

2011/12 DIRECTORATE CAPITAL MONITORING -  
CORPORATE SUPPORT SERVICE

ANNEX 10

|                             | 11/12<br>Full Year<br>Budget<br>£'000 | Third Quarter            |                          | 11/12<br>Variance<br>Budget v Actual |     | <u>Comments</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Civic Office Works          | 339                                   | 111                      | 93                       | -18                                  | -16 | This covers all projects being undertaken at the civic offices within the Planned Maintenance Programme, including energy efficiency schemes, two of which are being funded from the Government's Area Based Grant. The replacement of the main boilers, the refurbishment of two lifts, the upgrade of the air conditioning units and the upgrade of the roof insulation have all been completed. The installation of the new lighting system, energy efficiency controls and the fall arresting equipment are progressing well and on target to be completed by the year-end or early in the new financial year. Most of the remaining schemes have been started but will slip into next year; approximately £65,000 is expected to be carried forward. |
| Parklands Shops, Coopersale | 30                                    | 23                       | 18                       | -5                                   | -22 | The environmental work at Parklands is now complete providing a new bin compound, new tarmac to the rear yard and parking areas, and improvements to the grass verges. There were some outstanding payments at the end of December, which have since been processed, and a small saving is anticipated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Other Planned Maintenance   | 68                                    | 24                       | 14                       | -10                                  | -42 | Work on the roof at Epping Sports Centre is progressing well and expected to be finished by 31 March 2012; a small saving is anticipated. However, work on the flat roof at Waltham Abbey Swimming Pool has not been progressed pending a structural survey.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Other Capital Investments   | 99                                    | 0                        | 0                        | 0                                    | 0   | This includes a budget of £24,000 for the purchase of a new vehicle lift and ancillary equipment to increase the capacity for undertaking MoT Tests, a budget of £21,000 for the purchase of a strip of land in Pyrles Lane and £54,000 for feasibility works on the Langston Road Redevelopment project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>536</b>                            | <b>158</b>               | <b>125</b>               |                                      |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

2011/12 DIRECTORATE CAPITAL MONITORING -  
FINANCE & ICT.

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| ICT Projects | 358                                   | 268                      | 248                      | -20                                  | -7 | Work has been undertaken on 14 ICT capital projects during 2011/12. 8 projects have already been completed this year, including the WAN project, second phase of information at work, security hardening, purchase of desktop upgrades, purchase of software licenses, cash office upgrade, full implementation of the cash receipting system, and purchase of the Atlas software. One more project, the mobile working solution project, is expected to be finished this year and the remaining 5 projects have been phased over two years with anticipated completion in 2012/13. Although the majority of the budget is expected to be spent by the year-end, it has been estimated that there will be slippage of approximately £50,000. |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>358</b>                            | <b>268</b>               | <b>248</b>               |                                      |    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| Leisure Centre Works                  | 204                                   | 154                      | -44                      | -198                                 | -129 | The majority of this budget (£192,000) is for new fitness equipment at Epping and Ongar Leisure Centres. All the equipment has now been purchased and the payments were made in January 2012; therefore they do not show on this report. The negative actual figure relates to two credits which have resulted from the final settlements respect of the extension of the Loughton Leisure Centre and the feasibility works at Waltham Abbey Sports Centre being lower than the outstanding sundry creditors raised last year; it is therefore anticipated that this will generate a saving in the order of £44,000 at the year-end.                                                                                                             |
| Waste Management Equipment & Vehicles | 1,141                                 | 1,000                    | 930                      | -70                                  | -7   | This includes a budget of £1,000,000 to replace seven of the nineteen Council-owned refuse freighters this year. All seven vehicles have been delivered and paid for and the underspend of £70,000 which will be proposed for carry forward in the Capital Outturn Report. The remaining £141,000 budget is the sum remaining for the purchase of new waste and recycling containers. Although the procurement process for the containers has been carried out and a preferred supplier chosen, the contract is still being finalised; it is likely that the containers will be delivered next financial year and a carry forward will be required.                                                                                              |
| Bobbingworth Tip                      | 39                                    | 29                       | 33                       | 4                                    | 14   | The Bobbingworth Tip restoration and remediation works at the site are complete and the final account and report was presented to Cabinet in September 2010. To date £33,000 has been spent on outstanding works in this financial year and £30,000 has been set aside in 2012/13 pending a further report on the best use of this allocation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Parking Reviews (Epping)              | 71                                    | 53                       | -1                       | -54                                  | -102 | The Epping parking review is progressing well and the value of work to be completed by the end of this financial year has been estimated to total approximately £90,000; this will necessitate bringing forward about £20,000 of the £73,000 set aside in 2012/13 for Epping. Once this review is finished, the Buckhurst Hill and Loughton reviews will follow.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| North Weald Airfield                  | 73                                    | 55                       | 10                       | -45                                  | -82  | A schedule of capital improvement works to be carried out at North Weald Airfield has been jointly agreed with the market operators. Some of the works have been completed but it is anticipated that approximately £50,000 will need to be carried forward at the end of the financial year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Other Environmental works             | 54                                    | 29                       | 26                       | -3                                   | -11  | This includes a budget of £29,000 for grounds maintenance vehicles, all of which has been spent. The actual expenditure shown here has been offset slightly by an ongoing sundry creditor raised many years ago in respect of a compensation payment; this liability is likely to be written off this year and will consequently result in a £3,000 saving. A new budget of £25,000 was approved by Cabinet in December for the replacement of the Council's existing flood warning telemetry systems and associated CCTV monitoring equipment. Although every effort is being made to procure and install the new systems in this financial year, it is possible that some or all of the estimate will need to be carried forward into 2012/13. |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>1,582</b>                          | <b>1,320</b>             | <b>954</b>               |                                      |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| Customer Services Transformation Programme | 14                                    | 10                       | 5                        | -5                                   | -50 | The enhancement work to the customer reception area at Limes Farm Hall commenced in December 2011 and was completed at the end of January 2012. It has brought together various areas of service into a one stop shop for customer convenience.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Limes Farm Hall Development                | 1,000                                 | 750                      | 737                      | -13                                  | -2  | See comments on major schemes schedule.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Waltham Abbey All Weather Pitch            | 513                                   | 18                       | 18                       | 0                                    | 0   | Construction of the new Astroturf pitch at Waltham Abbey has been delayed because of planning issues raised by the Environment Agency. At their request, one additional survey has already been undertaken and a further one is planned. Construction work is now expected to start in April 2012 and will take 16 weeks to complete; the budget relating to the construction costs will therefore be requested for carry forward as part of the Capital Outturn Report. A re-evaluation of estimated costs will be undertaken and it may also be necessary to request additional funding.                                                                                                                                            |
| Waltham Abbey Regeneration                 | 45                                    | 34                       | 27                       | -7                                   | -21 | The Regeneration Initiative at Waltham Abbey comprises of a number of projects managed and procured by the Town Council. The full cost of the initiative will be financed from the £165,000 premium paid by Lidl in respect of 1 Cartersfield, Waltham Abbey. Two projects are now complete: the refurbishment works to the public conveniences at the Town Hall; and the refurbishment works to the cinema in Waltham Abbey. The combined cost of these projects is expected be in the region of £58,000; which will mean bringing forward £13,000 of next year's allocation into this financial year. The remaining projects will be undertaken in 2012/13 as planned, once agreed and finalised between EFDC and the Town Council. |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>1,572</b>                          | <b>812</b>               | <b>787</b>               |                                      |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| Loughton Broadway Works TCE | 22                                    | 17                       | -18                      | -35                                  | -206 | The £22,000 budget is the sum remaining for final works at the end of the 12 month defects period. The works are currently being undertaken to rectify all the defects identified by ECC highways engineers and any underspend is likely to be minimal. The negative actual figure at month 9 relates to a capital creditor which is expected to be cleared by the year-end. |
| Loughton Broadway CCTV      | 49                                    | 1                        | 1                        | 0                                    | 0    | The procurement process for the installation of new CCTV systems and the enhancement of existing systems is nearly complete and the contract will be awarded shortly. Installation is planned to start in April 2012 and will take 8 to 12 weeks to be completed; the majority of the budget will therefore need to be carried forward.                                      |
| Planning Capital Works      | 9                                     | 7                        | 8                        | 1                                    | 14   | This project is now complete and has been funded from the remaining Housing and Planning Delivery Grant.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>80</b>                             | <b>25</b>                | <b>-9</b>                |                                      |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| Contributions to Affordable Housing | 70                                    | 0                        | 0                        | 0                                    | 0   | This allocation was approved recently to finance the Council's initiative to provide financial assistance to Hastoe Housing Association to construct 4 affordable homes at Millfield, High Ongar. It is anticipated that EFDC will pass the grant over in March 2012, subject to planning approval. The Council's contribution will be fully recovered from the London-Stansted-Harlow Programme of Development (POD) Partnership Board which oversees the use of the Government's Growth Area Fund, so there will be no net cost to the Council. In fact, the Council will receive a capital receipt of £83,000 from the lease of land to Hastoe HA.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Home Ownership Schemes              | 319                                   | 84                       | 84                       | 0                                    | 0   | The Home Ownership Grant Programme from previous years has been completed. The Cabinet has suspended the scheme for the time being, with the future of the scheme to be reviewed in September 2012.<br><br>The separate Open Market Shared Ownership Scheme has a total budget of £785,000, including the sum of £435,000 for Phase 1 of the Scheme. The first phase will provide 8 interest-free loans to Broxbourne Housing Association to assist housing applicants to purchase low-cost homes on a shared-equity basis; at an average cost of £54,000 per loan. The Housing Portfolio Holder will be reviewing the success of the scheme in early 2012/13, and whether it should proceed to Phase 2. Of the £235,000 allocation set aside in 2011/12, it is anticipated that £173,000 (representing 3 loans) will be handed over by 31 March 2012. |
| Disabled Facilities Grants          | 330                                   | 247                      | 212                      | -35                                  | -14 | Expenditure on Disabled Facility Grants has been lower than expected to date due to a shortfall in the number of private sector referrals from Essex County Council. While the situation is improving, it is necessary to consistently receive high numbers of good quality referrals before the desired level of expenditure is achieved. Consequently officers have re-assessed the situation and estimated a total spend in the region of £290,000 in 2011/12. This, however, may be impacted by three large grants totaling £120,000, two of which are expected to be spent in 2011/12 and one in 2012/13. If these assumptions are correct a carry forward of about £40,000 will be required.                                                                                                                                                     |
| Other Private Sector Grants         | 290                                   | 218                      | 207                      | -11                                  | -5  | The full revised budget for other private sector grants, including Decent Homes Grants, Small Works Assistance, Thermal Comfort Grants and Empty Homes Grants, is expected to be fully spent this year and the situation is being monitored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Housing Estate Off Street Parking   | 166                                   | 124                      | 80                       | -44                                  | -35 | The off street parking programme on Housing Estates has commenced and the first three schemes have now been completed within budget. Planning permission has been granted for the next three schemes and works are in hand. These schemes are joint-funded with the HRA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>1,175</b>                          | <b>673</b>               | <b>583</b>               |                                      |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| Springfields, Waltham Abbey              | 28                                    | 0                        | -4                       | -4                                   | N/A | The final account has now been agreed and reported to Cabinet in July 2011. The negative figure relates to a capital creditor in 2010/11 for unclaimed consultants fees. However, no further claims have come forward, therefore this is now a saving.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Pyrles Lane                              | 239                                   | 0                        | 0                        | 0                                    | 0   | A supplementary estimate of £239,000 was approved by Cabinet in September to assist with a potential development in Pyrles Lane.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Heating/Rewiring                         | 1,557                                 | 1,168                    | 964                      | -204                                 | -17 | New heating upgrades remain on target and the programme to replace communal boilers with individual boilers at Ninefields has now been completed. Electrical testing has generally resulted in more minor electrical capital works so far this year, consequently this has resulted in lower than expected expenditure to date. Projecting this forward, it is anticipated there will be an underspend in the region of £175,000 at the end of the financial year. However, it has been identified that there are a lot of rising laterals which require electrical testing and probable replacement. This programme will commence in April 2012 subject to Member approval as part of the Housing Assets Restructure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Windows/Roofing / Asbestos / Water Tanks | 746                                   | 560                      | 549                      | -10                                  | -2  | Several of the budgets in this category have been scaled back this year to take into account the decision to progress work ahead of schedule last year. The PVCu window replacement and roofing schemes are still progressing well and on target. Work on asbestos, which is demand led, is now expected to be fully spent by the year end as is balcony resurfacing works. The water tank replacement programme is now complete and within budget.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Other Planned Maintenance                | 392                                   | 294                      | 244                      | -50                                  | -17 | This category includes communal TV upgrades, energy efficiency measures, drainage schemes, door entry systems and Norway House improvements. Overall these budgets are now generally on target apart from the energy efficiency budget, which is likely to be underspent by approximately £25,000. This has resulted from the fact that the standard cavity wall and loft insulation energy efficiency measures included in the programme are now essentially completed for most of the Housing stock. However, a new programme has been drawn up to improve external wall insulation in rural properties with solid walls and to install new heating systems using renewable energy where appropriate; this programme is due to commence in March 2012. The drainage budget has been reduced significantly because of the transfer in responsibility of private sewers to the water utility companies from 1 October 2011. On the other hand, the budget for the communal TV upgrade programme has been enhanced to fulfill the plans to achieve the "switch over" date of 31 March 2012, which is on target.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Other Capital Works                      | 4,064                                 | 2,810                    | 1,791                    | -1,019                               | -36 | The five year kitchen and bathroom replacement programme appears to be significantly underspent as at 31 December 2011. Although this is partially due to preparations being put in place to renew kitchens at Limes Farm where there will be some 275 new kitchens required, which will require a dedicated programme of works and resident liaison. It is thought that there will be an underspend in the region of £100,000 by the year end. Expenditure on Disabled Adaptations in council dwellings has picked up significantly in the third quarter as the backlog of recommendations from Essex County Council occupational therapists has been largely cleared and payments for two major adaptations have now been completed and the payments have been made. As it is not necessary to carry out means testing on council tenants, the catch-up process has had a more immediate effect on HRA expenditure levels than General Fund expenditure levels with regard to disabled adaptations.<br><br>As stated previously, expenditure on small capital repairs is notoriously difficult to forecast due to nature of the work being demand led. Although workload in this area generally increases during the winter months, the increase so far this year has been lower than usual and it is thought that the budget will be under spent by approximately £300,000. With regard to off-street parking, the first three schemes have been completed under budget and planning permission has been granted for the next three schemes and works are in hand. The budget for structural schemes was increased by £140,000 as part of the Capital Review and plans are in place to spend the enhanced budget in full by the year end. |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>7,026</b>                          | <b>4,832</b>             | <b>3,543</b>             |                                      |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |



| LIMES FARM HALL DEVELOPMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |                   |                    |                                |                                  |                          |                             |                              |                                |                                  |
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| <p>Limes Farm Hall dates back to the 1970s and is located in the centre of the Limes Farm Estate in Chigwell. The Council owns the hall and has managed it since 1 April 2009 following 11 years of management by Chigwell Parish Council. At the time the hall was transferred back to EFDC, it was functional but was in need of significant investment to modernise and improve it both internally and externally. It also required a complete roof replacement. Having consulted with local residents and a range of partners it was agreed that Limes Farm would benefit from the provision of centralised multi-agency services.</p> <p>Once the consultation exercise was completed, meetings were held on a regular basis with the partners to discuss potential future provision from a multi-agency hub both in terms of delivery at the site and outreach delivery across the estate. This resulted in a firm commitment from West Essex PCT (now known as SEPT - South Essex Partnership Trust) who were keen to transfer their clinic services to the central location from elsewhere on the estate and Essex County Council who were interested in extending their existing Children's Centre activity. It was agreed that the Council's Housing Service would transfer from a converted flat to the new facility and that the Housing Benefits Service would open a new service from Limes Farm to meet external Audit recommendations to improve access. Other partners involved in the development of the plans included Limes Farm Community Association, Chigwell Parish Council, Limes Farm Infant and Junior Schools, East Potential and Grange Farm Trust.</p> <p>Following a development period of several months, a feasibility study was commissioned to produce a range of options and Cabinet agreed on a scheme to refurbish the existing hall and extend to the front and rear, which would double the size of the building. Following the tender process the building contract was awarded to Beardwell Construction in March 2011 and initial works commenced immediately. During the course of the build, construction works were delayed due to issues with steelwork fabrication and the installation of new electrical power cables by UK Power Network, but the works are now complete and the Hall opened for business on 6 February 2012. Although there is a list of snagging items, which are being addressed, the new building is of a high level specification and building works are seen as good value for money based on the final price of the contract. However, there have been unexpected additional costs and the full financial impact of the delays is not known at present, although it is likely that the overall cost of the project will be higher than originally estimated. Once agreed, the final account and report will be presented to Cabinet in the usual way.</p> <p>With regard to funding, a competitive application to Essex County Council Extended Schools was successful which secured a financial contribution of £270,000 towards the project. The full grant will now be applied to the capital works and the Council will finance the shortfall.</p> |                      |                   |                    |                                |                                  |                          |                             |                              |                                |                                  |