



Leicester
City Council

**Cabinet
Scrutiny Committees**

**7 November 2002
VARIOUS**

2002/03 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - PERIOD 5

Report of the Chief Finance Officer

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress of the capital programme for 2002/03 up to the end of August (period 5).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This is the first of three reports relating to the 2002/03 capital programme that will be provided to Members, and will be followed by further reports at period 8 and at outturn.
- 2.2 A number of improvements have been introduced in order to assist in managing the capital programme. These include the introduction of milestone information, assurance statements from Directors and regular meetings of an officers' group.
- 2.3 The attached supporting information and table summarises the position relating to all areas of the programme.
- 2.4 Each Scrutiny Committee will receive a report in the current cycle consisting of this covering report and separate appendices showing the capital programme in relation to their portfolio of responsibility. Cabinet and the Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee are receiving reports in respect of the full corporate position.
- 2.5 The currently approved capital programme for 2002/03, including slippage from 2001/02, totals £75.022 million.

2.6 The current forecast level of expenditure for 2002/03 is £69.861 million as shown below :

	£000
Original Approval	75,022
Proposed Additions	6,688
Savings	(1,412)
Slippage / Reprogramming	<u>(10,437)</u>
	<u>69,861</u>

3. SUMMARY

3.1 The actual level of expenditure at the end of August 2002 totalled £15.690 million. The expenditure to date represents 22.4% of the projected spend for the year, compared to 23.6% for the same periods in 2001/02.

3.2 The capital programme is dependent on the Council achieving capital receipts (non-housing) of £6.45 million in 2002/03. At the end of August receipts of £1.1 million had been raised. The position will be monitored through the year, although the achievement to date does not yet give any cause for concern.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Cabinet is recommended to:

- i) approve a revised level of programmed expenditure of £69.861 million;
- ii) note the level of expenditure to the end of August 2002 of £15.690 million;
- iii) note the position relating to capital receipts;
- iv) approve the following additions to the capital programme :-

Education

- £477,500 as an increased allocation for Condition Focused Capital;
- £1,031,850 as grants to improve facilities at Fullhurst Community College as part of the New Opportunity Fund programme;
- £3,202,000 as grants for work at eight primary schools under the Space for Sports and Arts Initiative;
- £135,000 additional slippage from 2001/02 for Devolved Formula Grants to schools, identified following final reconciliation to schools' accounting records;
- £279,000 as part of the Sports Lottery funding for the construction and development of Highfields Youth and Community Centre;
- £91,000 as a grant from the Learning and Skills Council for improvements to the Adult and Community Learning provision.

Social Care

- £137,000 for adaptations to improve childrens' mobility as part of Neighbourhood Renewal funds;
- £102,000 as an additional SCA for Mental Health projects;
- £160,000 grant from the Department of Health for Information Management;
- £86,000 for IT for the Looked after Children Project, also in the form of a DoH grant.

Environment and Regeneration

- £95,000 for Air Pollution monitoring and dispersion;
- £588,000 as additional funding for the Real Time Information scheme;
- £65,000 as grants for Gypsy Site Refurbishment.
- £239,000 additional Single Regeneration Budget funding;

4.2 Scrutiny Committees are asked to consider issues affecting their portfolios and make any observations to Cabinet as they see fit.

4.3 Finance, Resources and Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the overall position relating to the capital programme and make any observations to Cabinet as it sees fit.

5. FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report is concerned solely with financial issues. There are no legal implications.

Other Implications	Yes / No	Paragraph referred
Equal Opportunities	No	-
Policy	No	-
Sustainable & Environmental	No	-
Crime & Disorder	No	-
Human Rights Act	No	-
Elderly People / People on Low Income	No	-

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS – Local Government Act 1972

Corporate Capital Programme 2002/03 to 2004/05 - Cabinet 28 January 2002
- Council 31 January 2002

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	No
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)