



Leicester
City Council

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CABINET

1 March 2004

**REFERRAL FROM FINANCE, RESOURCES, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE REGARDING THE CULTURAL SERVICES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
RENEWAL BUDGET**

Report of the Service Director – Resources, Regeneration and Culture.

1. At its last meeting the Finance, Resources, Equal Opportunities Scrutiny Committee, during its discussion on the next three year budget strategy for the Council, agreed the following resolution:

"that the Cabinet be asked to look at achieving any in year savings in the Cultural Services and Neighbourhood Renewal department".

2. **Summary**

- 2.1 The department is currently projecting a balanced outturn for 2003/04. As in previous years savings from vacancies are being used to meet unfunded expenditure, for example festivals & events and in year redundancy costs.
- 2.2 The draft revenue strategy for 2004/05 has allowed for the part year effects in 2004/05 of reductions and reinvestment. However, if the department delivers an underspend in 2003/04 this will be used to offset any unforeseen costs or delays arising from the implementation of the draft revenue strategy reductions.

3. **Recommendations**

- 3.1 Cabinet are recommended to note this position.

4. **Financial & Legal Implications**

This report deals wholly with financial implications. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

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