



Leicester
City Council

EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY 2007 at 5.00pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Farmer - Chair
Councillor Kitterick – Labour Spokesperson
Councillor Renold – Liberal Democrat Spokesperson
Councillor Porter – Conservative Spokesperson

Councillor Bhatti

Councillor Clair

Councillor Saleh

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86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

There were no declarations.

94. 2006/07 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - PERIOD 7

The Chief Finance Officer and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture submitted a joint report to the Committee to update members on the progress of the capital programme for 2006/07 up to the end of October.

A member of the committee queried the £162,000 forecast to be spent on the Riverside. He thought that there was due to be a consultation taking place on expenditure of funds on the Riverside. He requested that an officer attend the next meeting of the Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freeman Area Committee to explain the position. The Acting Corporate Director undertook to ensure that this happened.

A committee member thought that virements had taken place which hadn't shown up in this report. He noted funding for alley-gates as a particular example. The Head of Finance commented that the budget which is detailed in the report are exactly as it was approved previously by Council. Another member of the committee thought that alley-gates were part of revenue funding.

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A committee member expressed a general concern about the level of slippage detailed in the report and requested that concern about this be expressed to Cabinet and a report be submitted to the committee about how it was to be addressed. Officers commented that whilst there was a level of slippage, some of what was recorded as slippage was actually funded by using external funding and Council's money was re-phased to be spent on other projects or at a later stage.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the committee expresses its concerns to Cabinet about the level of slippage in Regeneration and Culture Department Capital Programme;
- (2) that the committee receives a report at a future meeting that details how the slippage situation will be improved.