

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET – 22 AUGUST 2007

2007/08 CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND SCHOOL FUND VIREMENTS

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet approval to virements in the Capital and Schools Fund Programmes. Further, Cabinet are asked to agree the proposed allocation of a further £668,000 from the Scottish Executive under the Schools Fund Programme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 30 January 2007, Education Committee agreed to the initial Capital and School Fund Programmes.
- 2.2 On 10 July 2007 a further grant of £668,000 was allocated to East Ayrshire Council through the School Fund Programme. This funding, as with all other Schools Fund grant, is ring fenced and must be spent before the end of the current financial year on improving school facilities.
- 2.3 There is a rolling programme of building maintenance and upgrades. This programme is continually adjusted in the face of changing priorities and available resources.

3. VIREMENT REALLOCATIONS

3.1 Capital Programme

- 3.1.1 Following investigative works undertaken during the Easter Holidays, Greenmill Primary School Heating Distribution Pipework has been cancelled as the extent of the work requires further consideration before proceeding with this project.

The unallocated balance figure represents the balance resulting from completed 2006/2007 Projects which has been brought forward into 2007/2008.

It is therefore proposed to vire the funding surplus to Kirkstyle Primary School Window Replacement Project. Table 1 (below) details the projects concerned.

Table 1 : Capital Programme – Reallocation of Funding

Project	Funding Required	Funding Surplus
2006/2007 Unallocated Balance B/Forward	£0	£23,046
Greenmill Primary – Heating Distribution Pipework	£0	£125,000
Kirkstyle Primary – Window Replacement – Final Phase	£148,046	£0
	£148,046	£148,046

3.2 School Fund

3.2.1 The initial programme allowed for legally committed retention amounts for projects completed in previous years which totalled £85,000. As these amounts were accrued to last year's expenditure, this amount is now available for reallocation.

The budget of £170,000 for Auchinleck Academy CCTV and External Lighting can be reduced by £70,000 following a successful bid from the Corporate Risk Management Fund.

The budget of £400,000 for the completion of James Hamilton Academy's Windows can be reduced by £100,000. This reflects the additional work undertaken last year which was funded by the second additional allocation of Schools Fund by the Scottish Executive which was allocated after the current programme had been agreed.

3.2.2 Table 2 details the revisions to the Schools Fund Programme

Table 2 : School Fund – Reallocation of Funding

Project	Initial Allocation	Revised Allocation
Various Establishments - Retentions	£85,000	£0
Auchinleck Academy - CCTV	£170,000	£100,000
Cumnock Academy – Window Replacement	£0	£145,000
James Hamilton Academy – Window Replacement	£400,000	£300,000
Hillhead Primary/Cairns Nursery - CCTV	£0	£110,000
	£655,000	£655,000

3.2.3 It is proposed that the revised allocations are vired as detailed above.

4. ADDITIONAL SCHOOL FUND ALLOCATION

4.1 As detailed in paragraph 2.2 (above) the Scottish Executive have allocated a further £668,000 into the School Fund. This additional allocation must be fully spent by 31 March 2008.

4.2 To reduce the additional workload placed on Technical Services and to continue our Window Replacement Programmes at Secondary Schools, it is proposed to allocate this additional funding to the following establishments:-

- Loudoun Academy
- Auchinleck Academy
- Cumnock Academy

Priority would be given to the completion of Loudoun Academy's replacement programme for the main buildings, with further work to be done at Auchinleck Academy, and any remaining resources to be used at Cumnock Academy. Within the constraints of the tendering, the funding, it is anticipated, will be evenly distributed amongst the 3 schools.

5. LEGAL/FINANCIAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** Virements over £50,000 must be approved by Cabinet under section 5.3 of the Council's Financial Regulations.

6. COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1** This report assists the Council in meeting the following aspects of the Community Plan :-

- Improving opportunities;
- Improving community learning; and
- Improving the environment.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1** It is recommended that Members of Council:

- (i) agree the proposed virement of funds within the 2007/08 Capital Programme and School Fund Programme as detailed in section 3.1 and 3.2 of this report;
- (ii) to agree the proposed spending of the additional School Fund resources as detailed in section 4 of this report, and
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Education Committee – 30 January 2007

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