EXETER CITY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ECONOMY

31 MAY 2012

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1. This report advises Members of the final position with regard to the 2011/12 capital programme for the Economy and Development Directorate.

2. INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS

- 2.1 This report provides a summary of the final position, with Appendix 1 containing a complete list of capital projects for the Directorate. The Appendix compares the final expenditure on projects for the year to the budgets and determines the carry forward to cover the deferred expenditure into 2012/13.
- 2.2 The right hand column in the Appendix provides comments in relation to the various schemes.
- 2.3. The following schemes should be noted:

• City Centre Enhancements

Works to Gandy Street is now complete. Works to Northernhay Gardens is almost complete, but the remainder of this work is reliant on another contractor vacating the site. Works to Rougemont Garden Gate is to start in June 2012. The majority of this budget is to be used London Inn Square (Paris St/New North Rd/Sidwell St) which is due to start on site in June.

King William Street Car Park Refurbishment

Work has commenced on site for the second phase of the King William Street Car Park refurbishment and is on schedule for completion at the end of August 2012. The remainder of the budget for Phase 1 (£197,330) is to be used towards the London Inn Square improvements which are due to be carried out this year.

• Science Park

The main site infrastructure is nearly complete and marketing activity will now step up. An application has been submitted to the Local Enterprise Partnership for funding from the Growing Places Fund to assist funding of the first Science Park building. Long standing governance issues in relation to legal agreements are close to resolution and the required legal framework for the Council's equity stake to be invested is close to being completed.

3 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That Members note the contents of this report, and indicate whether they wish to receive further information on any particular issues.

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Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) Background papers used in compiling this report:-None.