

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE : 27 JANUARY 2005

SOCIAL WORK CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/06

Report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to brief Members of the Social Work Committee on proposals for expenditure in the Capital Programme for 2005/06 and to seek approval to progress with the programme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of 12 February 2004 a Special Policy and Resources Committee agreed three year allocations of capital resources to the Social Work Committee for the period 2004/05 – 2006/07. The initial allocations for 2005/06 and 2006/07 were £2.540m and £2.400m respectively.
- 2.2 Under the new Prudential regime for capital borrowing any unspent funds from one year can be carried into the next year, with subsequent rephasing of future year's allocations. It is anticipated that in 2004/05 a balance of £865,000 will be carried over from 2004/05 into 2005/06

A capital allocation of £2.085m has now been confirmed for 2005/06, with indicative amounts of £3.720m for 2006/07 and £0.35m for 2007/08 and 2008/09.

Table 1 below highlights the breakdown of these capital allocations.

TABLE 1: Capital Allocation Breakdown

ITEM	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Dalsalloch Settlement	£0.030m	£1.220m		
Care Homes – Elderly	£0.845m	£1.330m		
Care Homes – Adults	£0.300m	£0.300m		
Children's Homes	£0.760m	£0.720m	£0.350m	£0.350m
Social Services (General)	£0.050m	£0.050m		
DDA / Care Commission	£0.100m	£0.100m		
TOTAL	£2.085m	£3.720m	£0.350m	£0.350m

- 2.3 A detailed programme is shown at Appendix 1 for consideration.

3. CAPITAL PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The Department has a number of priorities to ensure that it continues to deliver high quality service provision which meets legislative requirements. The main focus of capital expenditure continues to be residential establishments to ensure that national standards are met by 2007.

The capital allocations highlighted above will allow the Council to address recognised priorities in each of the homes, bringing them to the nationally accepted standards through major refurbishments and upgrades.

3.2 Health and Safety and Legislative Requirements

The Department will continue to improve accommodation in its property portfolio to ensure that all aspects of Health and Safety are addressed on an on-going basis. A sum has also been allocated to allow for property improvements to be carried out under Disability Discrimination Act and Care Commission requirements.

4. PROGRAMME MONITORING

4.1 During the course of the financial year the progress of the Capital Programme is the subject of constant and close monitoring. This enables expenditure to be tracked and any amendments to be proposed timeously during the financial year. In addition, the Capital Plan Monitoring Group and Budget Monitoring Group consider the progress of departmental plans at regular intervals.

5. PROPOSED EXPENDITURE IN THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

5.1 Members are asked to approve the proposed programme for implementation from April 1 2005 totalling £2.085m (as noted in Appendix 1).

6 LEGAL/FINANCIAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that Members of the Social Work Committee:

- (i) agree the proposed capital programme for 2005/06; and
- (ii) ask the Director of Educational and Social Services to continue to monitor closely the capital programme throughout the year, reporting periodically to the Social Work Committee.

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10 January 2005
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

Members wishing further information should contact Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support, Tel: (01563) 576090.

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2005/06 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Care Homes (Adult)	£300,000
- Adults Units – Carrick View	£300,000
Care Homes (Elderly)	£845,000
- Improvements to Cessnock Gardens	£845,000
- Older Peoples Services	£50,000
Rosebank	£35,000
Day Services(South)	£15,000
Children and Families	£760,000
- Children's Units – Bellsford House/Kilmaurs	£760,000
DDA/ Care Commission Requirements	£100,000
- Development/Implementation	£100,000
Dalsalloch Settlement	<u>£30,000</u>
	<u>£2,085,000</u>