Capital spending is viewed as an extremely important aspect of the Council’s asset management strategy. The council has a very ambitious programme of investment in its assets, principally the school estate, whilst at the same time making better use of existing assets and disposing of those that are surplus to requirements.

The impact of the Scottish government’s proposals to reduce capital grant over the next two years has still to be considered by councillors. Officers are however of a view that capital expenditure needs to be maintained in order to deliver its asset management strategy, and are considering additional borrowing and revenue to achieve this.