23	Audit Services - Stop all project assurance work	0.022	0.022	0.00	Green
Finance & Corporate Services Management	2020-23	Buy Leave Scheme	0.320	0.320	0.00	Green
Finance & Corporate Services Management	2020-23	Business Travel	0.030	0.030	0.00	Green
Human Resources	2020-23	Reduce Printing/Stationery	0.010	0.010	0.00	Green
Human Resources	2020-23	Reduce Miscellaneous Expenses budget	0.005	0.005	0.00	Green
Human Resources	2020-23	Buy Leave Scheme - National Insurance Savings	0.010	0.010	0.00	Green
Legal & Democratic Services	2019-22	Review of Electoral Services staffing structure	0.015	0.015	0.00	Green
Revenue & Commercial Services	2018-21	Organisational Redesign – Business Support	0.042	0.042	0.00	Green
Revenue & Commercial Services	2019-22	Standardisation for processes within Business Support (supporting Health and Social Care)	0.100	0.100	0.00	Green
Revenue & Commercial Services	2020-23	Business Management Innovation Unit - Reduce Staff	0.050	0.050	0.00	Green
Revenue & Commercial Services	2020-23	Business Support - Reduce Internal Recharges	0.010	0.010	0.00	Green
Grand Total			1.608	0.901	(0.707)	

#### Rag Status Key:-

Green - No issues and saving is on track to be delivered

Amber - There are minor issues or minor reduction in the value of saving, or delivery of the saving is delayed Red - Major issues should be addressed before any saving can be realised

Summary								
	Savings	Overall	(Under)/					
	Target	Forecast	Over					
Rag Status	£m	£m	£m					
Green	1.330	0.901	(0.429)					
Amber	0.227	0.000	(0.227)					
Red	0.051	0.000	(0.051)					
Total	1.608	0.901	(0.707)					



19<sup>th</sup> August 2021 Agenda Item No.10

# 2020/21 Capital Monitoring Provisional Outturn – Finance and Corporate Services Directorate

Report by: Eileen Rowand, Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services

Wards Affected: All

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advise on the financial position for the 2020/21 financial year for the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate.

#### Recommendation(s)

Committee is asked to consider the current performance and activity across the 2020/21 Financial Monitoring as detailed in this report.

#### **Resource Implications**

None.

#### **Legal & Risk Implications**

None.

#### **Impact Assessment**

An EqIA has not been completed and is not necessary as no change or revision to existing policies and practices is proposed.

#### Consultation

None.

### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 Based on current information, this report summarises the provisional capital outturn for the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate for 2020/21. The actual expenditure is £1.167m against a budget of £4.359m, representing 27% of the approved capital programme for 2020/21.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 shows an analysis of specific projects in the current capital investment plan which have a budget greater than £1m and analyses total project cost rather than only in year spend.
- 1.3 Appendix 2 details the actual expenditure against budget for each project. A brief explanation of any significant variances is provided at section 2 within this report.

## 2.0 Issues, Achievements & Financial Performance

#### 2.1 Key Issues / Risks

2.1.1 Appendix 1 details the total cost forecast position for all capital projects within the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate with an overall value of £1m and over. The key risks associated with the major projects are noted below.

#### 2.2 Major Projects – Potential Risks and Actions

2.2.1 There are no additional or new risks arising in the current reporting period from any of the major projects being progressed. There are two major projects with a budget of over £5m and 5 other major projects for Finance and Corporate Services. These projects are detailed in Appendix 1. The total budget is £35.053m over the life of the projects. In respect of all these projects, the projected spend is on budget.

#### 2.3 Financial Performance – 2020/21 Provisional Outturn

- 2.3.1 Appendix 2 provides a summary of the provisional outturn for each project for the financial year 2020/21.
- 2.3.2 Slippage is the term used to describe projects that are expected to spend less than the budget allocation in a particular year due to a delay in timing on the delivery of the project. This is not uncommon in the capital programme and the reasons for this can be wide and varied. Advancement is the term used to describe projects that are expected to spend more than the budget allocation in a particular year due to an acceleration of the budget from future years.
- 2.3.3 The reasons for significant variances (+/-£0.500m) are detailed below.

Finance & Corporate Services (£3.192m)

The underspend of (£3.192m) within the Finance & Corporate Services Directorate relates to projects in the IT Capital Programme. The main areas of slippage (delay) are Servers/Storage £0.457m, Telephony £0.250m, Security £0.423m and Local Area

Network (LAN) £1.6m. In respect of Servers/Storage there is a change in the technology available and BTS are reviewing the options. Due to COVID-19 the current Telephony contract has been extended. In light of this and the current circumstances the timescales for a replacement system have changed. The new LAN and Security contracts are currently being procured, but the contracts will not be in place until 2021/22.

#### 3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 The total 2020/21 approved programme for the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate is £4.359m, with a provisional level of expenditure of £1.167m, therefore there is a variance of £3.192m on the projects within the approved programme.
- 3.2 The management of capital resources require us to look across financial years, as well as within individual years. The current year performance is only a snapshot of the existing plan and the Directorate will adjust expenditure levels within future years of the plan to accommodate the advancement or slippage of projects.

#### **List of Appendices**

- 1. Total Cost Monitor
- 2. Capital Monitoring Report

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Appendix 1

# FIFE COUNCIL ASSETS AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN 2020-29 TOTAL COST MONITOR - MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

		Total Project Budget	Total Projected Outturn	Variance	Variance	Current Project	Expected Project Completion
Project	Service	£m	£m	£m	%	Status	Date
Mobile and Flexible Working	Maintaining Our Assets	5.276	5.276	-	0.00%	Current Project	2027-28
Local Area Network	Maintaining Our Assets	7.200	7.200	-	0.00%	Future Project	2027-28
Total Major Projects over £5.000m		12.476	12.476	-	0.00%		
Server - Storage	Maintaining Our Assets	3.377	3.377	-	0.00%		
Telephony	Maintaining Our Assets	1.538	1.538	-	0.00%		
Windows 10 Roll Out	Maintaining Our Assets	2.836	2.836	-	0.00%	Current Project	
Wifi Corporate	Maintaining Our Assets	1.523	1.523	-	0.00%		
PC - Laptop Refersh	Maintaining Our Assets	0.827	0.827	-	0.00%		
Total Major Projects over £1.000m		22.576	22.576	-	0.00%		
Total Major Projects		35.053	35.053	-	0.00%		

# FIFE COUNCIL ASSETS AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN 2020-29 MONITORING REPORT

Expenditure	Current Budget £m	Actual to Date £m		Provisional Variance £m	
BTS CAPITAL	4.109	0.918	0.918	(3.192)	22%
BTS ROLLING PROGRAMME	0.249	0.249		(0.000)	
TOTAL FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES	4.359	1.167	1.167	(3.192)	27%

#### **Assets and Corporate Services Committee**

19th August 2021

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# 2020/21 Revenue Monitoring Provisional Outturn – Enterprise and Environment Directorate

Report by: Eileen Rowand, Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services Keith Winter, Executive Director, Enterprise & Environment

Wards Affected: All

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to give members an update on the provisional outturn financial position for the 2020/21 financial year for the areas in scope of the Assets and Corporate Services Committee in relation to Assets only.

#### Recommendations

Committee is asked to consider the current financial performance and activity as detailed in this report.

#### **Resource Implications**

None.

#### **Legal & Risk Implications**

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

#### **Impact Assessment**

An EqIA has not been completed and is not necessary as no change or revision to existing policies and practices is proposed.

#### Consultation

None.

### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 The report summarises the provisional outturn position for 2020/21, taking into account the actual expenditure incurred, and provides an explanation of the main budget variances at section 3.
- 1.2 Section 4 of the report summarises the progress on delivery of approved budget savings and provides an explanation of any variances to the delivery of savings target.
- 1.3 Variances occur for a number of reasons and variances in budget are not always correlated to delivery of savings targets.

#### 2.0 Issues

#### 2.1 Provisional Outturn

- 2.1.1 The provisional overspend for the areas falling under the scope of this committee is £2.252m. A summary of the 2020/21 projected out-turn for the areas under the scope of this committee is detailed in Appendix 1. This shows provisional expenditure against budget across the service headings within the Directorate. It should be noted that the balances are extracted from the ledger system and are shown as rounded thousands. This may mean that there are some rounding differences contained within the appendices, but these are immaterial values that do not impact on the overall financial position. The following paragraphs provide a brief explanation of the main areas where there are significant variances (+/-£0.250m) to budgets.
- 2.1.2 The financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the level of funding received has been reported to Policy and Co-ordination Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021. COVID-19 funding has been held centrally, unless it was a specific grant. Therefore, COVID-19 pressures have been reported as overspends at Service level but these overspends have been offset by COVID-19 funding at a corporate level.

## 3.0 Major Variances

- 3.1 The variance for Service Management and Administration has increased by £0.324m since October. Previously COVID-19 related underspends on premises costs were held centrally here but these are now shown within individual business units.
- 3.2 Building Services overspend £1.328m, movement of (£19.076m), this was due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the trading account income as the service were unable to progress certain work during the various lockdown periods, as well as productivity impacts caused by additional health and safety measures post lockdown. This position includes £6.380m income received from the HRA for cost sharing of direct costs such as staff downtime as identified in previous reports. Movement is primarily due to increased work requests generating a further £11.915m. In addition, £6.380m income from the HRA for direct costs incurred during the first lockdown has mitigated the overspend in Building Services.

- 3.3 Corporate Stores & MPDS overspend and movement of £0.729m, this is due to an under-recovery of income within the Managed Print & Document Service of £0.663m due to the drop in printing levels with home working, this should correspond with underspend in client Services. Movement is due to previous intention to capture the mitigation by charging client Services, ultimately it was decided not to pursue this method.
- 3.4 Corporate Buildings underspend of (£0.651m) is mainly related to the closure of these buildings during the periods of national lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Closure of buildings resulted in reduced energy costs and supplies & services costs as well as reduced staffing costs due to less cover required for holidays and sickness. The movement of (£0.425m) was a result of the continued closure of corporate buildings resulting in reduced use and subsequent reduction in costs.
- 3.5 Cleaning underspend of (£0.317m) is mostly due to an underspend in staffing as a result of closure of corporate buildings and schools during the periods of national lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and subsequent reduced use following these.
- 3.6 Client Catering under-recovery of £0.259m, and Commercial Catering under-recovery of £0.413m due to a net loss of income following the closure of all staff canteens and commercial establishments during the period of national lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some establishments have now re-opened.

## 4.0 Progress on Budget Savings

- 4.1 Appendix 2 provides details of revenue budget savings for the areas falling under the scope of the Assets and Corporate Services Committee, detailing achievements against the current year approved budget savings as at Quarter 4. The appendix details:
  - the 3 year budget period for which the savings were approved
  - · the title of each saving
  - the savings target relevant to the current financial year
  - the value of saving forecast as deliverable for the financial year
  - a Red/Amber/Green Status for each saving
  - details of any substitute savings
- 4.2 All savings have been categorised using a Red/Amber/Green status and these are described as follows:
  - Green No issues and saving is on track to be delivered
  - Amber There are minor issues or minor reduction in the value of saving, or delivery of the saving is delayed
  - Red Major issues should be addressed before any saving can be realised
- 4.3 Where a saving is no longer deliverable in the current year it is expected that substitute savings are identified to ensure that costs remain within budget overall. Where this is the case, the original saving will be categorised red or amber and a

substitute saving will be identified. The substitute saving will be categorised as green and identified in the tracker as a substitute.

- 4.4 The areas in scope for the committee had a significant level of savings to manage within the financial year 2020/21. Overall the savings to be delivered are £2.247m and the provisional delivery is £1.510m. Whilst the delivery of savings is becoming more challenging, the relevant areas are looking to minimise the financial impact of any amber or red savings by determining mitigating actions as soon as possible. Across all areas, there are no savings identified as Red status and £2.042m identified as being Amber status. The under delivery on amber savings is £0.879m and is partly offset by the over delivery on green savings of £0.142m.
- 4.5 The full year saving amounts are detailed along with annual forecast information detailed in appendix 2. The following paragraph provides a brief explanation of areas where there are variations at Service level (+/-£0.250m) between the Service savings target and the projected saving being delivered within the current financial year.
- 4.6 There is one saving with a variation (+/-£0.250m) between the savings target and the projected saving to report at this time. There was a shortfall on the Building Value saving of £0.459m. This is due to a delay in progression of the saving due to COVID. Work was undertaken in several areas to include realising energy and non-domestic rates savings to maximise the level of saving that could be achieved in this financial year.

#### 5.0 Conclusions

5.1 The provisional outturn position for the areas in scope of the Assets and Corporate Services Committee in relation to Assets only is a net overspend of £2.252m (11.81%).

#### **List of Appendices**

- 1 Provisional Outturn 2020/21 Summary
- 2 Approved 2020/21 Savings

#### **Background Papers**

None

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BUDGET MONITORING REPORT SUMMA	<b>RY</b>					Appendix 1
2020-21						
ASSETS AND CORPORATE SERVICES C	OMMITTEE					
SERVICE	CURRENT BUDGET 2020- 21 £m	PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2020-21 £m	PROVISIONAL OUTTURN VARIANCE £m	PROVISIONAL OUTTURN VARIANCE %	PREVIOUS REPORTED VARIANCE (Oct 20) £m	MOVEMENT FROM PREVIOUS REPORTED VARIANCE £m
TOTAL COST OF SERVICE	28.494	30.311	1.816	6.37%	20.571	(18.755)
LESS: CORPORATELY MANAGED ITEMS	9.424	8.989	(0.435)	-4.62%	0.000	(0.435)
SERVICE MANAGED NET BUDGET	19.070	21.322	2.252	11.81%	20.571	(18.319)
ANALYSIS OF SERVICE MANAGED BUDGET						
SERVICE MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION	0.475	0.708	0.233	49.04%	(0.091)	0.324
PROPERTY SERVICES	0.309	0.463	0.154	49.93%	0.041	0.113
CEMETERIES & CREMATORIA	(0.415)	(0.361)	0.054	-13.03%	0.183	(0.129)
BUILDING SERVICES	(11.129)	(9.801)	1.328	-11.93%	20.404	(19.076)
CORPORATE STORES & MPDS	(1.064)	(0.335)	0.729	-68.47%	0.000	0.729
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SERVICE	2.029	2.058	0.029	1.44%	0.028	0.001
CORPORATE BUILDINGS	5.558	4.907	(0.651)	-11.72%	(0.226)	(0.425)
CLEANING & JANITORIAL SERVICES	15.934	15.617	(0.317)	-1.99%	(0.158)	(0.159)
PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	0.267	0.236	(0.031)	-11.63%	(0.030)	(0.001)
SCHOOL CATERING	7.991	7.863	(0.128)	-1.60%	(0.180)	0.053
CATERING CLIENT	0.029	0.288	0.259	881.95%	0.199	0.059
COMMERCIAL CATERING	(0.011)	0.402	0.413	-3632.98%	0.401	0.012
CATERING - MEALS ON WHEELS	(0.000)	0.001	0.001	-1152.44%	0.000	0.001
CATERING - CARE HOMES	0.003	0.000	(0.003)	-94.31%	0.000	(0.003)
FLEET SERVICES	(0.905)	(0.723)	0.181	-20.06%	0.000	0.181
ASSETS AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTE	19.070	21.322	2.252	11.81%	20.571	(18.319)
PROPERTY REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	15.007	13.203	(1.804)	-12.02%	0.106	(1.910)

# FIFE COUNCIL TRACKING APPROVED 2020-21 SAVINGS ASSETS, PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MARCH 2021

Area	Approved Budget Year	Title of Savings Proposal	Savings Target £m	Overall Forecast £m	(Under)/ Over £m	Rag Status
ATE - ATE Management	2019-22	Savings anticipated as a result of Customer Programme.	0.038	0.028	(0.010)	Amber
ATE - Property Services	2018-21	Building Value Programme.	1.345	0.886	(0.459)	Amber
ATE - Property Services	2019-22	Option 2 - Bereavement Services - move to full cost recovery for burial service over 5 years.	0.219	0.077	(0.142)	Amber
ATE - ATE Management	2020-23	Procurement savings anticipated as a result of the Procurement Programme.	0.200	0.114	(0.086)	Amber
ATE - Facilities Management	2018-21	School Lunch Price.	0.040	0.020	(0.020)	Amber
ATE - Facilities Management	2020-23	Communities Programme – Integrate and unify the FMS and cleaning responsibility for Community Centres to E & E Directorate.	0.150	0.000	(0.150)	Amber
ATE - Facilities Management	2020-23	Review the costs of security provision at Bankhead depot.	0.050	0.038	(0.012)	Amber
ATE - ATE Management	2020-23	Fleet – grey mileage.	0.075	0.075	0.000	Green
ATE - Enviroment & Building Servies	2018-21	Managed Print Service - centralise Council printing budget and reduce printing volume.	0.025	0.025	0.000	Green
ATE - Facilities Management	2019-22	Further review of Janitorial provision.	0.090	0.090	0.000	Green
ATE - Property Services	2018-21	Office Rationalisation.	0.015	0.015	0.000	Green
ATE - Property Services	2019-22	Substitution- Option 2 - Bereavement Services - move to full cost recovery for burial service over 5 years.		0.142	0.142	Green
Grand Total			2.247	1.510	(0.737)	

#### Rag Status Key:-

Green - No issues and saving is on track to be delivered

Amber - There are minor issues or minor reduction in the value of saving, or delivery of the saving is delayed

Red - Major issues should be addressed before any saving can be realised

Summary								
	Savings	Overall	(Under)/					
	Target	Forecast	Over					
Rag Status	£m	£m	£m					
Green	0.205	0.347	0.142					
Amber	2.042	1.163	(0.879)					
Red	0.000	0.000	0.000					
Total	2.247	1.510	(0.737)					

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# 2020/21 Capital Monitoring Provisional Outturn - Enterprise and Environment Directorate

**Report by**: Eileen Rowand, Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services Keith Winter, Executive Director, Enterprise & Environment

Wards Affected: All

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advise on the provisional financial position for the 2020/21 financial year for areas in scope of the Assets and Corporate Services Committee in relation to Assets only.

#### Recommendation(s)

Committee is asked to consider the current performance and activity across the 2020/21 Financial Monitoring as detailed in this report.

#### **Resource Implications**

None.

#### **Legal & Risk Implications**

None.

#### Impact Assessment

An EqIA has not been completed and is not necessary as no change or revision to existing policies and practices is proposed.

#### Consultation

None.

### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 Based on current information, this report summarises the provisional capital outturn for the areas falling under the scope of this Committee for 2020/21. At this stage provisional expenditure is £4.999m, representing 90.0% of the approved capital programme for 2020/21.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 shows an analysis of specific projects in the current capital investment plan which have a budget greater than £1.000m and analyses total project cost rather than only in year spend.
- 1.3 Appendix 2 details the provisional expenditure against budget for each project.

### 2.0 Issues, Achievements & Financial Performance

#### 2.1 Key Issues / Risks

- 2.1.1 Appendix 1 details the total cost forecast position for all capital projects within the areas under the scope of the Committee with an overall value of £1.000m and over. The key risks associated with the major projects are noted below.
- 2.1.2 Covid-19 had an impact on site construction work, delaying projects which have now commenced again in accordance with Government Guidance, this had some impact on project costs and has extended some project delivery dates as contractors have required to make adjustments to working arrangements to accommodate new requirements, such as social distancing. Some claims from contractors were received in relation to closing down, maintaining and re-opening sites and also in relation to preparation for work on site recommencing. Monitoring of the impact of these additional costs and timescales is ongoing and it is likely that the overall scale of these additional costs will be clearer in the coming months.

#### 2.2 Major Projects – Potential Risks and Actions

2.2.1 There are no additional or new risks arising in the current reporting period from any of the major projects being progressed.

#### 2.3 Financial Performance – 2020/21 Provisional Outturn

- 2.3.1 Appendix 2 provides a summary of the provisional outturn for each project for the financial year 2020/21. The appendix shows a provisional outturn of £4.999m against a Capital Investment plan of £5.572m, a spending level of 90.0%.
- 2.3.2 There is a capital income budget for 2020/21 of £1.218m and provisional outturn is £1.218m, representing 100.0% of the budgeted income.
- 2.3.3 The reasons for significant variances (+/-£0.500m) are detailed in 2.4.
- 2.3.4 Slippage is the term used to describe projects that are expected to spend less than the budget allocation in a particular year due to a delay in timing on the delivery of

the project. This is not uncommon in the capital programme and the reasons for this can be wide and varied. Advancement is the term used to describe projects that are expected to spend more than the budget allocation in a particular year due to an acceleration of the budget from future years.

## 2.4 Significant Variances

2.4.1 Fleet - Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment slippage of (£0.758m) due to impacts of COVID-19 and BREXIT. The previous reported position did not anticipate any slippage, the worsening effects on the supply chain did not become known until after the report. This is just a delay as it is now anticipated that the new vehicles will all be supplied by early 2021/22.

#### 3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 The total 2020/21 approved programme for the areas in scope of the Assets and Corporate Services Committee in relation to Assets only is £5.572m. The provisional level of expenditure is £4.999m, which represents 90.0% of the total programme, resulting in a variance of (£0.573m).
- 3.2 The management of capital resources require us to look across financial years, as well as within individual years. The current year performance is only a snapshot of the existing plan and the Directorate will adjust expenditure levels within future years of the plan to accommodate the advancement or slippage of projects.

#### **List of Appendices**

- 1. Total Cost Monitor
- 2. Capital Monitoring Report by Service

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Appendix 1

# FIFE COUNCIL ASSETS AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN 2020-29 TOTAL COST MONITOR - MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

		Total Project Budget	Total Projected Outturn	Variance		Current Project	-
Project	Service	£m	£m	£m	%	Status	Date
Glenrothes District Heat	Thriving Places	9.449	9.449	-	0.00%	Current Project	2020-21
West Fife Depot	Maintaining Our Assets	8.047	8.421	0.374	4.65%	Current Project	2019-20
Burial Provision	Maintaining Our Assets	6.700	6.700	-	0.00%	Future Project	2027-28
Total Major Projects over £5.000m		24.195	24.569	0.374	1.55%		

# FIFE COUNCIL ASSETS AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN 2020-29 MONITORING REPORT

Expenditure	Current Budget £m	Actual to Date £m	Provisional Outturn £m	Provisional Variance £m	Provisional Outturn as % of Plan
PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	0.030	-	-	(0.030)	0%
PURCHASE OF VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	2.739	1.981	1.981	(0.758)	72%
DEPOTS & BUILDINGS	0.010	0.005	0.005	(0.005)	53%
DISABLED ACCESS - COUNCIL BUILDINGS	0.072	0.006	0.006	(0.067)	8%
OFFICE RATIONALISATION PROGRAMME	(0.001)	-	-	0.001	0%
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	1.289	1.736	1.736	0.447	135%
CAFETERIA REFURBISHMENTS	0.243	0.071	0.071	(0.172)	29%
CREMATORIA/CEMETERIES PROGRAMME	1.235	0.996	0.996	(0.239)	81%
ATE PLANT & MACHINERY	0.174	0.050	0.050	(0.124)	29%
HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS	0.041	0.101	0.101	0.061	249%
GLENROTHES DISTRICT HEAT	-	0.049	0.049	0.049	0%
TOTAL ASSETS, TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT	5.572	4.999	4.999	(0.573)	90%

Income	Current Budget £m	Actual to Date £m	Provisional Outturn £m	Provisional Variance £m	Provisional Outturn as % of Plan
PURCHASE OF VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	(0.021)	(0.021)	(0.021)	0.000	100%
DEPOT RATIONALISATION PROGRAMME	(0.059)	(0.059)	(0.059)	0.000	100%
HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS	(1.138)	(1.138)	(1.138)	(0.000)	100%
TOTAL ASSETS, TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT	(1.218)	(1.218)	(1.218)	(0.000)	100%

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Workshops			
Cemetery Provision Workshop	Assets, Transportation and Environment	Alan Paul	Workshop to be arranged on cemetery provision - Alan Paul (Date to be confirmed)
PassivHaus Members session		Raymond Johnston, Shona M Cargill	PassivHaus Members session arranged for Sept 2021
CAT Workshop and Assessment Processes	Assets, Transportation and Environment		Workshop to be arranged with members on CAT processes in combination with the Scrutiny Committee
Assets and Corporate Services	Sub-Committee of 4th November	r 2021	
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Review of CAT Transfer Performance	Communities	Tim Kendrick	
Annual Health and Safety Report 2020/21	Human Resources	Barbara Cooper, Susan Harris	
Property Asset Strategy Annual Update	Assets, Transportation and Environment	Alan Paul	
Report on Single Use Plastic – Briefing Note	Economy, Planning and Employability	Ross Spalding, Carolyn M Bell	Briefing Note

Assets and Corporate Services Sub-Committee of 27 January 2022					
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments		
2021/22 Revenue Monitoring	Enterprise and Environment,	Tracy Hirst	Annual Report due Jan 2022		
Projected Outturn - Enterprise &	Finance and Corporate Services		-		
Environment Directorate	_				

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2021/22 Capital Monitoring	Enterprise and Environment,	Tracy Hirst	Annual Report due Jan 2022		
Projected Outturn - Enterprise &	Finance and Corporate Services				
Environment Directorate					
2021/22 Revenue Monitoring	Finance and Corporate Services	Ashleigh Allan	Annual Report due Jan 2022		
Projected outturn - Finance &	·		·		
Corporate Services					
2021/22 Capital Monitoring	Finance and Corporate Services	Ashleigh Allan	Annual Report Due Jan 2022		
Projected Outturn - Finance &	·		·		
Corporate Services					

Unallocated				
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments	
Refurbishment of property on Queensway Industrial Estate, Glenrothes	Enterprise and Environment	Ronnie Hair	Ronnie Hair to contact when report ready for Committee	
Security of Vacant Property	Assets, Transportation and Environment	Gordon Strang, Alan Paul	Due April 2022	
Enterprise & Environment Directorate Section Performance Report	Enterprise and Environment	Ken Gourlay, lain Duncan	Annual Report due August 2022	
Review of CAT Transfer Performance	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Tim Kendrick	Annual Report Due Sept/Oct 2022	
Property Asset Strategy Annual Update	Assets, Transportation and Environment	Alan Paul	Annual Report Due Sept/Oct 2022	
Annual Health & Safety Report	Human Resources	Barbara Cooper, Susan Harris	Annual Report Due Oct/Nov 2022	