



Leicester  
City Council

MINUTES  
EXTRACT

(iii)

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
FINANCE, RESOURCES AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2003 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Blackmore - Chair  
Councillor Mrs. Middleton - Conservative Spokesperson  
Councillor Connelly - Labour Spokesperson

Councillor Coley

Councillor Soulsby

**91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare any interests that they might have in the business to be discussed and/or indicate that section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

No declarations were made.

**96. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING 2002/2003 - PERIOD 8**

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report updating the Committee on the progress of the Capital programme for 2002/03 up to the end of November 2002.

The Committee asked for further information on the extent to which capital projects included environmental features. Officers agreed to provide this.

The Committee also commented that the savings of £19,000 in the capital programme for highways maintenance would result in a reduction in the number of improvement schemes for pavements and highways, which were important to local people. It was suggested that this should be looked at again, and if possible funded from elsewhere in the department.

Members again commented on the need to ensure that funding for the Cultural Quarter was secure, and it was agreed that the Chair would discuss the need to carefully monitor the Cultural Quarter's development with the Chair of the Arts, Leisure and Environment Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee ask the Cabinet to look again at the £19,000

savings from highways maintenance capital programme to see if alternative ways of making up the shortfall could be found from elsewhere in the department.