



Leicester
City Council

Cabinet

7 March 2005

2004/05 CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - PERIOD 9

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 2004/05 up to 31 December (period 9).

2. CAPITAL PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

- 2.1 In January members considered a report relating to the period 7 capital programme position. This report relates to period 9 and will be followed by a further report relating to the outturn position.
- 2.2 The originally approved capital programme for 2004/05, including slippage from 2003/04, totalled £108.2 million. The period 7 forecast level of expenditure for 2004/05 was £98.9 million.
- 2.3 The current forecast level of expenditure for 2004/05 is £93 million as shown below:

	£000
Period 7 forecast	98,881
Expenditure Brought Forward	898
Additions	1,354
Savings	(315)
Slippage	<u>(7,697)</u>
	<u>93,121</u>

3. SUMMARY

- 3.1 The actual level of expenditure at 31 December 2004 totalled £52.4 million. The expenditure to date represents 56% of the projected spend for the year
- 3.2 The capital receipts (non-housing) target is £5 million for 2004/05. Receipts of £1 million in excess of the 2003/04 target were achieved, reducing the amount to be generated in 2004/05 to £4million. Receipts of £1.56 million have been raised to

date in 2004/05. The position will be monitored throughout the year, and while the receipts target should be achieved the position will be closely monitored.

- 3.3 The forecast level of Housing usable capital receipts is £6.5 million. Usable receipts of £5 million have already been generated.
- 3.4 A list of schemes has now been prepared in respect of the Council's successful bid for Government funding from the Liveability Fund, part of the Government's Sustainable Communities, an initiative aimed at improving local environments. The approval of Cabinet is sought to the consequential increase to the Capital Programme.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Cabinet is recommended to:

- i) approve a revised level of programmed expenditure of £93.121 million;
- ii) note the level of expenditure to 31 December 2004 of £52.42 million;
- iii) note the position relating to capital receipts;
- iv) approve the use of the saving relating to the Improved Customer Access scheme of £31,000 for the implementation of the e-forms software;
- v) note that the saving in relation to the Abbey Meadows Depot scheme is £74,400 lower than previously reported;
- vi) approve the following increases to the programme:

Education

City of Leicester school (£100,000), with works to be funded by grant

Social Care and Health

Purchase of a holiday caravan for looked after children (£33,000)

Regeneration and Culture

Liveability schemes (£50,000 in 2004/05, £2,880,000 in 2005/06) financed by additional capital grant

- vii) note that forecast capital programme performance is 89% of the approved programme compared to a target of 90%;
- viii) note the latest prudential indicator forecasts for 2004/05.

5. HEADLINE LEGAL AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been discussed with Peter Nicholls (Service Director – Legal Services) and there are no legal implications.
- 5.2 This report is concerned solely with financial issues.

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DECISION STATUS

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