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CITY CENTRE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

Report of the Director of Environment, Regeneration and Development

1. Purpose of Report

The report details the works proposed under the "City Centre and Other Environmental Improvements Programme".

2. Summary

There have been discussions between officers and Members to agree a programme of works for the City Centre and Other Environmental Improvements. At its meeting on 5th April 2002 Cabinet agreed that these works could not proceed until spending plans for the works were approved by Cabinet. This report sets out the works to be carried out and recommends that approval is given to projects numbers 1,7,8 and 9 and recognises that work has already begun on these projects. The report also includes, in Appendix A, a list of all the works proposed for the City Centre and Citywide as part of this programme.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

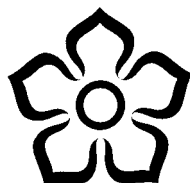
- (i) Cabinet approve the spending plans for the City Centre and Other Improvement Works Programme.

4. Headline Financial and legal Implications

There is a revenue budget of £1 million available in 2002/3 to spend on the City Centre and Other Environmental Works programme.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Report

1.1. The one-off sum of £1 million has been allocated in 2002/3 for the City Centre and Other Environmental Improvements Programme which is designed to meet the concerns expressed by the public in the recent residents' survey. Meetings have taken place between Members and officers and an outline programme has been agreed as detailed below in para 1.2. These works will complement the other schemes that are to be carried out in the city centre and city-wide as part of the Local Transport Plan and Local Environmental Works Programmes. The total programme of works is included in Appendix A of this report.

1.2. The proposed works are:

Scheme Title		Description	Estimated Cost
1.	Humberstone Gate West	Grout surface and clean off chewing gum. Renew surface where necessary. Tidy up street furniture	£75,000
2.	Market Place and Cheapside	Resurfacing Market Place, incl. repair of setts. Renew seats, litter bins and other street furniture in Cheapside. Selective repaving, improving	£115,000

		lighting and treatment of concrete fast food cabins. Provision of bollards. Improve alleyways.	
3.	Humberstone Gate West	Columns for decorations, banners, flags, etc similar original design for Humberstone Gate West	£150,000
4.	Gallowtree Gate	New seating, widening of footway at Horsefair St junction with rationalisation of signage clutter. Improved road crossings and bollards	£100,000
5.	Granby Street	Enhance appearance and usability of corridor from station to City Centre, esp. north of Belvoir Street	£100,000
6.	White lights in Trees	White lights in selected large trees in City Centre e.g. Clock Tower, City Rooms, Market	£35,000
7.	General Fund	Minor miscellaneous repairs in the City Centre, puddles, planters, broken slabs, street furniture	£100,000
8.	Project Management	Appointment/secondment of a project manager. Publicity associated with scheme	£20,000
9.	Public Service Agreement	Additional weekend cleaning Night/early morning cleaning Graffiti/fly-posting removal District Shop front cleaning	£100,000
10.	Litterbin improvements	Provide improved litterbins at both existing and new locations in the City Centre.	£50,000
11.	Citywide works	Laybys Bus shelters	£125,000 £25,000
12.	Other	Contingency	£5,000
		Total	£1,000,000.00

1.3 However it is essential that some of these works are started immediately (items 1,7,8,9 above) in order to achieve the required objectives and spend the money in 2002/3. Therefore, as agreed by the Director and relevant members of the Cabinet at the meeting on 2nd April 2002, the above works will be started immediately using alternative revenue funding from other approved budgets in the Environment, Regeneration and Development Department. This funding will be restored to the original budgets following approval of the spending plans for these works by Cabinet.

- 1.4 The schemes detailed above in paragraph 1.2 will be subject, where necessary, to further detailed discussions between Members and officers as part of the design process. The outline schemes have been discussed at the City Centre (Maintenance and Environment) Group meeting.
- 1.5 In anticipation of the approval of the works, preliminary discussions have taken place between officers of the Council and the local media. It is anticipated that this will result in positive press coverage of this programme of works so that members of the public can understand what is happening and why. Consultation on details of the schemes will take place with the City Centre Forum.

2. Financial Implications

There is a one-off revenue budget for 2002/3 of £1 million available to spend on City Centre and Other Environmental Works subject to approval of the spending plans by Cabinet. As agreed at the Cabinet sub-group meeting with officers on 2nd April 2002, some of the above works (Items 1,7,8 & 9) will be started immediately using alternative revenue funding from other approved budgets in the Environment, Regeneration and Development Department. This funding will be restored to the original budgets following approval of the spending plans for these works by Cabinet.

3. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications of this report.

4. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References Within Supporting information
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	No	
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	no	

5. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

Cabinet Minute 218 – Budget Strategy 2002/03 to 2004/5 (5/4/02)

6. Consultations

There have been consultations within the Environment, Regeneration and Development Department and with Members.

There has been consultation with the City Centre (Maintenance and Environment) Group and there will be consultation on the detailed schemes with the City Centre Forum.

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