

Leicester  
City Council

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**Cabinet**

**16<sup>th</sup> August 2004**

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## **HIGHWAYS CAPITAL SPEND 2004/5**

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### **Report of the Service Director, Highways and Transportation**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report seeks Cabinet approval of expenditure from the City Council Capital Budget 2004/5.

#### **2. Summary**

- 2.1 The report details works carried out under the Local Environmental Works programme 2003/4 and details the Local Environmental Works proposals for 2004/5. Cabinet is requested to approve expenditure of £400,000 from the 2004/5 Capital Budget on Local Environmental Works and Highway Maintenance.

#### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 Cabinet are recommended to approve:
1. The expenditure of £300,000 on Local Environmental Works from the City Council's 2004/5 Capital Budget as detailed in paragraph 1.4 of the supporting information.
  2. The expenditure of £100,000 on Highway Maintenance from the City Council's 2004/5 Capital Budget as detailed in paragraph 1.6 of the supporting information.

#### **4. Financial and Legal Implications**

- 4.1 There are no legal implications and the sums detailed in this report are included in the 2004/5 City Council Capital Programme.

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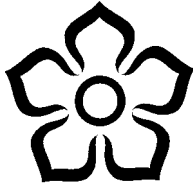
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**DECISION STATUS**

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



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**HIGHWAYS CAPITAL SPEND 2003/4**

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**Report**

**1. Background**

1.1 The budget for Local Environmental Works (LEW) is designed to cover a wide range of environmental works around the City, addressing a number of problems, needs and opportunities. These have in previous years included provision of a broad range of works such as:

- Laybys,
- Untidy land,
- Environmental Improvements,
- Bus shelters,
- Improved Signing,
- Verge Hardening
- Lighting Improvements
- Access Grants.

1.2 The Environment and the Planning and Transportation Committees agreed in 2000 that part of the funding should be spent in particular areas that would benefit from a more intensive approach. These were referred to as Priority Areas. The first Priority Area was New Parks followed by Eyres Monsell and Mowmacre, and finally Saffron (now Freeman). Each Priority Area was be allocated £250,000 for the works and schemes were agreed only after consultation with local Members, residents and other members of the Community. If sufficient funds were available money would also be spent on other Citywide schemes. Schemes completed and committed from the LEW programme in 2002/3 are shown in Appendix A. Part of the allocation (£125,000) was spent in the final Priority Area (Saffron) in 2003/4 with the remaining £125,000 to be spent in 2004/5.

1.3 In the 2004/5 City Council Capital Programme there is £300,000 budgeted to LEW. There are also additional funds of £111,900 from the

Regeneration and Culture Revenue Budget and there is also slippage of £210,000 from the 2003/4 LEW budget already committed to some schemes currently being constructed. The total available new budget for 2004/5 is therefore £411,900.

1.4 Officers propose that the £411,900 allocation should be spend as follows:

1.	Local Environmental Works in Freeman (This will complete the works in Freeman Ward)	£125,000
2.	Citywide Works:	
		£
	Laybys	81,900
	City Centre	50,000
	Verge Hardening (incl match funding in Braunstone)	100,000
	Untidy Land	20,000
	Access Grants	25,000
	Minor Lighting Improvements	10,000

1.5 Details of individual work programmes will be obtained from the requisite priority lists and will be discussed with local Members, residents and other members of the community as appropriate.

1.6 In addition £100,000 is budgeted in the City Council Capital Programme 2004/5 for Highway Maintenance. Officers propose that this be spent on footway repairs at various locations throughout the City in order to improve the footway condition indicator (BVPI 187a).

1.7 Officers therefore recommend that Cabinet approve the expenditure of £300,000 on Local Environmental Works and £100,000 on Highway Maintenance from the City Council's 2004/5 Capital Budget.

## 2. Financial and Legal Implications

### *Financial*

2.1 The £400,000 is included in the City Council's 2004/5 Capital Programme  
Paresh Radia, Regeneration and Culture Finance.

### *Legal*

2.2 There are no direct legal implications in this report  
Anthony Cross, Legal Services.

### 3. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph Within Supporting information	References
Equal Opportunities	No	-	
Policy	No	-	
Sustainable and Environmental	Yes	para 1.2	
Crime and Disorder	No	-	
Human Rights Act	No	-	
Older People on Low Income	No	-	

### 4. Background Papers - Local Government Act 1972

- **Cabinet Report** - 20 May 2002 'City Centre and Other Environmental Improvements'
- **Cabinet Minute 218** - Budget Strategy 2002/03 to 2004/5 (5/4/02).
- **Members Working Group on Highways and Transportation** 27 August 2002
- **Cabinet Report** – 18 November 2002 'Capital Spend 2002/3'
- **Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee Report** – 13 August 2003 'City Council Capital Spend 2003/4'
- **Cabinet Report** – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2003 'Highways Capital spend 2003/4'

### 6. Consultations

Consultee	Date Consulted
CS&NR Finance (Paresh Radia)	2/7/04
Legal Services (Anthony Cross)	14/7/04

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## APPENDIX A

### LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2003/4

( An \* indicates that schemes are committed but not yet completed)

- a) Local Environmental Works in Eyres Monsell
  - Twickenham Road Layby
  - Sturdee Road No 21-43 Layby
  - Entrance to Exchange
  - Saffron Lane Slip road
  
- b) Local Environmental Works in Mowmacre
  - Hayden Close Layby \*
  - Modbury Avenue Layby
  
- c) Local Environmental Works in Saffron
  - Linwood Lane Layby,
  - The Fairway Layby,
  - Pen Close Layby
  - Saffron Lane Parking Areas Resurfacing (Part 1)
  
- d) Citywide Works
  - Kirminton Gardens Layby
  - Heays Close Parking Area
  - Braunstone Lane East (Contribution to County Scheme)\*
  - Lighting Improvements
  - Cycleway Barriers in Hamilton
  - Charles Street Footway (Part Funding)
  
- e) Verge Hardening
  - a) Heather Road
  - b) Scott Street
  - c) Keightley Road
  
- f) Untidy Land
  - Humberstone Gate East.
  
- g) Access Grants (Improved access for disadvantaged groups)
  - a) United Reform Church, Saffron Lane – Ramp to entrance and associated works.
  - b) Goldhill Adventure Playground, Windley Road – Provision of wheelchair accessible toilet.
  - c) Ayuredic Herbal Clinic, Melton Road – Stair Lift
  - d) Centre for Deaf People, Welford Road – Platform Lift from ground floor to basement level