



Leicester  
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2024 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Cassidy (Chair)  
Councillor Surti (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Bajaj  
Councillor Dawood  
Councillor Surti

Councillor Dave  
Councillor Porter  
Councillor Waddington

Also present:

Sir Peter Soulsby  
Alretaj Al-Showali  
Dina Al-Showali

City Mayor  
Youth Representative  
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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to disclose any pecuniary or other interests they may have in the business on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

**11. DRAFT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024/25**

The Director of Finance submitted a Draft Capital Programme for 2024/25 which would be considered by Full Council on 21 February 2024.

It was noted that the programme had been considered by all scrutiny commissions, with the exception of the Public Health and Health Integration Scrutiny Commission. The comments from the scrutiny meetings had been made available to committee members.

The City Mayor reported that some of the challenges within the City Council's revenue budget were likely to be reflected in the capital budget in future years. He stated that some other local authorities had permission to bolster their revenue budget in the short-term by using resource within their capital programme, and although the City Council did not have such permission, the council could use discretionary provision to use funding allocated for capital for revenue purposes in future years to help avoid the imposition of a S114 notice. Should this be undertaken, it would in turn have a significant impact on the capital programme in future years.

A question was raised in respect of whether there could in future years be an increase in the capital funding for the routine works programme. It was stated that the sums proposed for 2024/25 were broadly similar to those provided in recent years, and that suggestions from members in terms of how additional capital funding could be generated were welcomed. In respect of the local environmental works (LEW) programme, it was highlighted that a significant amount of work was required to deliver the schemes within the programme, and whilst suggestions for an increase in capital finance for these would be welcomed, given that the workforce for those delivering LEW had been heavily reduced, an expanded programme could present some delivery challenges,

In response to a further point in relation to a recent highways scheme in the Aylestone area of the city, the City Mayor confirmed that he had received positive feedback from residents. He also stated that the Front Walls Enveloping scheme had enabled significant improvements to front boundary walls of houses and had transformed a number of neighbourhoods.

AGREED:

- (1) That the recommendations for Full Council be noted by the committee; and
- (2) That the comments raised by scrutiny commissions be noted by the committee.