



Capital Budget Monitoring – Period 9, 2014/15

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Overview Select Committee date: 23rd March 2015
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Lead director: Alison Greenhill

Useful information

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1. Summary

The purpose of this report is to show the position of the capital programme for 2014/15 at the end of Period 9.

This is the third report of the financial year and final report will be presented at year end.

2. Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- Note the level of expenditure of £139.0m at period 9;
- Note the current level of spend (69%) of the £202.4m approved programme, which is higher than has been the case at this stage in previous years.
- Approve the use of Right To Buy receipts of £1.25m (that might otherwise have to be returned to the Government) to pay for new extra care and approve a transfer of £1.25m thereby saved to the City Centre accommodation project, as requested at Appendix 2, paragraph 4.4 and Appendix 4, paragraph 6.2
- Allocate £6.7m for new intermediate care to the category of “immediate starts” as described in Appendix 2, paragraph 4.2/4.3, so that the scheme can be committed, and extinguish the balance of the policy provision for adult social care transformation.

The OSC is recommended to:

- Consider the overall position presented within this report and make any observations it sees fit.

3. Report/Supporting information including options considered:

The 2014/15 Capital Programme was approved by Council on March 20th 2014.

The programme is being monitored on the basis of the 2014/15 approved programme. The appendices 2, 3 and 4 attached to this report provide further detail for each Strategic Director’s area of responsibility.

The approved programme included:

- Schemes classified as ‘immediate starts’, which required no further approval to commence; and;

- A number of separate 'Policy Provisions' which would not be released until specific proposals had been approved by the executive.

This report only monitors 'policy provisions' to the extent that spending approval has been given. Spending is monitored against the amounts approved for each scheme in 2014/15, regardless of any slippage subsequently reported.

4. Financial, legal and other implications

5.1 Financial & legal implications

This report is solely concerned with financial issues.

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5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

This report is solely concerned with financial issues.

5.4 Equalities Implications

No Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been carried out as this is not applicable to a budget monitoring report.

5.5 Other Implications

Other implications	Yes/No	Paragraph referred
Equal Opportunities	No	-
Policy	No	-
Sustainable & Environmental	No	-
Crime & Disorder	No	-
Human Rights Act	No	-
Elderly/People on low income	No	-
Corporate Parenting	No	-
Health Inequalities Impact	No	-

No other implications are noted as this is a budget monitoring report, and therefore no policy changes are proposed.

5. Background information and other papers:

Capital Budget 2014/15 presented to Council on 20th March 2014

Capital Outturn 2013/14 presented to Overview Select Committee on 31st July 2014

Capital Monitoring report for Period 4 2014/15 presented to Overview Select Committee on 16th October 2014

Capital Monitoring report for Period 6 2014/15 presented to Overview Select Committee on 27th November 2014

6. Summary of appendices:

Appendix 1 - Period 9 Financial Position of Capital Programme 2014/15

Appendix 2 - Summary of Adult Social Care, Health and Housing Projects

Appendix 3 - Summary of Children's Services Projects

Appendix 4 - Summary of City Development and Neighbourhoods Projects

Appendix 5 – Capital Receipts

7. Is this a private report

No

8. Is this a "key decision"?

No

9. If a key decision please explain reason

N/A

APPENDIX 1

Strategic Director	Division	Current Approved Programme 2014/15	Spend to end of Period 9	Forecast Year End Slippage & Savings	Percentage of Spend compared to Approved programme
		£000	£000	£000	%
Adult Social Care, Health & Housing	Adult Social Care	1,597.0	491.0	371.0	31%
	Housing Services (HRA)	35,652.0	19,046.0	2,417.0	53%
	Housing Strategy and Options	7,392.0	2,939.0	735.0	40%
Children's Services	Schools	12,048.0	9,030.0	2,296.0	75%
	Schools (BSF)	59,542.0	52,920.0	0.0	89%
	Children's Social Care & Safeguarding	116.0	8.0	74.0	7%
	Young People's Services	1,003.0	448.0	417.0	45%
	Learning Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0%
City Development & Neighbourhoods	Planning, Transportation and Economic Development	40,735.0	23,241.0	5,434.0	57%
	LLEP	15,753.0	8,737.0	3,153.0	55%
	Culture & Neighbourhood Services	4,398.0	3,670.0	0.0	83%
	Local Services and Enforcement	5,616.0	3,219.0	683.0	57%
	Property Services	18,331.0	15,217.0	925.0	83%
	City Centre	265.0	76.0	150.0	29%
	TOTAL	202,448.0	139,042.0	16,655.0	69%

Adult Social Care, Health and Housing Projects

1. Summary

- 1.1. The projects comprising the Adult Social Care, Health and Housing Capital programme have spent £22.5m at the end of period 9.
- 1.2. This equates to 50% of their approved capital programme of £44.6m.
- 1.3. The Adult Social Care, Health and Housing programme is split into 2 distinct areas, Adult Social Care and Housing.

2. Adult Social Care

- 2.1. The table below highlights the £1.6m approved Capital Programme for Adult Social Care.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Slippage £000	% Spent
ICT Investment - Phase 2	386.0	42.0	92.0	11%
Social Inclusion	551.0	264.0	103.0	48%
Supported Living	100.0	-	-	0%
Early Prevention and Intervention	149.0	149.0	-	100%
Improvement to Day Care Services	12.0	2.0	-	17%
Intermediate Care Facility	200.0	20.0	-	10%
Anchor Centre	199.0	14.0	176.0	7%
Total	1,597.0	491.0	371.0	31%

- 2.2. ICT Investment is for the development of the new Social Care IT system, Liquidlogic, which went live during April 2014. Although the system is in use, ongoing work was planned in the 14/15 budget for additional development after the system entered service. £294k will be spent on service packs, a new portal and staffing (including consultants). However, there will be slippage of £92k. This relates to a delay in implementing the module for Mobile Working due to other priorities taking precedence.
- 2.3. Social Inclusion covers a range of projects to provide access for disabled people to universal services, including community centres, libraries, leisure centres and other public services. Works include the adaptation of toilet facilities and the provision of specialised equipment – active schemes include the leisure centres at Cossington Street, Spence Street, New Parks, De Montfort Hall, Curve and the Phoenix Arts centre and two community centres. Slippage of £103k is forecast. £77k of this relates to the provision of facilities within the new Haymarket Bus Station. The remaining £26k relates to a Community Centre where works were delayed due to uncertainties around the future use of the building. Both schemes will proceed in the next financial year.

- 2.4. Supported Living refers to the redevelopment of Abbey Mills to provide additional supported living units. This is a partnership arrangement with ASRA Housing Association. The spend represents the Council's contribution to the overall scheme and the final payment was made in January 2015.
- 2.5. Early Prevention and Intervention involves the provision of assistive technology and telecare to reduce reliance on care packages and residential care. The available budget has been spent.
- 2.6. Improvement to day care services includes the refurbishment of Hastings Road (includes IT upgrades) to provide a flexible facility that enables people with learning disabilities and additional challenging needs to use the service. Hastings Road is a joint health and social care facility. The budget reflects slippage from 2013/14. No further slippage is forecast.
- 2.7. The budget for Intermediate Care (£200k) is to provide for surveying work and other professional services required in the opening stages of the project. The majority of this will be spent in the final quarter of the year.
- 2.8. Expenditure on the Anchor Centre is being delayed pending a strategic service review. Slippage of £176k is forecast.

3. Housing Services

- 3.1. The table below summarises the £43.0m approved Capital Programme for Housing Services and the related expenditure.

Programme Area	Funded	Approved £000	Spend £000	Slippage / Saving £000	% Spent
Decent Homes	HRA	17,576.0	9,195.0	546.0	52%
Business Investment	HRA	1,207.0	585.0	235.0	48%
Environmental and Improvement Works	HRA	7,519.0	3,697.0	786.0	49%
Increasing Affordable Housing	HRA	9,350.0	5,569.0	850.0	60%
General Fund Activities	GF	7,392.0	2,939.0	735.0	40%
Total		43,044.0	21,985.0	3,152.0	51%

- 3.2. Decent Homes (£17.6m) provides for works to kitchens and bathrooms, central heating, boilers, rewiring and other improvements to tenants' homes. The forecast is that spend will be £546k less than budget. Spend to date is £9.2m, with a further £1.2m of work that has been completed but not yet been paid for, bringing total spend at period 9 to £10.4m. Slippage relates to condensation initiatives (£150k), new door entry systems (£259k) and to St Peters Tower block redevelopment (£250k) as lift installation at Clipston house will now

take place in April. Additionally, there is an overspend of £113k on soffits and fascias as a result of additional works required as part of external wall insulation.

- 3.3. Business Investment (£1.2m). The forecast is, that spend will be £235k less than budget. Actual spend to date is £585k. Work to upgrade CCTV from analogue to digital was expected to take place this year but will now take place next financial year when the service relocates to a new site, resulting in £300k slippage. The go live date for the new Northgate Housing Information System has been delayed and the project will overspend by £65k this year.
- 3.4. The programme for Environmental and Improvement Works (£7,519k) covers a range of schemes across the city. These include:
 - (a) Environmental works on estates (£1,617k) is forecasting total spend this year of £1,310k. The programme includes 133 schemes across the city to make improvement to facilities and communal areas used by tenants. The £307k underspend relates to: a saving of £35k on the Rowllatts Hill stairway improvement scheme to replace wooden slats with UPVC; slippage of £50k for new floors in communal areas in flats in St Peters where new floors have been laid in Pegasus Close and will be rolled out to other flats next year; slippage of £46k required for Glenhill Boulevard where the scheme has been delayed due to nesting swifts; slippage of £85k required for new parking bays and laybys in Humberstone and Saffron where Highways will begin work in February but will not complete until April; slippage of £91k for new door entry systems in St Matthews, Humberstone and New Parks where work has been delayed due to health and safety issues that have been identified.
 - (b) Disabled facilities (£1.4m) funds adaptations to the homes of HRA tenants, such as installing walk in showers, grab rails, lifts and ramps. The scheme will be fully spent this year and will have helped 800 tenants with minor works and 200 tenants with major works.
 - (c) Phase 1 of the Exchange Shops Redevelopment (£200k) is now complete and slippage of £125k is required to complete phase 2 in 2017, as reported at period 6.
- 3.5. Other Schemes which will be completed before the end of the year include: the Braunstone 3 to 2 bed conversion (£300k) to install an upstairs bathroom to 53 homes; Energy Efficiency Minimum SAP 75 Scheme (£500k) to address the 50 worst performing homes with a range of energy efficiency improvements and will also include improvements to other homes; and the Loft Insulation Scheme (£275k) to fit insulation to difficult to access properties.
- 3.6. Increasing Affordable Housing (£9.35m) budgets provide for increased stock. Forecast expenditure will be £800k less than budget which includes £500k on the conversion of Lower Hastings Street Hostel now planned for next year. Work is nearing completion at all three new build sites to build 96 new homes for rent and will be finished by March 2015. 23 units have already been completed and let by December; 36 are expected to be let in January; and, the remaining 22 will be let by March. Work to convert Upper Tichbourne Street Hostel

into 7 supported living and 8 general needs flats was completed in October and the units have been let.

3.7. The forecast spend for the General Fund Capital Programme will be £735k less than budget. Actual spend to date is £3.0m and a further £0.8m of work which has been completed but not invoiced bringing total spend at period 9 to £3.8m:

(a) Disabled Facilities Grants (£2.4m) provides grants to owner occupiers to make small adaptations to their home. The scheme will allocate the full £2.4m budget this year however it is expected that spend will be £427k less than budget as grant recipients have 6 months to complete the work and claim the funding.

(b) Work at two new Gypsy and Traveller sites (£2.3m) and the refurbishment of Meynells Gorse (£1.9m) will be completed in March. Slippage of £178k is required for contractual payments due to contractors in the next financial year.

(c) Due to difficulties encouraging private landlords to take up a scheme offering 50% grant funding for loft insulation there will be an underspend of £130k on private sector housing, as reported at period 6.

(d) The Street-scene Environmental Improvements programme budget has been increased by £50k to £100k. This will fund installation of 100 new alley gates this year, plus repairs to existing gates, new infills and fencing.

4. **Policy Provisions**

4.1. Prior to period 9, there was only one Policy Provision for Adult Social Care still awaiting formal approval for allocation to specific schemes. The recommendations to this report, if approved, would allocate the full amount:

Service Area	Project	Amount £000
Adult Social Care	Adult Social Care Transformation	7,750.0
Total		7,750.0

4.2. The provision includes £6.5m for new intermediate care. This scheme has now progressed through feasibility processes. Comments have been received on scheme specification following engagement with the ASC scrutiny commission and a range of officers. The Council's external Quantity Surveyor has advised that the scheme, as originally specified, would exceed the capital allocation. This is due to building cost inflation (it is 2 years since the costs were estimated) and revised assumptions regarding some aspects of the space requirements.

4.3. In light of this, and bearing in mind the comments made by stakeholders, officers have considered the relative priority of the scheme's features and made adjustments to the specification. This will ensure the full provision of the 60 beds that are required, in a high

quality, dementia friendly environment but reduce the public / community aspects of the building that are not essential to the delivery of intermediate care services. On this basis the Quantity Surveyor has advised that the Council should add £0.2m to the capital allocation. The scheme is now firm and it is recommended that the capital funding be released for its delivery.

- 4.4. The balance of the provision consists of £1.25m for new extra care, which can now be funded from right to buy capital receipts without detriment to the new-build programme. These receipts, if not applied in this way, could otherwise have to be passed on to central government. The recommendation in this report therefore reallocates this sum elsewhere in the overall capital programme.

Children's Services Projects

1. Summary

- 1.1. The projects comprising the Children's Services Capital programme have spent £62.4m at the end of period 9. This equates to 86% of their approved capital programme of £72.7m.
- 1.2. The Children's Service Capital Programme is reported, for monitoring purposes, in three distinct sections, schools (£12.0m), the Building Schools for the Future programme (£59.5m) and non-schools (£1.1m).

2. Schools

- 2.1. Since the previous report, the Executive has agreed the use of £11.9m of the £16.8m Basic Need Policy Provision. This consists of £2.6m to support the Kestrels' Field programme, £1.6m to support the Basic Need Phase 1 and £7.6m for the Basic Need Phase 2 programme. Phase 2 includes works at St Mary's Field Primary, Christ the King Catholic Primary and Hope Hamilton Primary. Of the £11.9m approved, £1.3m for Phase 2 will be spent this financial year.
- 2.2. St Mary's Field Primary works include the addition of a new junior block linked to the existing infant school to allow for an expansion of age range and to become an 'all through' primary school. Christ the King Primary school works include remodelling part of the current West Gate School vacated to allow for an expansion of the school to increase reception places by 40 from September 2015. Hope Hamilton Primary school works include an expansion of the school on its existing site to increase reception places by 15 from September 2015.
- 2.3. The table below summarises the £12.0m approved Capital Programme for Children's Services Schools Programme and the related expenditure.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Slippage £000	% Spent
Mellor Primary School	130.0	86.0	-	66%
Basic Need Works (Phase 1)	7,332.0	4,957.0	1,057.0	68%
Basic Need Works (Phase 2)	1,280.0	730.0	-	57%
Targeted Basic Need - Kestrels' Field	1,907.0	644.0	907.0	34%
Catherine Junior School	-	1,806.0	-	N/a
Reactive School Maintenance	371.0	194.0	-	52%
Individual School Access Needs	146.0	99.0	-	68%
Investment in Infant Free School Meals	882.0	514.0	332.0	58%
Total	12,048.0	9,030.0	2,296.0	75%

- 2.4. The Mellor Primary School rebuild was complete in previous years. The current year scheme is for remedial works relating to the sports pitch and this has been completed.

- 2.5. Basic Need Works Phase 1 are to be undertaken at 15 schools, providing 370 additional reception places across the city to meet the additional primary school places required by September 2015.
- (a) Works have been completed at six schools (Imperial Avenue Infants, Braunstone Frith Primary, Mowmacre Primary, Parks Primary, Eyres Monsell Primary and Stokes Wood Primary) to provide classrooms to accommodate an additional 120 reception places for September 2013. However, works to provide the remaining classrooms have continued into 2014/15. These works are complete at all schools except at Braunstone Frith and Eyres Monsell. Braunstone Frith is expected to be complete by the end of the financial year. There is currently a dispute with the contractor at Eyres Monsell.
 - (b) Works have been carried out at four schools (Alderman Richard Hallam, Rushey Mead Primary, Herrick Primary and Caldecote Primary) to provide classrooms to accommodate an additional 100 reception places for September 2014. These works are complete at Rushey Mead Primary. Alderman Richard Hallam will be completed this financial year and in September 2015 for Caldecote and Herrick Primary.
 - (c) The remaining five schools (Woodstock Primary, Whitehall Primary, Wolsey House Primary, Linden Primary and Sandfield Close Primary) will provide 150 reception places from September 2015. Construction works will now commence in the new financial year and as a result expenditure has been re-profiled. This is the main reason for the slippage of £1.1m in phase 1.
- 2.6. The Council has been successful in bidding for additional funding from the Department for Education to create an additional 420 places across all years at Kestrels' Field Primary School for September 2015. The total funding awarded is £3.9m. An additional £2.6m contribution from the Basic Need Policy Provision has been agreed which will bring the total project cost to £6.5m. The first phase of the scheme is expected to be completed by December 2015 and the budget for this project will require re-profiling resulting in £0.9m of slippage this financial year. Additional works to reconfigure the existing Primary school site to become the new infant block will be completed for September 2016.
- 2.7. Works at Catherine Junior School for repair and enhancements to the school building following fire damage were completed in June 2014. Expenditure incurred this financial year will, in part, be covered by insurance proceeds with discussions between the Council and the loss adjustor to finalise the level of insurance proceeds expected to be finalised shortly. Any expenditure not covered by insurance proceeds will be covered by previous years' capital underspends which are included in the Emerging Needs policy provision.
- 2.8. Reactive Maintenance is an annual provision for small capital maintenance works in schools and other buildings. Works include fencing at Overdale Infant and Junior School I and St Barnabas together with works at Netherhall to remove mobiles.
- 2.9. Individual School Access Needs is an annual provision for reactive works at schools that require specific modifications or equipment due to pupil disability. Current works funded by

this provision include alteration to the medical room and installation of a ramp at Alderman Richard Hallam and works related to acoustics at Overdale Junior School. Hearing impairment equipment will be provided at a number of schools this financial year.

- 2.10. Investment in Infant Free School Meals is a scheme of works to ensure that schools meet their obligation to provide free school meals to all infants in reception, year 1 and year 2 from September 2014. The necessary works were completed in time for the start of the new term and the additional meals are being served. Some of the increased meal demand is being provided by extending the capacity of a number of production kitchens on a temporary basis. Proposals for a longer term solution to provide this extra capacity are being considered and this will be funded by the slippage of £0.3m.

3. Building Schools For The Future (BSF)

- 3.1. The BSF programme is progressing well, with expenditure of £59.5m projected for 2014/15. A number of the new and refurbished buildings were handed over by the contractor during the summer and autumn, and are now being enjoyed by the schools. This includes Keyham Lodge, Millgate, New College, Ellesmere, Sir Jonathan North, Moat, Lancaster, English Martyrs, Babington, Ash Field, West Gate, Hamilton and Netherhall. Work continues at Lancaster Boys where additional remedial works were found to be necessary and at St Pauls with works to complete the dining room, external façade and windows. In addition, demolition and landscaping works are underway at a number of other schools.
- 3.2. Payments for the BSF construction programme are made at the point at which milestones in the building of each school are reached.
- 3.3. The majority of the remaining expenditure is expected to be incurred in 2014/15 with a relatively small amount of works in 2015/16 largely for demolition and landscaping. The final spend of the programme for ICT will not occur until 2019.

4. Non-Schools

- 4.1. The table below summarises the £1.1m approved Capital Programme for Children's Services directly controlled projects.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Slippage £000	% Spent
Contact Centre Refurbishment	30.0	-	30.0	0%
Children's Home Refurbishment	86.0	8.0	44.0	9%
Children's Centre Maintenance	97.0	23.0	-	24%
Adventure Playgrounds and Youth Centres	127.0	63.0	-	50%
Early Years - Two Year Old Entitlement	779.0	362.0	417.0	46%
Total	1,119.0	456.0	491.0	41%

- 4.2. The St Andrews Family Contact Centre is a project relating to the conversion of a garage to a reception room at the St Andrew's contact centre. The conversion and refurbishment works have been tendered and the costs significantly exceed the approved budget. The project is currently on hold until the project requirements have been reviewed. As a result slippage of £30k is forecast.
- 4.3. Children's Home Refurbishment is an annual provision to cover refurbishment and small capital maintenance works. Health and safety works have been undertaken along with maintenance works at Tatlow Road and Netherhall Road. Works at Barnes Heath are currently on hold as a result of the tendered costs exceeding the resources available. As a result slippage of £44k is forecast.
- 4.4. Children's Centre Maintenance is an annual provision to cover refurbishments and small capital maintenance works. This will be used to modify centres following reconfiguration of services and the Children's Centre Review. This provision has also funded structural and grounds works at Mayfield Centre which was completed in December 2014.
- 4.5. Adventure Playgrounds & Youth Centres is an annual provision to cover refurbishments and small capital maintenance works. Maintenance works are complete at St Andrew's, Highfields and Northfield Adventure Playgrounds and on-going at Woodgate. Remedial works at Kingfisher and Armadale Youth Centres are being undertaken and it is expected that these works will be complete by the end of the financial year. The demolition and removal of St Marks Mobile and fencing has been completed from the Youth Centre provision.
- 4.6. The Two Year Old Entitlement scheme will provide resources to private, voluntary and independent providers to enable them to expand their provision to accommodate and provide the two year old free entitlement and enable the Council to meet its statutory obligations. The Department for Education (DfE) have funded the Council for a target number of 2,300 places from September 2014. Providers are still in the process of bidding for the remaining funds and this is expected to continue into the next financial year as take up increases. As a result slippage of £0.4m is forecast.

5. Policy Provisions

- 5.1. There are three Policy Provisions for Children's Services Projects:

Service Area	Project	Amount £000
Schools	New Primary School Places	4,939.0
Schools	Emerging Needs	886.0
Schools	Planned School Maintenance	9,947.0
Total		15,772.0

- 5.2. Decisions of the Executive are required before these sums can be released. The New Primary School Places policy provision has reduced to £4.9m following the Executive approving £11.9m for Basic Need Phase 1 and 2 programmes and Kestrels' Field.

City Development and Neighbourhoods' Projects

1. Summary

- 1.1 The projects comprising the City Development and Neighbourhoods' Capital programme have spent £54.0m at the end of period 9. This equates to 64% of their approved capital programme of £85.1m.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Slippage / Saving £000	% Spent
Planning, Transportation and Economic Development	40,735.0	23,241.0	5,434.0	57%
Leicester & Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP)	15,753.0	8,737.0	3,153.0	55%
Culture and Neighbourhood Services	4,398.0	3,670.0	-	83%
Local Services and Enforcement	5,616.0	3,219.0	683.0	57%
Property Services	18,331.0	15,217.0	925.0	83%
City Centre	265.0	76.0	150.0	29%
Total	85,098.0	54,160.0	10,345.0	64%

2. Planning, Transportation and Economic Development

2.1 The table below summarises the current approved projects relating to Planning, Transportation and Economic Development.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Slippage / Saving £000	% Spent
Haymarket Bus Station	4,600.0	2,344.0	500.0	51%
Transport Improvement Works	3,347.0	1,256.0	148.0	38%
Street Lighting Replacement	5,000.0	2,469.0	1,400.0	49%*
Highways Maintenance	2,978.0	1,360.0	-	46%
Local Environmental Works	593.0	197.0	50.0	33%
Flood Risk Management	224.0	41.0	50.0	18%
Pay and Display Machine Replacement Programme	550.0	129.0	-	23%
Westcotes Residents Parking	185.0	99.0	-	54%
Small Highway Schemes	276.0	135.0	-	49%
Jubilee Square	2,076.0	1,942.0	45.0	94%
Cathedral Precinct	2,005.0	1,752.0	30.0	87%
Connecting Leicester Street Improvements	4,201.0	2,212.0	1,161.0	53%
Greyfriars' Townscape Heritage Initiative	93.0	26.0	47.0	28%
Friars Mill	3,293.0	1,315.0	-	40%
Leicester Market Improvements	4,929.0	2,502.0	1,829.0	51%
Mill Lane Pedestrianisation	154.0	26.0	104.0	17%
North City Centre Access Implementation Project (NCCAIP) Feasibility	70.0	48.0	-	69%
Archdeacon Lane - Land Purchase	315.0	313.0		99%
Waterside	184.0	54.0	-	29%
Leicester Food Park	4,178.0	4,107.0	-	98%
Retail Gateways	250.0	76.0	16.0	30%
Enterprising Leicester	835.0	566.0	-	68%
Dock	8.0	7.0	-	88%
Ashton Green	337.0	265.0	-	79%
Cleaner Bus Technology Fund	54.0	-	54.0	0%
Total	40,735.0	23,241.0	5,434.0	57%

* £1,400k is a saving from the street lighting replacement programme.

2.2 The Haymarket Bus Station project is the key contributor to achieving greater use of buses in Leicester. The scheme includes a new bus station building (increasing the number of bus stands at the bus station from 11 to 23) and a remodelled Charles Street/Belgrave Gate junction, together with extensive public realm improvements. The demolition and main contractor work commenced on site in early October 2014, with project completion due in early 2016, hence the majority of the 2014/15 spend falls into the second half of the year. The existing bus station (including toilets and shop mobility) closed in early January to allow the start of construction on the new concourse building. A temporary shopmobility centre

has been provided in the GS (former ABC) car park. The total scheme cost is £13.5m, which includes £3.5m 'pinchpoint' funding from the Government. Slippage of £0.5m is forecast, following an updated phasing of works after the appointment of the main contractor.

2.3 Transport Improvement Works include:

2.3.1 Congestion and Carbon Strategies (budget £771k). This provides funding for the Leicester North West Major Transport Scheme, local improvements for bus services, area traffic control network performance improvements and signing work. Design work has commenced on phase 1 of the Leicester North West Major Transport Scheme with public consultation completed in December 2014. Signing work for the King Richard III visitor centre is complete. The Aylestone Quality Bus Corridor scheme is substantially complete on site.

2.3.2 Accessibility Strategy (budget £1.6m). This provides funding for a programme of schemes including:

- a) The Real Time Information System project. The procurement is now complete and the supplier has been engaged. Testing of the system and signs has been undertaken and the live system will be rolled out between February and April.
- b) The Beaumont Leys Public Transport Interchange project (£402k) which is funded from the Local Sustainable Transport Programme. The scheme started in the autumn and is expected to be complete in March.
- c) Level Access at Bus Stops/DDA Requirements (budget £170k). The programme for 2014/15 is progressing well.
- d) St Margaret's Bus Station Kiosk (budget £24k). This extension to the kiosk at St Margaret's Bus Station is complete.
- e) The construction of the new Upper Brown Street car park (£210k) is underway and scheduled for completion in March.

2.3.3 Active Travel and Road Safety (budget £745k). This provides funding for a programme of schemes to promote active travel and improve safety for all road users. The St Georges Way/Charles Street Junction Improvement Scheme is complete (budget £257k). Other projects on this programme are Community Safety Lighting, Vehicle Activated Signs and the current on-going 20mph Schemes. Completed 20mph schemes include Sandhurst Rd, St Matthew's Area, Harrison Road, Bradgate Heights and Humberstone Village.

2.3.4 Local Transport Plan Monitoring – this budget covers the capital costs of staff engaged in monitoring transport schemes (£200k).

2.4 The street lighting replacement project had spent £2.5m as at period 9. The project is in its second year, and is on track with its trajectory, with over 17,000 luminaires replaced so far. The carbon figures for the financial year 2013/14 show that the benefits of the project are

already visible. By the final quarter the carbon emissions from street lighting were down by 20 per cent in comparison to the baseline year. As reported previously, it is estimated that the full scheme will cost at least £1.4m less than originally planned, as a consequence of technological improvements since 2012/13.

- 2.5 Highways Maintenance comprises normal maintenance projects (£2.4m), pothole repair funding (£446k) and severe weather funding (£92k).
- 2.5.1 Normal maintenance projects include comprehensive maintenance for hot rolled asphalt patching, surface dressing and pre-patching, joint sealing, footway slurry sealing & pre-patching, concrete road repairs, footways, unclassified road carriageways and bridges. Work is progressing well with a significant amount of work already completed including works on Welford Road, Saffron Lane, Beaumont Leys Lane, Attlee Way, Green Lane Road and others, as well as £960k spent on subway maintenance. Further works are programmed, including resurfacing Narborough Road and Parker Drive. The 2014 surface dressing programme is complete and payment will be made in the final quarter.
- 2.5.2 In June, the Highways service secured an additional £446k of pothole funding from the Department for Transport following a competitive bid process. Expenditure proposals have now been agreed following the City Mayor's ward member briefing sessions and highway repair works are underway up until the end of March.
- 2.6 Local Environmental Works covers various small scale improvements such as renewing/replacing road humps, replacement of trees and parking laybys. The programme of works commenced in the autumn and most expenditure is profiled in the final quarter of the year. Schemes at Hockley Farm and Keyham Lane have been completed and consultation is underway on a number of schemes. £50k slippage is forecast for works subject to consultation that once finalised will now be undertaken in early 2015/16.
- 2.7 For Flood Risk Management, feasibility works for flood defence schemes in Northfields and to Holbrook and Gilroes Brook are in progress. Community engagement exercises have been completed in Woodgate and the consultation on the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy has begun. Design work is underway to alleviate ponding issues in Melton Road. Some consultancy work is now expected to take place in the spring/summer, hence £50k is shown as slippage. Other work is programmed for completion in the final quarter.
- 2.8 The Pay and Display Machine Replacement Programme is replacing the existing stock of on-street pay and display parking machines that is reaching the end of its useful life and does not incorporate newer technologies now available. The cost will be met from the on-street car parking account reserve and 2014/15 income. The pilot installation of 25 new machines was completed during 2013/14. The remaining work is for:
- (a) 17 machines with the addition of chip and pin payment for car parks
 - (b) 27 machines with smartcard facility for residents parking schemes
 - (c) 164 cash only for standard on-street parking

Delivery commenced in November and 22 machines were installed in December, being mainly smartcard machines in residential areas. The installations programme spreads

delivery across the City to minimise disruption to drivers. The majority are expected to be installed by the end of March 2015, and hence some payments will be made in the early months of 2015/16.

- 2.9 The Westcotes Residents Parking experimental scheme is in place and has been extended into the Western Park area.
- 2.10 The Small Highways Schemes are progressing to programme, with works completed to Mansfield Street, Market Place, Charles Street, Halford Street, St Georges Way, Belvoir Street and Welford Place.
- 2.11 Jubilee Square is complete. It is an integral element of the Connecting Leicester vision. Forecast slippage has reduced to £45k, which relates to contract retentions.
- 2.12 Works on the Cathedral Precinct are complete. The gardens were officially opened in July 2014 and improvements to Peacock Lane have been delivered. These complement Jubilee Square and the new King Richard III Visitor Centre.
- 2.13 Delivery of the Connecting Leicester Street Improvements project involves the delivery of pedestrian and cycling improvements to key city centre streets. To date the project has delivered reconstruction of Applegate, King Street, Newarke Street, Southgates, Berridge Street, Silver Street, Guildhall Lane, Greyfriars and Humberstone Gate West. Work is currently underway on St Nicholas Circle. Some planned works (e.g. Hotel Street) have been deferred until after the reinterment of King Richard III, resulting in slippage into 2015/16. After excluding the slippage, nearly three quarters of the remaining approved funding had been spent at the end of Period 9.
- 2.14 The Greyfriars Townscape Heritage Initiative scheme has been approved in the sum of £1.6m, to be funded by £0.5m from the Council and £1.1m external funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The delivery phase will commence in May 2015 and will include owner and developer contributions, resulting in an overall programme of improvements valued at over £2m. The monies will be spent on grants to building owners to bring empty space back into use, repair and restore architectural features, encourage activities and events to explore local history and to enable street improvements to make the area more pedestrian friendly and make it easier to find parking. Slippage of £47k is now forecast, as external fees were lower than expected and marketing activity to tie in with HLF timescales will now take place in 2015/16.
- 2.15 Friars Mill is the restoration of a complex of listed mill buildings and conversion to managed workspace. The project is in the heart of the Waterside regeneration area and will act as a catalyst for wider investment. Work started on site in mid-September and hence the spending is concentrated in the second half of the year. The profile is on track and the scheme is expected to be completed in the autumn of 2015. A procurement exercise for a third party operating company commences in January. The total project value is £6.5m.
- 2.16 The Leicester Market Improvements project is well underway. Phase 1 is complete and the new food hall has opened. Phase 2 is underway with the demolition of the former market

hall, as part of the wider regeneration of the area. Following the receipt of Local Growth Funding work will be progressed on development of a final phase of works with a resulting comprehensive budget position for the redevelopment of the market area.

- 2.17 The Council and De Montfort University have signed a partnership agreement to facilitate the pedestrianisation of Mill Lane. The work has been deferred to tie up with the development of the Fletcher Building by De Montfort University. Consultants have been appointed to commence a detailed design package by June 2015. Works are expected to go out to tender in the autumn of 2015 and anticipated to be on site in 2016. Further payments for design works will be paid in the final quarter.
- 2.18 Works are progressing on design work for Charter Street, Abbey Park Road and Belgrave Gate, as part of the feasibility stage of the North City Centre Access Improvement Programme.
- 2.19 The Archdeacon Lane land purchase is acquisition of freehold vacant land, required to support the delivery of proposed regeneration in the area. The purchase of the land is now complete and no further expenditure is expected.
- 2.20 The Waterside project involves the delivery of the Waterside regeneration area. A number of related work-streams under this heading include the production and adoption of new planning guidance and acquisition of land within a designated intervention area. The project will be funded by a package including Growing Places Fund, Local Growth Fund and Council funding. The amount added to the capital programme represents initial feasibility and outline planning costs. Spending is incurred in the second half of the year.
- 2.21 The Leicester Food Park is a new workspace providing nine high quality, bespoke food grade units designed to encourage start-up and smaller grow-on units for food manufacturing businesses. An official launch has been held, an operator has been contracted and it has proved to be an immediate success as all units have been leased. The Park contributes towards a key theme and priority in the Economic Action Plan, to achieve an enterprising Leicester and accelerating business growth in priority sectors, including food and drink manufacturing.
- 2.22 The Retail Gateways scheme aims to improve the vitality and viability of independent shopping areas, primarily on “gateway” routes and areas facing difficult trading conditions. This initiative includes Belgrave Gate, the Golden Mile, Narborough Road / Braunstone Gate, Churchgate and Granby Street. Upper floor improvements along the Golden Mile (£50k) and painting of Narborough Road railway bridge (£78k) are complete, although the full payments are not reflected in the Period 9 actual spend.
- 2.23 The Enterprising Leicester Grant scheme offers Leicester’s small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) the opportunity to apply for up to £15k of grant funding and to support growth projects that will create jobs. All expenditure is fully funded by ERDF. Due to the volume and value of applications received, ERDF team approval has been received to increase the sum available; hence the programme value has increased since period 6.

- 2.24 Construction of Dock has finished and the letting of units is on target. The remaining budget relates to final fitting-out.
- 2.25 The Ashton Green project continues to make good progress. A first house builder/developer has been selected for a scheme comprising 101 residential units and subject to approval of planning reserved matters, a start on site is anticipated for later this year. Consultants have been recently appointed to lead the design and delivery of a £1.5m package of enabling infrastructure.
- 2.26 The Cleaner Bus Technology Fund is for the modification of buses to reduce harmful emissions. Payments are made to bus companies to enable them to fit the equipment. For 2014/15 a further grant of £100k has been awarded by the Department for Transport.

3. Leicester & Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership

- 3.1 The table below summarises the current approved projects relating to the Leicester & Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership, for which the Council is the accountable body.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Slippage £000	% Spent
Growing Places Fund	6,953.0	2,020.0	2,953.0	29%
Regional Growth Fund Round 3	4,000.0	3,583.0	-	90%
Regional Growth Fund Round 4	2,375.0	2,234.0	-	94%
MIRA Technology Park Enterprise Zone	425.0	-	-	0%
Loughborough University Science & Enterprise Park	2,000.0	900.0	200.0	45%
Total	15,753.0	8,737.0	3,153.0	55%

- 3.2 The Growing Places Fund (GPF) is a revolving fund which advances money for new development across city and county areas. Spend is largely dependent on participation of private sector beneficiaries and approval by the LLEP, and therefore difficult to predict. From a total GPF pot of £12.6m (across a number of financial years), the remaining unspent sum at the beginning of the year was £6.9m. A third round was launched and the proposals deadline closed in mid June 2014. Current approval and payment profiles suggest that £2.953m originally planned for 2014/15 will now be paid in 2015/16.
- 3.3 The Regional Growth Fund Round 3 programme (£4.0m for 2014/15) is on-target to exceed both job creation (1,248) and private sector investment (£35.1m) over the lifetime of the fund to June 2015. The defrayal of grants has been slower than originally anticipated due to the numbers of business applicants having to purchase machinery with long lead times and building projects requiring planning permissions. A marketing campaign continues to promote take-up of grants and delivery of the jobs and private investment. However, the anticipated spend has increased from £2.4m at Period 6 to £4.0m, although this remains subject to the approved grants being claimed. The scheme is expected to continue until June 2015.

- 3.4 The Regional Growth Fund Round 4 (£2.375m for 2014/15) is on-target to exceed both job creation (744) and private sector investment (£53m) over the lifetime of the fund to June 2015. The defrayal of grants has been slower than originally anticipated, as with Round 3.
- 3.5 The RGF programme is supplemented by ERDF “Catalysing Growth” funds, which will be brought into the programme as relevant expenditure is defrayed.
- 3.6 £425,000 has been added to this year’s capital programme for the first half of a capital grant to MIRA Ltd in respect of the MIRA Technology Park Enterprise Zone. It will pay for employment and skills support, business development personnel and marketing including key improvements to the website. This will be funded by present and future business rates uplift within the Zone, and is made by virtue of the Council’s role as accountable body to the LLEP. The total grant is £850k, with the second half expected to be paid in 2015/16.
- 3.7 As part of the City Deal, £2m has been allocated to the LLEP for the Loughborough University Science & Enterprise Parks (LUSEP) project. As the accountable body for LLEP, the Council will receive the funds and pay the £2m grant to Loughborough. It is expected that £1.8m will be paid in 2014/15 and £0.2m in 2015/16.

4. Culture & Neighbourhood Services

- 4.1 The table below summarises the current approved projects in Culture and Neighbourhood Services.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Slippage £000	% Spent
Football Investment Strategy	11.0	11.0	-	100%
City Centre Heritage Interpretation Panels	56.0	17.0	-	30%
Heritage - Improvement Works in Newarke Houses	11.0	11.0	-	100%
Richard III Visitor Centre	3,329.0	3,294.0	-	99%
Libraries Self Service Equipment	66.0	57.0	-	86%
Brite Centre (Braunstone Library)	35.0	10.0	-	29%
Soft Touch Gallery	50.0	50.0	-	100%
Charter Street Community Arena	840.0	220.0	-	26%
Total	4,398.0	3,670.0	-	83%

- 4.2 The Football Investment Strategy final project site at Riverside is complete.
- 4.3 Over 50 City Centre Heritage Interpretation Panels are being installed to provide residents and visitors with information and images relating to key sites. Further panel research is planned and in progress for the 2015/16 funding recently approved by Council.
- 4.4 The improvement works at Newarke Houses included a range of improvements to meet fire safety & DDA requirements to the back galleries, a ramp through to the street scene and works to the garden paving.

- 4.5 Investment in the flagship King Richard III Visitor Centre has completely transformed the 150 year old building which has been open since the summer. The centre has been very well received and welcomed its 10,000th visitor just one month after opening. In addition to the £4.0m spending originally planned, a further £0.6m has been provided from the Economic Action Plan and CDN reserves. This has enabled additional work to be carried out to refurbish and re-secure the gargoyles, fit out the café (instead of requiring a franchisee to do this) and to ensure displays and interpretation deliver a world class visitor experience.
- 4.6 Self Service units are now installed at the Central Library, Eyres Monsell Community Centre and St Barnabas Library, to be followed by New Parks Library which is scheduled for February. Payments will be made in the final quarter.
- 4.7 Work at the Brite Centre (Braunstone Library) on improving the building's presentation and maintenance is being delivered. Further minor building improvement works and replacement of the computers in the Adult Learning area are planned for the final quarter.
- 4.8 Soft Touch is a well-established local organisation with an outstanding reputation, working with young people across Leicester. They have acquired premises on New Walk and are developing a gallery space open to the public. This will enable them to develop their existing work with young people, who will be able to organise, run and create exhibitions and events there which are open to the public. This will develop skills and recognise talent in the visual arts, benefitting Leicester's future creative industries, as well as helping the young people they work with, who are often from disadvantaged backgrounds, to realise their potential. The project is supported by a grant of £620,000 from Arts Council. This contribution from Leicester City Council supports their remaining fundraising requirement.
- 4.9 A new community arena is to be built on Council owned land at Charter Street. This will bring significant benefits to the residents of Leicester and provide a base for Leicester Riders Basketball Club. The development will be a catalyst to the regeneration of the wider area. The latest total cost estimate is £4.5m, funding for which includes the Council's contribution of £1.5m, £840k from Regional Growth Fund, £500k from Leicester College and £1.25m from Sport England. The scheme is led by the new Leicester Community Sports Arena Ltd. Ground remediation works are underway on site and the construction contract is out to tender. The 2014/15 tranche of the Council's contribution is being paid by way of instalments mainly during the final quarter of the year.

5. Local Services and Enforcement

5.1 The table below summarises the current approved projects in Local Services & Enforcement.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Slippage £000	% Spent
Household Waste Recycling Centre	3,335.0	2,437.0	-	73%
Parks Plant & Equipment	320.0	87.0	-	27%
Saffron Hill Cemetery Extension	444.0	304.0	-	68%
Spinney Hill Park Restoration Project	485.0	140.0	-	29%
Public Conveniences	405.0	12.0	393.0	3%
Allotments Infrastructure	300.0	10.0	290.0	3%
Victoria Park Centenary Walk (Phase 1 - Toilets)	195.0	116.0	-	59%
Victoria Park Gates (HLF Grant)	25.0	23.0	-	92%
Victoria Park Cenotaph & Other WW1 - War Memorials Remedial Works	107.0	90.0	-	84%
Total	5,616.0	3,219.0	683.0	57%

5.2 The Household Waste Recycling Centre scheme incorporates a replacement facility for Bridge Road HWRC, a new Trade Waste facility to accept waste from businesses and a reuse facility that is likely to be operated by a local charitable organisation for the benefit of local people. The construction contract has been awarded to GF Tomlinson, a local company with recent experience of building three similar facilities for Leicestershire County Council. Construction commenced in June 2014 with the target completion date of March 2015, subject in particular to weather conditions. The project remains on track in line with this agreed timeline. The contractor has completed the majority of the construction work with only the road surfaces, power supplies, lighting and water outstanding along with the more cosmetic work inside the weighbridge and reuse building. The permit application has been made to the Environment Agency.

5.3 The Parks Plant and Equipment capital budget is to purchase replacement items of grounds maintenance equipment with an initial purchase value of over £5k per item. Each purchase will be funded via prudential borrowing with a 5 year repayment plan. Items such as ride-on mowers used to cut grass on housing sites, highway verges and parks areas are typical purchases. At the end of the grass-cutting season prior to an annual service programme for all plant and equipment, an assessment was made of the current stock in terms of maintenance history and running costs with a view to replace certain items on a rolling programme. Items to the value of £79k were purchased at the start of the grass-cutting season and the balance of the expenditure is programmed for the final quarter following a competitive procurement exercise with delivery to coincide with the 2015 grass cutting season.

5.4 The Saffron Hill Cemetery scheme is an extension to the existing cemetery in line with the agreed burial space strategy and will provide additional capacity for burials. The majority of the extension will accommodate Muslim burials. Work has started and comprises a new car

park, disabled toilet facility and the initial phase of the burial extension. The works are anticipated to complete in March 2015.

- 5.5 Spinney Hill Park Restoration - works to the brook have been completed and resurfacing of the pathway will be completed during January, for which payments will be made in the final quarter.
- 5.6 Public Convenience Improvements will deliver new toilets at Evington Park and Watermead Park. Planning applications have been submitted, with construction now expected to complete in the summer of 2015. As a result, forecast expenditure has been re-profiled.
- 5.7 As reported at period 6, the anticipated expenditure for the Allotment Infrastructure scheme is £10k for 2014/15, funding the essential work identified from the site audits, which are informing the developing Allotment Strategy. For 2015/16 the majority of the £290k capital will be used to address high priority works identified from the audits, concentrating on site security measures and path repairs. For works of a lower priority the Council's capital will be used as match funding, enabling the allotment societies to bid for additional external funding, and thereby enabling the capital to go further.
- 5.8 The new toilet block at Victoria Park was officially opened in December, as the first phase of the Centenary Walk project. The remaining payments will occur in the final quarter.
- 5.9 In support of the commemoration activities upon the centenary of the First World War, a £107k programme of remedial repairs and cleaning works to the City's main civic war memorial the Cenotaph on Victoria Park and smaller memorials at Evington Village Green and Bridge Road is largely complete.

6. Property Services

- 6.1 The table below summarises the current approved projects in Property Services.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Slippage/ saving £000	% Spent
City Centre Office Accommodation	14,758.0	13,425.0	-	91%
Property Maintenance Schemes	1,534.0	950.0	-	62%
Leicester Business Centre Roof	85.0	89.0	-	105%
Great Central Railway Design	80.0	9.0	65.0	11%
Vehicle Replacement 2013/14	1,428.0	489.0	860.0	34% *
Hansom Hall Access	259.0	70.0	-	27%
Purchase of the Ship Inn	187.0	185.0	-	99%
Total	18,331.0	15,217.0	925.0	83%

* £860k is a saving from the vehicle replacement programme.

- 6.2 The works to all the City Centre Accommodation projects are in the final phase with practical completion now achieved (Sovereign House, Bosworth house, 16 New Walk, City Hall and Phoenix House). Additional costs of £0.6m have been incurred across the whole scheme, due to tender prices being higher than originally envisaged in some of the smaller

refurbishments, and changes to specifications during the course of the major refurbishment projects. The recommendations to this report will fund these additional costs.

- 6.3 As part of the accommodation strategy, notice has been given (and accepted) for the space we occupy in Wellington House. Exercising this lease break saves the council £750k per annum but requires the relocation of approximately 200 staff – mostly the Revenues and Benefits service. Now that Customer Services is integrating with the Revenues and Benefits service the most appropriate location for the whole service is York House. As such the project team have been able to relocate teams occupying York House within the existing estate (Bosworth House and 16 New Walk) to enable 200 Revenues and Benefits staff to move in. Some one-off capital expenditure is required to ensure that the office space is fit for purpose and reflects the design layout of the city centre estate.
- 6.4 The property maintenance scheme is being spent on works including boiler replacements, fire reduction and water hygiene measures.
- 6.5 The project to replace the roof at Leicester Business Centre (£85k) on Ross Walk was completed in July 2014.
- 6.6 It is expected that the £80k set aside to continue supporting the Great Central Railway's plans for a new museum at the Leicester North/Birstall station will be utilised mainly in 2015/16, hence slippage is now shown.
- 6.7 Savings will be made from the Vehicle Replacement Programme. This is because less vehicle are being purchased following a review of the replacement policy. Revenue savings will result from this.
- 6.8 Works to Hansom Hall mean that visitors are now able to enter the historic venue via the old lending library entrance on Belvoir Street, instead of having to follow a complicated route through the Adult Education College from Wellington Street. Contractors have knocked through a wall at the old library to create a direct link into the hall as part of a package of improvements that will benefit users of both the Hall and the College. Wheelchair users will be able to take the lift to the first floor, where they will be able to access the Hall via a gently sloping ramp. The works are now complete.
- 6.9 The Ship Inn is a 1930s public house which closed earlier in the year. It has been purchased by the Council, as previously reported.

7. City Centre

7.1 The table below summarises the current approved projects for the City Centre.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Slippage £000	% Spent
Architectural & Feature Lighting	150.0	-	150.0	0%
Legible Leicester	115.0	76.0	-	66%
Total	265.0	76.0	150.0	29%

7.2 The Architectural & Feature Lighting scheme will deliver a city-wide architectural and feature lighting strategy followed by a pilot scheme in 2015, hence most spend is expected in 2015/16. The wider aim of the scheme is to develop a high quality and safe urban environment that maximises the city's architectural heritage, key buildings and spaces and enhances its capacity to be a premier business, retail, residential and tourism destination.

7.3 The Legible Leicester strategy aims to deliver a new city information system connecting destinations, spaces and streets and improving legibility for people who work in, visit, live and enjoy the city. This will include signage and information points and mapping. The approval covers the appointment of a specialist consultant to undertake a scoping study. The scheme has now started spending.

8. Policy Provisions

8.1 At the end of period 9 a number of Policy Provisions for City Development & Neighbourhoods projects still awaited formal approval for allocation to specific schemes.

Service Area	Project	Amount £000
Planning, Transportation and Economic Development	Congestion and Carbon Reduction Strategies	30.0
	Economic Action Plan Phase 2	12,558.0
Local Services & Enforcement	Replacement Allotment Infrastructure	125.0
	Investment in Play	400.0
Property Services	Braunstone Hall	790.0
	Vehicle Replacement Programme 2014/15	1,250.0
Total		15,153.0

8.2 Since Period 9 the "Investment in Play" policy provision has been released for the development and refurbishment of play facilities across the city.

Capital Receipts

1. Summary

- 1.1 As part of the 2013/14 Outturn, the Council was able to use revenue underspends to 'forward finance' the proportion of the 2014/15 capital programme that was to be funded by capital receipts.
- 1.2 This gave greater certainty around the financing of the programme for 2014/15.
- 1.3 The value of capital receipts originally required for the programme, and set aside in 2013/14, was £2.5m.
- 1.4 At Period 9, the Council has realised around £3.5m of General Fund capital receipts (i.e. excluding Housing Revenue Account Right-to-Buy receipts). These include the sales of Nuffield House, Elizabeth House, the Douglas Bader Centre and 72 Belgrave Road. Plans are actively in place to sell further assets and the total value of General Fund receipts by the end of the year is expected to be around £3.8m
- 1.5 The Council is now seeking to budget for capital schemes using only receipts that have been realised. Receipts received in 2014/15 will therefore be available to support future capital programmes.