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## CAPITAL PROGRAMME - 2000/2001 OUTTURN

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### Report of the Chief Financial Officer

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report gives information on the outturn position relating to capital expenditure and the generation of capital receipts. The impact of variations from the approved 2000/2001 programme is being assessed by each department, as they prepare the first capital monitoring report for 2001/2002

A summary of the outturn position for each department is shown in Appendix A.

#### 2. Corporate position.

- 2.1. The original capital programme showed planned expenditure of £55.431 million for the year 2000/2001. This was revised twice during the year, and the latest approval, given in February, was for £45.427 million. The outturn now reported stands at £43.106 million. This is £2.321 million (5%) less than the February approval figure.
- 2.2 The outturn figure takes account of additions to schemes during the year amounting to £6.357 million and slippage or rephasing of £18.782 million. This slippage will be an extra demand on capital resources in future years. The comments on individual department's expenditure below reflect the changes since the position was last reported to members in February.

### 3. **Arts and Leisure**

- 3.1 The final outturn was expenditure of £1.1m, the same as the revised programme as amended in February.

### 4 **Education**

- 4.1 The outturn expenditure was £8.5m against a revised approval of £9.8m. The majority of the variance is in respect of the Secondary review, where there is additional slippage of £1.5 million, but this has been partially offset by the capitalisation of works on Mobile classrooms. The slippage is attributable to several schools' programmes, but principally Riverside, Sir Jonathan North, Soar Valley Community College, and New College. The Department is working with Commercial services to improve the estimation of expenditure profiles on these schemes. A number of other Education capital schemes have also slipped by small amounts, the most significant being the New Deal for Schools (£112k) and Schools Access Initiative 2000/01 (£83k).

### 5. **Environment and Development**

#### 5.1 Transport

- 5.1.1 There has been increased expenditure on the Belgrave corridor (£105k), other package schemes (£44k) and bridge maintenance (£127k), partly offset by increased slippage on EQUAL schemes (£23k).

#### 5.2 Property and regeneration

- 5.2.1 The principal changes to the programme are slippage on acquisition of land at Beaumont Leys (£112k), and works at Benskins Croft (£35K), and costs associated with the relocation of Abbey Meadows depot (£41k). This latter scheme is dependent on action by a third party before the works can be carried out.

#### 5.3 Environment

- 5.3.1 There has been slippage on Local environmental works, principally on priority areas 1 and 2 and Citywide (£210k), City Centre improvements (£42k), All Saints conservation area (£27k) and New Walk renovation (£50k). The delay on many of these schemes is due to the length of time needed to complete the extensive consultation with the residents of the areas, and the delay in the City Centre improvements spend is as a result of the need to integrate the scheme with the Market Place project.

#### 5.4 Single regeneration budget

- 5.4.1 There has been slippage of £155k on the SRB2 area as a result of the completion of works to the Spinney Hill Park pavilion being delayed.

### 6. **Housing**

- 6.1 The outturn showed expenditure of £22.9m, the same as the revised approval. Within this sum, however, there are some individual variances: a provision of £200k for the Document Image Processing system was not required during the year and will slip into 2001/2002. The provision for debt write off and other costs for the Belgrave block scheme was not fully required in 2000/2001, and there was reduced expenditure of £135k on the Crime Reduction Initiatives – partly due to one scheme (Saffron £55k) being transferred to the Police Authority. The balance will slip into 2001/2 and be met by Home Office funding. To offset these underspending items, there have been higher levels of expenditure on the boiler and window replacement programmes as these have been running ahead of schedule, and additional expenditure of £290k on the Capital Receipts initiative – Neighbourhood Approach – again due to work being brought forward from the 2001/2002 programme.

### 7. **Social Services**

- 7.1 The outturn expenditure is £418k against a revised approval of £697k. There has been slippage on the refurbishment of 126 Wigston Lane (£32k), delays in the programmes for EPH refurbishment (£146k), due to difficulties with the contractors carrying out the works, and delays in the project for the SSIS replacement system (£100k)

### 8. **Town Clerk's and Corporate Resources**

- 8.1 The outturn shows expenditure of £846k against a revised programme of £1.0m. The major slippage has been on the Land and Property gazetteer project (£137k). This has been largely due to invoices not having been received at the year end. There have also been further minor delays on other schemes.

### 9. **Capital receipts**

- 9.1 The capital receipts generated during 2000/2001 totalled £1.208 million, compared with a target of £2 million. This shortfall of £792k, when added to the initial target for capital receipts in 2001/2002 results in a total requirement in 2001/2002 of £4.792 million. It is planned that this target will be met by a combination of land and investment property sales.

9.2 To fund the current programme a target for operational properties of £3m by the end of 2002/2003 has been established.

10. **FINANCIAL, LEGAL and OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 This report is concerned solely with financial issues

Other implications	Yes/No	Paragraph referred
Equal Opportunities	No	-
Policy	No	-
Sustainable & Environmental	No	-
Crime & Disorder	No	-
Human Rights Act	No	-

Background papers :

2000/2001 accounts working papers held in the Accountancy section  
Report to Cabinet 19 March 2001, Abbey Meadows depot relocation