

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE

DATE: THURSDAY, 4 APRIL 2019

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: Meeting Room G.01, Ground Floor, City Hall, 115 Charles

Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ

Members of the Committee

Councillor Singh (Chair)
Councillor Govind (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Bajaj, Cleaver, Cutkelvin, Dawood, Grant, Gugnani, Khote, Porter and Westley

Youth Council Representatives

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Appendix A

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview Select Committee held on 7 February 2019 are attaced and the Committee will be asked to confirm them as a correct record.

5. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS AGREED AT THE LAST MEETING

6. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CASE

The Monitoring Officer to report on any questions, representations or statements of case received.

7. PETITIONS

The Monitoring Officer to report on any petitions received.

8. TRACKING OF PETITIONS - MONITORING REPORT Appendix B

The Monitoring Officer submits a report that updates Members on the monitoring of outstanding petitions. The Committee is asked to note the current outstanding petitions and agree to remove those petitions marked 'Petitions Process Complete' from the report.

9. QUESTIONS FOR THE CITY MAYOR

The City Mayor will answer questions raised by members of the Overview Select Committee on issues not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

10. REPORT OF THE FINANCE TASK GROUP Appendix C

The Committee will receive the report of the Finance Task Group which met on 21 March 20149 to consider the following finance reports.

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Task Group held 22 March 2019 (**Appendix C**)

Revenue Budget Monitoring Period 9 2018 / 19 (Appendix C1)

Capital Budget Monitoring Period 9 2018/19 (Appendix C2)

11. OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE WORK Appendix D PROGRAMME

A work programme for the Overview Select Committee is attached. The Committee is asked to consider this and make comments and/or amendments as it considers necessary.

12. PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS Appendix E

Members are asked to consider the Plan of Key Decisions and in particular, note any items pertaining to their own scrutiny commissions.

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Appendix A



Minutes of the Meeting of the OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2019 at 5:30 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Singh (Chair)
Councillor Govind (Vice Chair)

Councillor Bajaj Councillor Cleaver Councillor Cutkelvin Councillor Dawood Councillor Gugnani Councillor Khote

Councillor Porter

Also present:

Sir Peter Soulsby

City Mayor

Youth Council Representative

Gary Concepcion

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67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Grant and Westley.

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bajaj declared that he had received representations in respect of item 6: Petition to retain a safe parking zone / drop off for users of the Jain Centre, York Road. Councillor Bajaj had been invited to attend the Centre and had been given a meal of rice, curry and juice.

Councillor Porter declared that he had received representations in respect of item 6: Petition to retain a safe parking zone / drop off for users of the Jain Centre, York Road. Councillor Porter declared that he had been invited to attend the Centre where he been given a hot meal and he had also signed the petition.

The City Mayor said that in respect of item 6: Petition to retain a safe parking zone / drop off for users of the Jain Centre, York Road, he had been invited to the Centre and had been given a hot meal.

Further to these declarations, it was confirmed that all the remaining Members of the Committee had been lobbied in respect of item 6: Petition to retain a safe parking zone / drop off for users of the Jain Centre, York Road.

It was noted that Councillors Govind, Khote and Cutkelvin were members of the Planning and Development Control Committee and the Chair reminded Members that the decision on the Traffic Regulation Order would be delegated to the Director. The Traffic Regulation Order would be brought to the Planning and Development Control Committee to allow Members to make comments for the Director to take into consideration when he made his decision.

69. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair did not make any announcements.

70. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

AGREED:

that the minutes of the meeting of the Overview Select Committee held 13 December 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

71. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS AGREED AT THE LAST MEETING

The Chair reported that there were no outstanding actions.

72. PETITION: TO RETAIN A SAFE PARKING ZONE / DROP OFF FOR USERS OF THE JAIN CENTRE, YORK ROAD LE1 5TT

The Director of Planning, Development and Transportation submitted a report which explained that a petition had been received which asked the Council to retain a safe parking / drop off for users of the Jain Centre, York Road.

The Committee were recommended to consider the petition and note the provision in place to accommodate the parking requirements of the Jain Centre congregation.

The Chair introduced the petition and explained that it was also being referred to the meeting of the Planning and Development Control Committee on 19 February, where consideration would be given to the comments made by the Overview Select Committee. The decision on the Traffic Regulation Order would be taken by the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation after considering all the comments from Members.

Mr Madhani, the lead petitioner, at the invitation of the Chair addressed the Committee. Points made included the following:

- Sunday access to York Road was welcomed, but access was also requested for all vehicles after 6 pm on weekdays and at weekends. These were the most popular times for people to visit the Jain Centre.
- It was recognised that people alighting and embarking on the loading bays on York Road was not allowed and therefore a safe space near the junction to Oxford Street was requested as a drop off / pick up point.
- A request was made for blue badge holders to be given three spaces for parking in York Road. It was understood that these could not be reserved for the users of the Jain Centre.
- Mr Madhani said that he had not been aware until recently that there had been an informal arrangement for Jain Centre users to park at the Oxford Street Industrial Units. He asked for a formal arrangement to be put in place for off peak use.

Councillor Kitterick, at the invitation of the Chair addressed the Committee. Points made during the Councillor's submission included the following points:

- Councillor Kitterick said that confirmation had been received that the Oxford Street Industrial Unit were happy for the Jain Centre congregation to continue to use its car park at evenings and weekends. Councillor Kitterick asked the Committee to note and welcome this.
- In the effort to help pedestrians and cyclists, people with disabilities and mobility issues should not be disadvantaged.
- Currently, Blue badge holders might take advantage of parking on yellow lines on Grange Lane, but if the scheme was implemented, Grange Lane and York Road would no longer be available for any blue badge Parking.
- The only on-street parking would be pay and display parking which was heavily used. There was a multi-storey car park on Newarke Street, but some people were reluctant to park there because they found it to be intimidating, particularly during the hours of darkness.
- Councillor Kitterick requested that York Road be opened up after 6pm for Jain Centre users as there would be little impact on pedestrians and cyclists after this time.
- Councillor Kitterick requested that further consideration be given to grant access to York Road for pick up and drop off points and blue badge provision.
- The scheme was tipped too far towards cyclists and pedestrians and if implemented would lose all blue badge parking on Grange Lane and York Road without providing a single extra blue badge space.

The Chair invited Barry Pritchard, the City Centre Streets Programme Manager to respond to the submissions. Points made included the following:

- Amendments had already been made to the Traffic Regulation Order to allow for access onto York Road on Sundays and for blue badge holders at all times. Officers could look at this again if the Committee so recommended.
- Officers considered that it would be difficult to achieve a reasonable scheme and put blue badge parking spaces on York Road. The maximum spaces that could be provided would be three, possibly two but this would have a significant impact on the width of the footpath.
- The Council had worked to make Newarke Street Car Park as user friendly
 as possible and it was also opening earlier on Sundays to allow for users of
 the Jain Centre to park there in time for worship. Arrangements had been
 made for the De-Montfort University car park to be available for special
 events.
- All places at the Oxford Street Industrial Units were leased by tenants so they could not specifically allocate spaces for the Jain Centre, but an informal agreement had been in existence for over 11 years and that arrangement still existed.

During the ensuing discussion, comments from Members included the following:

- A Member expressed a view that the Jain Centre's requests were completely reasonable and that at times the Council could be inflexible. The needs of elderly worshippers and people with disabilities should be given a higher priority than a thoroughfare for university students who were likely to be young and able bodied.
- The proposals to remove blue badge parking were unacceptable.
- Over 1500 people had signed the petition and it was crucial that those views were taken on board.
- The City Mayor challenged the view that the Council were inflexible. He
 understood the concerns of the Jain Centre and acknowledged that over the
 years, some of the congregation who might have walked or caught a bus to
 the Centre had aged and now might be less mobile. The Council over the
 years had worked hard to ensure that people would still be able to attend the
 Jain Centre for worship.

The Council had agreed to the informal agreement to park at the Oxford Street Industrial Unit. He had noted on two Sundays recently that the unit was being very heavily used by the Jain Centre congregation. The Council had also made special arrangements with the Newarke Street Car Park.

Officers had made some amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order to

accommodate the Jain Centre's concerns. The decision would be taken by the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation and the City Mayor said he was certain that the Director would take due regard of the comments made.

- A Member commented that needs changed over time and the City had worked to make provision for those people with mobility issues. Leicester was a unique city and for some people their spirituality was very important. Leicester needed to ensure their needs were taken into account. Access to the Jain Centre should be encouraged. He added that he would like to ensure that there was provision for blue badge holders, which it was acknowledged, could not be reserved exclusively for the use of the Jain Centre, on York Road along with evening and weekend access.
- It was confirmed that the Newarke Street Car Park had the names of 13 drivers along with their vehicle registration numbers, from the Jain Centre, who were allowed to park for free because they or their passenger had a blue badge.
- In response to a question from the Chair, it was confirmed that the scheme would allow for disabled passengers to be dropped off on York Road.
- The Chair referred to the parking arrangements in place and expressed a view that the petitioners' request for the Council to retain a safe parking / drop off space for users of the Jain Centre on York Road had been adequately responded to. However, in relation to the Traffic Regulation Order he suggested that the comments made be forwarded to the Planning and Development Control Committee and that they be requested to pay due regard to the sympathy of the Committee to the requirements of the Jain Centre. The Chair also suggested that constructive dialogue should took place between the Director and the Jain Centre prior to the meeting of the Planning and Development Control Committee.

Following some discussion, some Members emphasised that all the comments made, especially the requests for additional blue badge provision and greater access to York Road, be captured and taken forward for consideration.

AGREED:

- 1) that the Overview Select Committee note the current provision in place to accommodate the parking requirements of the Jain Centre congregation;
- 2) that the Committee have sympathy with the concerns of the Jain Centre and endorse all the comments and concerns raised at the meeting; that these are taken on board prior to the Traffic Regulation Order being considered at the meeting of the Planning and Development Control Committee on 19 February 2019 and the decision being taken by the Director; and
- 3) that constructive dialogue, particularly in relation to blue badge

holders and parking, takes place between the Director and the Jain Centre prior to the meeting of the Planning and Development Control Committee on 19 February 2019.

73. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CASE

The Monitoring Officer reported that there were no questionss, representations or statements of case.

74. PETITIONS

The Monitoring Officer reported that no petitions had been received, other than the Petition to retain a safe parking zone / drop off, for users of the Jain Centre, York Road which had been discussed under item 6 of the agenda.

75. TRACKING OF PETITIONS - MONITORING REPORT

The Chair referred to an update of the Petitions Monitoring Report, which was circulated prior to the meeting and is attached to the back of these minutes. He noted that there were no petitions flagged as 'Red' which he said was a good position to be in.

AGREED:

that the Tracking of the Petitions Monitoring Report be noted and the petitions marked 'petition process complete', namely 15/10/2018, 16/10/2018, 23/10/2018, 10/09/2018 and 27/09/2018 be removed from the Monitoring Report.

76. QUESTIONS FOR THE CITY MAYOR

The Leicester City Council Tree Strategy

Councillor Cleaver commended the City Mayor on the Leicester City Council Tree Strategy and in particular said she was pleased with the planting of London Plane trees on King Street, because they absorbed pollutants. Councillor Cleaver asked for more trees to be planted and questioned whether initiatives such as the 'growing roof' could be considered where appropriate in new developments.

The City Mayor responded that tree planting brought multiple benefits and had been more extensive in Leicester than elsewhere in the UK. The amount of woodland in Leicester had increased significantly.

Housing Tenancy Agreement Consultation

The Chair and Councillor Cleaver asked that a report with the findings of the Housing Tenancy Agreement Consultation be brought back to the Overview Select Committee.

The City Mayor responded that the consultation was being carried out because

a review of the tenancy agreement had been overdue. He knew that the Assistant City Mayor would want to bring the consultation's findings to the Housing Scrutiny Commission and he felt sure that the Assistant City Mayor would be pleased to bring them to the Overview Select Committee as well.

Councillor Porter expressed a concern that as part of the consultation, there was a large document that was only available in two areas of the city and he said that this document should be in every library around Leicester. Councillor Porter also expressed concerns that the agreement warned tenants that if they were a terrorist, they would be breaching their tenancy agreement. He said that there were better ways of expressing this.

Action	Ву
That the findings of the Housing	Director of Housing and the Scrutiny
Tenancy Agreement Consultation be	Policy Officer.
brought to the Overview Select	-
Committee	

Crowd Funding

Councillor Porter referred to a presentation on Crowd Funding that was given at the Aylestone Community Meeting where an officer had said that there were five members of staff working on the project. He questioned why that number of staff were working on Crowd Funding and expressed concerns about the process generally including the use of public money to employ people to do so. He also expressed concerns that the company behind crowd funding took 8% of the money raised.

The City Mayor responded that there were several members of staff who worked collaboratively to deliver crowd funding, but no one worked exclusively on this. The use of Crowd Funding provided a unique opportunity to raise funds and had been extremely successful. There was a cost however and this particular platform had worked very well elsewhere in the country and he was pleased to use it in Leicester. The City Mayor added that there were a number of ways the Council used money to fund projects in the community including through the ward community budget.

Councillor Cutkelvin praised Crowd Funding stating that it was a way of getting grass roots funding to help community initiatives and had been very successful in the Saffron Ward.

Proposals for a hotel in Churchgate

Councillor Porter referred to proposals for a hotel in Churchgate and queried whether this would impact on the Travelodge in the Haymarket to which the Council had put in £10m. He had expressed views that this was a waste of public money.

The City Mayor responded that the Council had not given money to Travelodge

but had invested the money in a scheme that would bring benefits to the city, including regeneration and a revenue return. This was no different to many other investments that the city made.

In response to a comment from Councillor Porter expressing concerns about the rate of return, the Director of Finance said that her advice was that the investment in the Travelodge was a wise investment and all due diligence had been applied. The investment in the whole package included the Haymarket car park which brought in significant income as well as the Travelodge.

Councillor Porter asked the City Mayor if he had genuinely been unaware that the Council had granted £150k to a business that his daughter later became involved with.

The City Mayor responded that, as he had explained many times, he had no part in that decision and knew nothing about it. In addition, any interest that was expressed in the use of the building in question, by a company that was owned by his daughter, came many months later.

Local Plan

Councillor Cutkelvin asked about the current status of the Local Plan.

The City Mayor responded that in respect of the Local Plan, the Government required local authorities to go through a long process with a number of different stages. The Local Plan process was on track and he thought that there would be a further consultation before it came back to the Council for adoption towards the end of 2019. After that there would be a public enquiry before the plan was finalised.

Councillor Cutkelvin asked if this timeline could be explained to Members of the Planning and Development Control Committee, as they were waiting for the plan's policies on issues such as saturation areas for student accommodation.

The City Mayor said that he understood the frustration asked for an officer to provide the details of the time line for the Local Plan, to all Councillors.

Councillor Dawood raised concerns relating to the number of empty shops that were being taken up by Takeaways or Betting shops.

The City Mayor responded that the Council had very limited ability to control the number of such establishments, but it might have more control if there were clear policies included in the Adopted Plan.

Action	Ву
For all Councillors to be given details	Director of Planning, Development
of the timeline for the Local Plan	and Transportation.

Brexit

Councillor Dawood asked the City Mayor about the implications of Brexit for Leicester; including for example, how care workers and the NHS might be affected.

The City Mayor responded that he shared people's frustration. Officers at the Council were doing their best to prepare for whatever Brexit might look like. A very useful report on this issue had been considered at the Audit and Risk Committee in December, and the City Mayor said he would ensure this was sent to Members of the Overview Select Committee.

Action	Ву
For the report on Brexit that was considered at the Audit and Risk Committee, be sent to Members of the Overview Select Committee.	Director of Delivery, Communications and Political Governance.

Right to Buy

Councillor Dawood asked for the City Mayor's views on the 'Right to Buy' policy.

The City Mayor responded that while there was such a desperate need for rented accommodation at a decent price with a responsible landlord, the 'Right to Buy' in areas such as Leicester, ought to be suspended at the discretion of local authorities. The City Mayor said that given the ability, he would want to suspend the 'Right to Buy' as the policy was putting some people into the hands of irresponsible landlords which left those people insecure and vulnerable.

77. GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2019-2020 TO 2021- 2022

The Director of Finance submitted the Draft General Fund Revenue Budget 2019/20 to 2021/22. Members were asked to comment on the Draft Budget, prior to its consideration at the meeting of Council on 20 February 2019.

The Chair introduced the budget and explained that people were living in times of austerity and cities like Leicester had suffered the most. The Council's budget (on a like for like basis) had fallen from £358m in 2010/11 to £291m in 2019/20. The managed reserves strategy had helped the Council to continue to provide services.

The Director of Finance stated that the budget was a one-year budget with a three- year outlook, however there was a significant level of uncertainty as it was not yet known beyond 2019/20 how the Local Governing Financing system would work. In addition, it was not known how the Government would deal with the significant pressures around Adult and Children's Social Care. The budget had been discussed at all the Scrutiny Commissions and minute extracts of

those discussions had been circulated and would be appended to the report for Council.

The City Mayor said that he was very grateful for all the comments received from Scrutiny Commissions so far. Members heard that the Economic Development, Transport and Tourism Scrutiny Committee had requested a breakdown of bus lane enforcement income and Members should either have received that information or would do very shortly.

During the ensuring discussion, comments and queries were raised and the responses included the following:

• Councillor Cutkelvin, Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission stated that concerns had been raised at their meeting on 15 January 2019 which had not been included in the minutes, relating to additional pressures arising from the rising costs of licensed drugs treatment. This had been raised in connection to the contract with Turning Point. Councillor Cutkelvin said that in the context of Brexit, there had been news that the NHS could be impacted by the increased cost of drugs and she questioned whether there were any other risks of that nature that would affect the Health and Wellbeing budget envelope.

The Director responded that she was aware of such issues in relation to the Drug and Alcohol Service and which might also apply to the Sexual Health Service. A number of different suppliers were being used, as cost pressures could arise from being in a single supplier environment. This had been included in the risk register relating to Brexit and it was an issue that would continue to be monitored. There may be some issues arising from Brexit that would fall on Public Health and partner relations. The Director of Delivery, Communications and Political Governance was the lead in preparing for Brexit and would have more information on this.

- Councillor Cleaver, Chair of the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission said that Adult Social Care was a demand led service and the Commission understood the challenge of the budget and the difficulties arising because of the delay to the Green Paper. She asked whether there could be any further preventative measures put in place to help families and middle age people, because Adult Social Care affected other age groups and not just elderly people. The City Mayor agreed that as far as possible, the Council should continue to invest in preventative measures to help people's health and wellbeing.
- Councillor Porter asked if the Council had broken any rules by transferring funds from Adult Social Care to Children's services. He expressed a concern that the Council had misled people by doing this and questioned whether it was likely to happen again.

The City Mayor replied that between 2010 and 2020, the Council had seen significant cuts in spending power but while the budget had decreased significantly, the Council had increased its spending on both Adult Social

Care and Children's Social Care.

The Director of Finance explained that the Council had put significantly more money into Social Care than was raised through the precept. Efficiencies had been made because the Strategic Director had been able to deliver savings ahead of target and the savings were available to support the budget. The Director added that she would be required to certify that money raised through the precept was used for Social Care and this was something which she would be happy to do.

The Chair asked Members whether they supported the recommendations for Council, which were set out in Para 3 of the report. The Chair read out the recommendations as follows:

- 1) approve the budget strategy described in the report and the formal budget resolution for 2019/20, which will be circulated separately;
- 2) note comments received on the draft budget from scrutiny committees, trade unions and other partners;
- 3) approve the budget ceilings for each service, as shown at Appendix One of the report;
- 4) approve the scheme of virement described in Appendix Two of the report;
- 5) note the view that reserves will be adequate during 2019/20 and that estimates used to prepare the budget are robust;
- 6) note the equality implications arising from the proposed tax increase, as described in Paragraph 10 and Appendix Four;
- 7) approve the capital strategy, and associated prudential indicators, described in Paragraph 19 and Appendix Three;
- 8) emphasis the need for outstanding spending reviews to be delivered on time, after appropriate scrutiny; and
- 9) agree that the finance procedure rules applicable to trading organisations (4.9 to 4.14 of the report) shall be applicable only to City Catering, Operational Transport and Highway Maintenance.

AGREED:

that the Overview Select Committee support all the above recommendations as set out in the report.

Councillor Cutkelvin left the meeting during the consideration of this item of business and Councillor Porter left the meeting at the conclusion of this item of business.

78. TREASURY POLICY

The Director of Finance submitted a report that proposed a framework for the governance of Council's borrowing and investments. Members of the Overview Select Committee were recommended to note the report and make any comments to the Director, prior to Council consideration.

The Director gave a power point presentation which related to the Treasury Policy and also the Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20 (Agenda item 13), and the Investment Strategy (Agenda item 14). The power point is attached to the back of the minutes.

Members considered the report and presentation.

The Chair asked the Committee to note the report.

AGREED:

that the report be noted.

79. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2019/20

The Director of Finance submitted a report that proposed a strategy for managing the Council's borrowing and cash balances during 2019 /20 and for the remainder of 2018/19. Members of the Overview Select Committee were asked to note the report and make any comments to the Director prior to Council consideration.

The Director of Finance gave a power point presentation as part of the introduction to the previous item of business, Agenda Item 12 the Treasury Policy. This presentation also related to the Treasury Management Strategy and the Investment Strategy (Agenda item 14).

Members considered the report and presentation.

The Chair asked the Committee to note the report.

AGREED:

that the report be noted.

80. INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Director of Finance submitted a report that sought Council's approval of the Investment Strategy. Members of the Committee were asked to comment on the Strategy prior to its consideration at Council on 20 February.

The Director of Finance gave a power point presentation as part of the introduction to an earlier item of business, Agenda Item 12 the Treasury Policy. The presentation also related to the Investment Strategy and the Treasury

Management Strategy (Agenda Item 13 on the agenda).

At the conclusion of the presentation, the City Mayor thanked the Director for the presentation, commenting that it reflected on the work of highly skilled officers in Leicester City Council. The Council needed to be transparent about their investments and open to scrutiny. The City Mayor added that by acting entrepreneurially, the Council was adding to its assets.

Members commended the Director of Finance and finance officers for their careful management of Council monies.

A Member questioned the Council's stance on ethical investments and the Director responded that this was a difficult issue, but the Council invested as carefully as they were able and took into consideration the chain of investments. The Director added that the Council did not invest in arms or tobacco.

The Chair asked the Committee to note the report.

AGREED:

that the report be noted.

81. SCRUTINY COMMISSIONS' WORK PROGRAMMES

The Committee was asked to formally receive and note the Scoping Document for a review to explore the reasons for educational underachievement of 'African Heritage' pupils and 'white working class pupils' in Leicester. Councillor Dawood, Chair of the Children, Young People and Schools Scrutiny Commission explained that some of the issues had been ongoing for 40 or 50 years and the Scrutiny Commission would not be able to resolve the problem, but the review was a start in the process.

The Chair explained that the Scoping Document was for noting. The document had not been ready in time to be brought to the previous meeting of the Overview Select Committee, but Members had endorsed the scope in order that work on the review could proceed.

AGREED:

that the Scoping Document for a review to explore the reasons for educational underachievement of 'African Heritage' pupils and 'white working class pupils' in Leicester be noted.

82. OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

AGREED:

that the Overview Select Committee work programme be noted.

83. PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

The Chair asked Members to be mindful of items on the Plan of Key Decisions that related to their own Scrutiny Commissions.

84. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

With the permission of the Chair, a Member asked the Committee to note that Downs Syndrome Day took place on 21 March 2019 and it was requested that Council staff be allowed to wear odd socks to raise money for the charity.

85. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.04pm.

Minute Item 75

OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE - 7 February 2019

UPDATE ON THE PETITIONS MONITORING REPORT

The details of the following petitions have now changed since the report was published with the agenda:-

	PETITION Date Received	LEAD PETITIONER	SUBJECT	NEW STATUS	REASON
	10/09/2018	Rt. Hon Jonathan Ashworth MP	Petition over concerns about the speed of traffic on Guilford Road	PETITION PROCESS COMPLETE from Green.	Final letter sent to the Lead Petitioner 1 February 2019.
	27/09/2018	Mr Lenny Moule	Petition calling for traffic calming measures and a 20mph speed limit on Stokes Drive and Darlington Road	PETITION PROCESS COMPLETE from Green.	Final letter sent to the Lead Petitioner 1 February 2019.
2	28/09/2018	Mr Jitu Gosai	Petition to double lane the eastbound stretch of A563 Glenfrith Way between Hallgate Drive junction and Anstey Lane Roundabout	GREEN from Red	Following a recent site visit with the lead petitioner, a proforma is now being prepared and the petition is expected to go Green soon.
0	3/10/2018	Salma Patel	Petition requesting the moving of a bus stop and installation of cameras on the bus lane on Humberstone Road to address problems for Oak Street / Farringdon Street residents	GREEN from Red	Pro-forma returned by the Scrutiny Chair. It is proposed to install Bus Lane Enforcement cameras in spring 2019, install yellow box junctions at each junction to stop vehicles stopping/queuing across the junctions.

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Purpose of Presentation

To describe:

- The Treasury Investment Strategy
- The "Commercial" Investment Strategy

To present the underlying investment principles.

Why Two Strategies?

Treasury Investment Strategy

- · Governs how we manage cash balances
- Part of Treasury Strategy for many years
- · Security of money is paramount
- · Over £200m at any one time

"Commercial" Investment Strategy

- Governs investments such as commercial property and loans to businesses
- · New requirement for a strategy
- Investments need not be solely for financial reasons



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Why do we have cash to invest?

Previous Capital Programmes:-

- · Government used to support borrowing
- Have to raise money in budget to repay debt
- · Actually repaying debt is too expensive

Cash Flow:-

- Council tax raised before spent
- · Capital grant in advance
- Reserves

It is <u>not</u> money we can add to the budget.



Cash Availability

Balances fluctuate considerably.

Some money has to be available at short notice.

Over £150m will always be invested.

We would prefer to repay debt with this but can't.

Treasury Investment: Priorities

- . Security: we must ensure we can get our money back.
- Liquidity: money available when we need it.
- Return : the interest rate (lowest priority).



Security Issues

Strength of lender:-

- Government/local authorities
 Banks/building societies

Additional security sometimes available:-

- Government underwriting
- Charges on assets

Regulatory changes and "Bail In". Diversification.

Length of investment: shorter term is more secur Credit ratings/treasury advisors.

Liquidity

We must be sure we can get money back when we need it – e.g. pay day.

Some money is therefore held in short term deposits/money market funds.

We must ensure investments don't all mature at the same time.



Return

We want to maximise our income, consistent with security and liquidity.

Generally:-

Higher return

- = Less liquidity
- = More risk

If something looks too good to be true, it usually

Some Lessons from the Past

BCCI.

Iceland.

Importance of member scrutiny.





<u>Commercial Investments:</u> <u>Why a Strategy?</u>

New Government requirement.

Response to some authorities making big investments:-

- · Often outside own area
- Borrowing substantial sums

Government believes transparency and member oversight crucial.

For example: Spelthorne BC

Net revenue budget £11m.

Borrowing from PWLB of £1bn.

Investments made/proposed:-

- £360m for BP business centre in Spelthorne
- £170m for offices in Hammersmith
- £160m for office development in Battersea
- £140m for 100, Cheapside



What does the Strategy Cover?

Assets, such as investment property and

Loans to third parties which

"the Council holds primarily or partially to generate a profit".



What have we got?

The corporate estate:-

- Over 300 local properties
- Held for decades

Some loans to businesses.

Strategy doesn't cover:-

Growing Places FundAcquisition of York House

Big loan recently repaid (Blue Tower).

There are opportunities to do more.



Where does the money come from?

Options include:-

- Mainstream capital programme
- "Prudential Borrowing"

"Borrowing" really means using the investments covered by the treasury strategy.

Priorities

Security: balanced with service considerations (e.g. new jobs).

Return: the amount we get back – more complex than interest.

Liquidity: less important than for treasury investments.

Our Principles

Seek to maximise income on corporate estate.

Investment outside LLEP area highly unlikely.

External expert advice where necessary.



Controls

Future investment must comply with this strategy (but decisions still taken in normal manner).

Financial evaluations.

Maximum external debt permitted (backstop).

Controls over prudential borrowing:-

- In aggregate;
- By project.

Formal reporting to members.

Strategy changes need Council approval.



Corporate Estate

Officers encouraged to invest/disinvest.

Some borrowing permitted.

Routine monitoring:-

- Yield
- Voids

Comparison with benchmarks.



Other Allowable Investments

Commercial/Industrial Properties.

Non-HRA housing.

Development land and infrastructure.

Economic development loans to businesses.

Loans to/on behalf of LLEP.



Monitoring of Other Investments

Achieved returns.

Capital growth.

Money paid back on time.

Write offs or loss of value.

Service benefits.



Summary

These areas of work have always been important.

New Government interest due to behaviour of some authorities.

Approach now more regularised/greater member oversight.

Transparency.



Appendix B



WARDS AFFECTED All Wards - Corporate Issue

FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS: Overview Select Committee

4 April 2019

Tracking of Petitions - Monitoring Report

Report of the Monitoring Officer

1. Purpose of Report

To provide Members with an update on the current status of responses to petitions against the Council's target of providing a formal response within 3 months of being referred to the Divisional Director.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the current status of outstanding petitions and to agree to remove those petitions marked 'Petition Process Complete' from the report.

3. Report

The Committee is responsible for monitoring the progress and outcomes of petitions received within the Council. An Exception Report, showing those petitions currently outstanding or for consideration at the current Overview Select Committee meeting is attached.

The Exception Report contains comments on the current progress on each of the petitions. The following colour scheme approved by the Committee is used to highlight progress and the report has now been re-arranged to list the petitions in their colour groups for ease of reference:

- Red denotes those petitions for which a pro-forma has not been completed within three months of being referred to the Divisional Director.
- Petition Process Complete denotes petitions for which a response pro-forma has sent to the relevant Scrutiny Commission Chair for comment, subsequently endorsed by the Lead Executive Member and the Lead Petitioner and Ward Members informed of the response to the petition.

- Green denotes petitions for which officers have proposed a recommendation in response to a petition, and a response pro-forma has been sent to the relevant Scrutiny Commission Chair for comment, before being endorsed by the Lead Executive Member.
- Amber denotes petitions which are progressing within the prescribed timescales, or have provided clear reasoning for why the three-month deadline for completing the response pro-forma has elapsed.

In addition, all Divisional Directors have been asked to ensure that details of <u>all</u> petitions received direct into the Council (not just those formally accepted via a Council Meeting or similar) are passed to the Monitoring Officer for logging and inclusion on this monitoring schedule.

4. Financial, Legal and Other Implications

There are no legal, financial or other implications arising from this report.

5. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

The Council's current overall internal process for responding to petitions.

6. Consultations

Staff in all teams who are progressing outstanding petitions.

7. Report Author

Angie Smith Democratic Services Officer Ext. 376354

Date Petition referred to Divisional Director	Received From	Subject	Type - Cncr (C) Public (P)	No. of Sig	Ward	Date Receipt Reported to Council (C) / Committee (Cttee)	Lead Divisional Director	Current Position	Scrutiny Chair Involvement	Date of Final Response Letter Sent to Lead Petitioner	
05/11/2018		Petiton calling for the Council to reconsider the seven permanent speed reduction refuges on Shanklin Drive	(p)	30	Knighton		Andrew L Smith	The draft pro-forma has been developed. Officers have met with the petitioners and councillors. Councillors want to review the options with the Executive Lead Members before any final recomendation is made to properly close out the petition.			RED
14/06/2017	Mrs Margaret Marriott	Petition requesting the council take action possible to require Sanctuary Housing to deal with the problems caused by John Calvert Court	(p)	148	Beaumont Leys	Cllr Waddington presented the petition to Council Meeting on 6 July 2017	Chris Burgin	The Council has no legal interest in the site or it's redevelopment as the land is in private ownership but is are working with the owner, to try and get a positive outcome. Sanctuary Housing Association, the owners of the site has confirmed that they propose to demolish the building and have spoken with the Council Planners to discuss options to re-develop the site. John Calvert Court was built with funding from the NHS, part of this funding is re-payable to the NHS, and there is a legal charge on the property. Arrangements are in place for John Calvert Court to be demolished and the site cleared once agreement has been reached with the NHS. Sanctuary Housing Association has been exploring development options for the site which include the provision of market sale housing, low cost ownership products and affordable rent housing. A final decision had not been made. The Council will continue to work with Sanctuary to help and assist them re-develop the site as soon as possible.	Pro-forma returned by Scrutiny Chair who is content with the response.		GREEN
28/09/2018	Mr Jitu Gosai	Petition to double lane the eastbound stretch of A563 Glenfrith Way between Hallgate Drive junction and Anstey Lane Roundabout	(p)	92	Beaumont Leys	Cllr Rae Bhatia presented to Council 4 October 2018	Andrew L Smith	In view of the concerns of the petitioners, the action proposed is to keep under review options to secure funding that would allow potentially signalising the Anstey Lane roundabout and widening the carriageway as requested. Such a scheme would have to compete against other opportunities, however, giventhe linkage to the A46, Beaumont Leys and other local businesses, works on Glenfrith Way and Anstey lane roundabout could be a strong contender in the future programme of works.	Proforma sent to the Scrutiny Chair		GREEN
	Salma Patel	Petition requesting the moving of a bus stop and installation of cameras on the bus lane on Humberstone Road to address problems for Oak Street / Farringdon Street completed within 3 movements.	(p)		North Evington		Andrew L Smith				PETITION COMPLETE

RED – Pro-forma not completed within 3 months of being referred to Divisional Director

PETITION PROCESS COMPLETE – Scrutiny Chair commented on Pro-forma, Lead Executive Member signed off response and final letter sent to Lead Petitioner

GREEN – Lead Executive Member consulted on proposed response and Pro-forma sent to Scrutiny Chair

AMBER - Petition response progressing within 3 months of being referred to Divisional Director

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04/12/2018	B Lorraine Chamberlain	Petition requesting Aqua Aerobics instructors be sourced for the Spence Street Sports Leisure Centre.	(p)	28	North Evington		Ivan Browne	Additional class instructers have been sourced to provide an improved exercise programme, reintroducing Aqua classes at Spence Street Sport Centre. The group exercise programme will now provide a total of five Aqua classes throughout the week for customers to continue a healthy and active lifestyle.	Proforma returned by the Scrutiny Chair	13/03/2019	PETITION COMPLETE
08/01/2019	Mrs Rowshonara Begum	Petition askig for a clean safe path to Darul Arqam gates, removal of local branches, an area free from dog fouling and litter, adequate lighting and safe environment	(p)	23	Troon		John Leach	Property Services have confirmed that the land is not within the ownership of the Council. It appears that the land is in the ownership of Redrow Homes who are undertaking the development. The Council is therefore unable to take any action in this instance. A final response letter has been sent to the Lead Petitoner.			PETITION COMPLETE
11/01/2019	Rumena Rahman	Petition to make Rowsley Street a one-way street	(p)	94	Stoneygate		Andrew L Smith	The City Council's proposed course of action for this petition is to use it to add support to the case for including Rowsley Street in this year's one-way street program. The proforma has been developed and awaits approval.	t		AMBER
11/01/2019	Mrs Rowshonara Begum	Petition asking for: * Adequate parking facility for Falcoln school users * Grit box on Little Dunmow road * Clean safer area (grey recycling bins and signs for NO DOG FOUL)		11	Troon		Andrew L Smith	Information has been gathered from different areas of the Council, and a proforma is being developed.			AMBER
17/01/2019	Mr Waqar Aziz	Petition for residents of Kimberley Road to join the consultation of gaining residential parking along with Mundella and Herschell Street residents	(p)	16	Stoneygate		Andrew L Smith	Petition sent to Divisional Director			AMBER
13/02/2019	Jean Burbridge	Petition asking the Council to reconsider an increase in room hire charges at New Walk Museum, which would affect a yoga class held there		26	Castle		Mike Dalzell	Petition sent to Divisional Director			AMBER
19/02/2019	Cllr Fonseca	Petitioners urge the Council to take immediate action to address issues at the junction with Frisby Road / Ulderscroft Road and Forest Road	` '	168 supported by 171 e- petition signatures	North Evington		Andrew L Smith	Petition sent to Divisional Director			AMBER

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	Nilesh Makhwana / Ashley Jones	Petition requesting the Council instlal CCTV cameras to monitor and safeguard the area around Stokes Drive, Darlington Road and surrounding streets	(p)	306	Beaumont Leys		John Leach	Petition sent to Divisional Director			AMBER
07/03/2019		Petiton asking for the closure of the alleyway between Thorpewell and the Wayne Way to be closed off	(p)	82	Evington		Andrew L Smith	Petition sent to Divisional Director			AMBER
12/03/2019	Buchanan	Petiton to allow Beaumont Lodge Neighbourhood Centre to be transferred as an asset to the residing charity Beaumont Lodge Neighbourhood Association CIO		14 Paper 198 E- Petition		Petition to be presented to Full Council 21/3/19	Matt Wallace	Petition sent to Divisional Director			AMBER

Appendix C

Overview Select Committee (OSC) Finance Task Group

Minutes of Meeting held on 21st March 2019

Present

Cllr Baljit Singh, Chair of Task Group Cllr Ratilal Govind, Vice-Chair Cllr Jean Khote Alison Greenhill, Director of Finance Amy Oliver, Chief Accountant

Apologies

Cllr Virginia Cleaver
Cllr Elly Cutkelvin
Cllr Mohammed Dawood
Cllr Inderjit Gugnani
Cllr Ross Grant
Cllr Nigel Porter
Cllr Paul Westley

1. Revenue Budget Monitoring – Period 9, 2018/19

- 1.1 Cllr Singh introduced the revenue monitoring report, highlighting the continual pressures in Children's and Adults Social Care.
- 1.2 Alison Greenhill noted it was positive to see there was no fundamental changes in forecasts to those that had been previously reported through the year. Further to this that all services are forecasting they will operate within their resources for the year.
- 1.3 Members noted the additional spending review savings that are included in the report and the importance of these to ensure the Council lives within its means.
- 1.4 Members noted the continued pressures in Coronial Services, leading to a forecast overspend. Alison Greenhill confirmed that this is not an area we can control expenditure. A question was asked to whether the overspend was a national problem. Post the meeting further clarity has been sought regarding the overspend in Coronial Services to whether this is a national or local issue. It was confirmed the funding arrangements of the Service are due to an historical agreement that set a cap locally. Although the cost of the service is increasing as salaries, post mortem computed tomography and pathology costs rise, this is a national issue. Local Authorities are starting to challenge Central Government on the rising burden of this service.

2. Capital Budget Monitoring -Period 9, 2018/19

- 2.1 Members noted the spend to date of £65.7m, and the recommendations within in the report.
- 2.2 Members asked about the decisions included in the report and why they had not been included at the time of setting the budget. Alison Greenhill explained this is due to projects being unknown at the time of setting the budget or new funding becoming available. Further to this some of the decisions are for the release of policy provisions that we approved as part of the budget setting process.
- 2.3 Alison Greenhill went through the individual decisions within the report and explained the reasons for each and where the funding was coming from.
- 2.4 Members asked for more information regarding S106 monies that had been received. Alison guided Members to a Freedom of Information (FOI) request covering the period 1st April 2013 to 30th April 2018. This FOI can be found on the following link;

https://directory.leicester.gov.uk/foi-directory/foia-15655/

Appendix C1



Revenue Budget Monitoring – Period 9, 2018/19

Decision to be taken by: City Mayor

Overview Select Committee date: 4th April 2019

Lead director: Alison Greenhill

Useful information

■ Ward(s) affected: All

■ Report author: Amy Oliver

■ Author contact details: amy.oliver@leicester.gov.uk

1. Summary

This report is the third in the monitoring cycle for 2018/19 and forecasts the expected performance against the budget for the year.

The scale of Government funding cuts has put departments under pressure to provide services with less funding. It is pleasing that all services are forecasting they will operate within their resources for the year. Given the number of local authorities facing overspends this financial year, this is a positive position.

The key issues during the last few years have been the continued pressures within Adult Social Care and Children's Services. However, it is encouraging to report that, both departments forecast they can live within their resources, this financial year. The budget report for 2019/20 highlights the continued growth in social care costs and the pressure this puts on budgets going forward.

Corporate Resources are forecasting to remain within budget for 2018/19.

As reported at period 3, there remain significant pressures in City Development and Neighbourhoods. But following the realignment of budgets earlier in the year and the achievement of spending review savings the department is now forecast to remain in budget for the year. However, the department has significant work to do to implement the Technical Services Review to achieve budgeted savings in 2019/20.

Significant savings have been achieved on Corporate budgets due to early achievement of spending review savings.

As previously reported, substantial savings are forecast on capital financing costs, assuming a policy change is approved at outturn.

Members are reminded that the final report of the year, will contain decisions that will need to be taken prior to discussion at OSC. This is due to the earlier closedown date of the 31st May for the Council's Annual Accounts.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Executive is recommended to:

- Note the emerging picture detailed in the report;
- Approve the budget reductions arising from achieved spending review savings, as detailed in Appendix C of this report.
- Note the receipt of the £2.8m refund of VAT for sports services and £1.5m from the Government allocating sums formerly top-sliced from national grant. These sums have retained in case they are needed to match fund a £10m "Transforming Cities" bid, as detailed in the General Fund Revenue Budget 2019/20 to 2021/22 report.

2.2 The OSC is recommended to:

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

3. Supporting information including options considered:

The General Fund budget set for the financial year 2018/19 was £259.7m.

Appendix A summarises the budget for 2018/19. Whilst all departments are forecasting spend very close to budget, this arises from active management of the budget (and the use of one off sums set aside for this purpose);

Appendix B provides more detailed commentary on the forecast position for each area of the Council's operations;

Appendix C details the budget amendments required, consequent to spending review savings;

4. Financial, legal and other implications

4.1 Financial & Legal implications

This report is solely concerned with financial issues.

Alison Greenhill, Director of Finance, Ext 37 4001

4.2 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

This report is solely concerned with financial issues.

4.3 Equality Impact Assessment

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

4.4 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.

Report to Council on the 21st February 2018 on the General Fund revenue budget 2018/19.

Period 6 Monitoring report and minutes of OSC Finance task group presented to OSC on 13th December 2018.

6. Summary of appendices:

Appendix A – P9 Budget Monitoring Summary;

Appendix B – Divisional Narrative – Explanation of Variances;

Appendix C – Spending Review Savings

7. Is this a private report?

No

8. Is this a "key decision"?

No

Revenue Budget at Period 9, 2018/19

	Current Budget for	Forecast @	
2018-19 Period 9 Monitoring	Year	Period 9	Variance
Neighbourhood & Environmental Services	31,131.3	31,131.3	0.0
Tourism Culture & Inward Investment	5,866.9	5,866.9	0.0
Planning, Development & Transportation	15,853.2	15,853.2	0.0
Estates & Building Services	5,253.8	5,253.8	0.0
Departmental Overheads	549.6	549.6	0.0
Housing Services	3,025.7	3,025.7	0.0
City Development & Neighbourhoods	61,680.5	61,680.5	0.0
Adult Social Care	104,011.2	104,011.2	0.0
Public Health & Sports Services	20,070.7	19,893.4	(177.3)
Strategic Commissioning & Business Support	698.3	698.3	0.0
Learning Services	10,648.6	10,648.6	0.0
Children, Young People & Families	54,645.9	54,645.9	0.0
Departmental Resources	(6,575.4)	(6,575.4)	0.0
Education & Childrens Services	59,417.4	59,417.4	0.0
Delivery, Communications & Political Governance	5,840.1	5,840.1	0.0
Financial Services	10,662.3	10,662.3	0.0
Human Resources	3,842.5	3,842.5	0.0
Information Services	9,287.4	9,287.4	0.0
Legal Services	2,628.5	2,628.5	0.0
Corporate Resources & Support	32,260.8	32,260.8	0.0
Housing Benefits (Client Payments)	500.0	500.0	0.0
Total Operational	277,940.6	277,763.3	(177.3)
Corporate Budgets	4,743.8	1,024.0	(3,719.8)
Capital Financing	14,020.6	5,846.0	(8,174.6)
Total Corporate & Capital Financing	18,764.4	6,870.0	(11,894.4)
Public Health Grant	(26,804.0)	(26,811.0)	(7.0)
Use of Reserves	(10,227.8)	(10,227.8)	0.0
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	259,673.2	247,594.5	(12,078.7)

<u>Divisional Narrative – Explanation of Variances</u>

Corporate Resources and Support

Corporate Resources Department is forecasting to breakeven on their net budget of £32.1m.

Finance

1.1. The Financial Services Division expects to break even.

2. Human Resources & Workforce Development

2.1. Human Resources is forecasting an underspend of £529k, due to vacancies and income. The underspend will cover the in-year costs of the Digital Transformation Team.

3. Information Services

3.1. Information Services is forecasting a break-even position.

4. Delivery Communications & Political Governance (DCPG)

4.1. The Delivery, Communications and Political Governance Division forecasts an underspend of £408k due to increased grant income for elections and additional income from Community Languages, and further savings in running costs across the Division. The underspend will be transferred to DCPG reserves to fund the expected future costs of Digital Transformation Team.

5. Legal, Registration & Coronial Services

- 5.1. Legal Services Division is forecasting a balanced outturn.
- 5.2. Coronial Services are forecasting an overspend of £262k due to high costs in pathology tests and increased workload, continuing the pattern of recent times. The overspend will be funded from corporate budgets in line with normal policy.

City Development and Neighbourhoods

The department is forecasting to breakeven on a net budget of £61.6m, after the delivery of approved savings.

6. Planning, Transportation and Economic Development

6.1. The division is forecasting a balanced budget outturn. Pressures continue on income budgets (including parking and advertising), which are being offset by additional income from bus lane enforcement and by controlling expenditure budgets

7. Tourism, Culture & Inward Investment

7.1. The division is forecasting a break-even position.

8. Neighbourhood & Environmental Services

8.1. The division is forecasting a break-even position.

9. Estates & Building Services

- 9.1. The Division has adopted the corporate landlord model and reorganised the budgets reflecting the new organisational structure. A balanced out-turn is forecast.
- 9.2. However, the 2019/20 budget will be significantly reduced by previously approved savings from the Technical Services Review, with the work on-going to implement the necessary changes. This will be a challenge.

10. Housing General Fund

10.1. The introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act has increased the level of demand on front line services. The Homelessness Service had difficulty recruiting to vacant posts in the first half of the year, which has led to underspends on staff costs. These posts have now all been recruited to. This underspend has been offset by increased expenditure on temporary accommodation, the cost of supporting people into private sector accommodation, and improvement works to Prebend Gardens.

11. Housing Revenue Account

- 11.1. The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a ring-fenced income and expenditure account relating to the management and maintenance of the Council's housing stock. The HRA is forecast to underspend by £1.3m, excluding revenue used for capital spending (which is reported in the capital monitoring report). This is a small increase on the forecast underspend in the previous report and is largely attributable to savings on capital financing costs.
- 11.2. Income is forecast to be £0.2m higher than the budget. As previously reported, £0.6m can be released from the bad debt provision and an additional £0.1m of income is arising from high occupancy levels within hostels. However, the number of council dwellings being managed by the service is lower than was budgeted, resulting in a reduction of £0.5m on core rental income and service charges.
- 11.3. An overspend of £0.6m is expected due to unplanned lift refurbishment work (£0.1m) and preventative maintenance work to the district heating network and pipework entering blocks of flats (£0.5m).
- 11.4. Management and Landlord Services are projected to underspend by £0.1m. As previously expected, vacancies across the service are forecast to result in an underspend of £0.6m, offset by costs associated with moving tenants out of Goscote House (£0.2m) and increased costs of heating and lighting communal areas.
- 11.5. As reported within the period 6 report, savings of £1.6m will be made on capital financing costs. This arises from the beneficial repayment of a loan. These represent the early delivery of savings which will be used to fund known future pressures on the HRA.

Adult Social Care

12. Adult Social Care

- 12.1. The department is forecasting to spend £104m as per the budget.
- 12.2. Year to date there has been a net increase of 45 long term service users, 0.9% of the 5,068 users at the beginning of the year. The growth was predominantly in the over 65, elderly cohort, with no net increase in either adult mental health or learning disability related service users

- 12.3. The forecast rate of increase in need of existing service users is 5.5%, adding £5.6m to in year costs. This is comparable with 2017/18 but significantly is the first year that the rate of change of this increase has slowed. The equivalent rates in the previous 3 years were 2.5%, 3.4% and 5.3%. Whilst far too early to draw any firm conclusions this slow-down would be in line with our expectations that there is a limit to the density of care packages that existing service users require.
- 12.4. We are still working with the CCG to review the re-assessments of joint funded packages of care that they have undertaken this year. The full year impact will be felt in 2019/20 and is still estimated at up to £2m.
- 12.5. Whilst it is difficult to provide a definitive outturn position, the impact of a slowdown in client cost growth and early achievement of savings implies that we are to make savings on the current year's budget.

Health Improvement & Wellbeing

13. Public Health & Sports Services

- 13.1. The department is forecasting to spend £19.9m in total, £17.0m on Public Health and £2.9m on Sports Services which is £184k less than the combined budget of £20.1m.
- 13.2. The overall forecast underspend of £184k predominantly arises from within the Public Health services as a result of lower demand for Sexual Health Services and NHS Health Check programme. The new contract for Sexual Health services began on 1 January 2019 and will transfer to the new building in March. The NHS health check programme will be re-procured in 2019. The decline in take up recently in Leicester has been mirrored nationally.

Education and Children's Services

14. Education and Children's Services

14.1. The department is forecasting to spend £59.6m as per the budget. The significant pressures in social care and transport reported in the first quarter's revenue report remain. These are being dealt with this financial year by using one off departmental funds as planned in the budget.

- 14.2. The number of looked after children stood at 692 at the end of December, an overall increase of 10 since the beginning of the year. High cost external residential placements remain lower than at the beginning of the year with 33 at the end of December compared to 40 at April. The availability of sufficient internal foster carers remains an issue and placements with independent fostering agencies have increased slightly since the last forecast to 114, compared to 98 at the start of the year.
- 14.3. The new Functional Family Therapy Child Welfare team and MST Child Abuse and Neglect teams became operational in September. The new and existing programmes have diverted 107 children from care in the first 9 months of the year. This is nearly 50% of the 235 that would otherwise have become looked after in that period.
- 14.4. The DfE announced additional one-off funding for the High Needs Block of £886k in 2018/19 and 2019/20. This is inadequate to address the shortfall of £3m in our overall £45.1m allocation as described in previous reports. There remains a significant pressure in this area both locally and nationally.

Corporate Items & Reserves

15. Corporate Items

- 15.1. The corporate budgets cover the Council's capital financing costs, items such as audit fees, bank charges and levies. At present we are forecasting a £11.9m underspend.
- 15.2. Corporate budgets are showing a £3.7m underspend largely due to spending review savings achieved in year. The spending review savings will be transferred to reserves as part of the managed reserves strategy and be available to support the 2019/20 budget.
- 15.3. As reported at period 6, significant savings of £8.2m are forecast on capital financing changes. These arise from a proposed change in policy on debt repayment, savings on an early loan repayment, and increased interest on cash balances. The position requires a change in policy from the original budget, and approval will be sought at outturn.

Spending Review Savings

As members are aware, the Council needs to achieve substantial savings to live within its means in future years. The key means by which we seek to achieve these is the spending review programme. The current round has been termed Spending Review 4 and savings are formally taken from the budget as the associated actions are confirmed.

Further savings within the City Development and Neighbourhoods Department are now proposed, largely taking effect from 2019/20, as shown in the table below.

Description of Saving	Division	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Organisational Review within Museum Services	TCII	0	300	300	300
Grant Reductions	TCII	0	20	20	20
Investment Property Review	EBS	0	150	150	150
Service efficiencies identified - Neighbourhood and Environmental Services	NES	0	73	73	73
Income generation- New Pay & Display bays and dropped kerb charges	PDT	20	100	100	100
Efficiencies within Highways	PDT	0	320	370	370
Income general/cost reduction gypsy & travellers' sites	HSG	0	10	10	10
		20	973	1,023	1,023

Further detail of the more significant spending review savings in City Development and Neighbourhoods are detailed below.

- Twinning Grants (£20k), this is a reduction in the grant provided to CLETA and Rajkot.
- Investment Property Review (£150k), further efficiencies have been identified in the management of the portfolio. As well as there being an increased focus on net yields.
- Highways Maintenance (£320k), a review process has been implemented to ensure work is prioritised and kept within the resources available. Further to this the utilisation of new technology (LED streetlights), has reduced the maintenance requirements.

Further savings have also been identified by Public Health and are now proposed, as detailed in the table below;

Description of Saving	Division	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Negotiated Savings from Current 0-19	Public				
contract	Health	0	50	50	50
Over achievement of earlier Lifestyle	Public				
Services spending review savings	Health	0	0	45	45
		0	50	95	95

Appendix C2 Executive Decision Report

Capital Budget Monitoring – Period 9, 2018/19

Decision to be taken by: City Mayor

Overview Select Committee date: 4th April 2019

Lead director: Alison Greenhill



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1. **Summary**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to show the position of the capital programme for 2018/19 as at the end of Period 9.

1.2 This is the third capital monitoring report of the financial year following similar monitoring reports as at Period 3 and Period 6. A final report will be presented at Outturn.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Executive is recommended to:
 - Note total spend of £65.7m for the year to date.
 - Note the progress in delivery of major projects, as shown at Appendix A.
 - Note progress on spending work programmes, as shown at Appendix B.
 - Note that the great majority of provisions remain unspent as shown at Appendix C.
 - Approve the addition of £660k to the capital programme for St Mary's Allotments, funded from S106 payments, to create new play areas, landscaping and habitat creation.
 - Approve the addition of £600k to the capital programme for a new Cash Income Management system, to be funded from earmarked reserves.
 - Approve the addition of £578k to the Ashton Green scheme, as detailed in Appendix A, Planning, Development & Transportation, Para 2.3.
 - Approve the addition of £384k for Tower Block Redevelopment as detailed in Appendix A, Housing, Para 2.3.
 - Approve the budget transfers within Children's Services and the release of £1,765k from the New School Places policy provision to fund additional project costs, as detailed in Appendix A, Children's Services, Para 2.11.
 - Approve the addition of £430k for residual BSF works, to be funded from the BSF Landlord Lifecycle Fund, as detailed in Appendix B, Para 3.10.
 - Approve the addition of £400k for Haymarket Theatre to be funded from resources set aside for the Economic Action Plan, as detailed in Appendix D, Para 1.2.

The OSC is recommended to:

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

3. Supporting Information including options considered

- 3.1 The 2018/19 to 2019/20 Capital Programme was approved by Council on 30th November 2017 and amended at the 2017/18 outturn.
- 3.2 The capital programme is split in the following way:

- (a) Schemes classified as '**immediate starts**', which require no further approval to commence; and
- (b) A number of separate '**policy provisions**' which are not released until specific proposals have been approved by the Executive:
- 3.3 Immediate Starts are further split into:
 - (a) **Projects**, which are discrete, individual schemes such as a road scheme or a new building. Monitoring of projects focusses on delivery of projects on time and the achievement of milestones. Consequently, there is no attention given to in-year financial slippage;
 - (b) **Work Programmes**, which consist of minor works or similar on-going schemes where there is an allocation of money to be spent during a particular year. Monitoring of work programmes focusses on whether the money is spent in a timely fashion;
 - (c) **Provisions**, which are sums of money set aside in case they are needed, where low spend is a favourable outcome rather than indicative of a problem;
 - (d) **Schemes which are substantially complete**. These schemes are the tail end of schemes in previous years' capital programmes, usually consisting of small amounts of money brought forward from earlier years;
- 3.4 A summary of the total approved 2018/19 to 2019/20 capital programme as at Period 9 is shown below:

	£000
Projects	145,265
Work Programmes	86,574
Provisions	1,195
Schemes nearly complete	10,806
Total Immediate Starts	243,840
Policy Provisions	81,071
Total Capital Programme	324,911

3.5 The following changes have occurred to the capital programme since Period 6:

	£000
Installation of Sprinklers in Maxfield House	450
Affordable Housing - Acquisitions	6,400
Affordable Housing - LA New Build	200
Affordable Housing - Other	666
Ashton Green Highway Infrastructure	10,000
Transport Improvement Works	100
City Centre Street Improvements	250
Council Housing - Insulation Works	176
Highways Maintenance	1,158
Other	(360)
Net Movements	19,040

These additions are included in the table at 3.5 above.

The following appendices to this report show progress on each type of scheme:

- Appendix A Projects
- Appendix B Work Programmes
- Appendix C Provisions
- Appendix D Projects Substantially Complete
- Appendix E Policy Provisions
- 3.6 This report only monitors policy provisions to the extent that spending approval has been given, at which point they will be classified as projects, work programmes or provisions.

3.7 Capital Receipts

- 3.7.1 At Period 9, the Council has realised £7.2m of General Fund capital receipts. These receipts are not required to fund the current programme. In line with our policies, with the exception of any earmarked receipts, these are set aside for future capital programmes.
- 3.7.2 Right to Buy receipts this year have so far amounted to £13.6m.

4. Financial, Legal and other Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

This report is solely concerned with financial issues.

Alison Greenhill, Director of Finance, 37 4001

4.2 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising directly from the recommendations of this report.

Emma Horton, Head of Law (Commercial, Property and Planning).

4.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction Implications

This report is solely concerned with financial issues.

4.4 Equalities Implications

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

4.5 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. <u>Is this a private report</u>

No.

6. <u>Is this a "key decision"?</u>

No.

7. If a key decision please explain reason

N/A.

PROJECTS

1. Summary

1.1 As stated in the cover report, the focus of monitoring projects is physical delivery, ie whether they are being delivered on time, on budget and to the original specification. This appendix summarises progress on projects. Project summaries provided by departments/divisions are shown on pages 9-20 within this Appendix.

	Budget	2018/19
Department / Division	2018/19	Spend
Department / Division	to 2019/20	to Date
	£000	£000
Corporate Resources	1,816	980
Adult Social Care	4,892	681
Planning, Development & Transportation	79,810	9,654
Tourism, Culture & Inward Investment	8,682	2,325
Neighbourhood & Environmental Services	230	35
Estates & Building Services	11,043	549
Children's Services	29,704	14,100
Public Health	3,619	1,189
Housing Revenue Account	5,469	1,150
Total	145,265	30,663

- 1.2 A list of the individual projects is shown in the table on pages 6-8 of this report. This also summarises the progress of each project. Attention is drawn to expected completion dates and any project issues that have arisen.
- 1.3 A colour-coded rating of progress of each project has been determined, based on whether the project is progressing as expected, and whether it is still expected to complete within budget.
- 1.4 The ratings used are:
 - (a) **Green** Successful delivery of the project on time, within budget, to specification and in line with original objectives seems very likely. There are no major issues that appear to threaten delivery significantly.
 - (b) **Amber** Successful delivery of the project on time, within budget, to specification and in line with original objectives appears probable. However, some risks exist and close attention will be required to ensure these risks do not materialise into major issues threatening delivery. Alternatively, a project is classed as amber if some insubstantial slippage or minor overspend is probable.
 - (c) **Red** Successful delivery of the project on time, within budget, to specification and in line with original objectives appears to be unachievable. The project is expected to require redefining, significant additional time or additional budget.
 - (d) Blue The project is complete.
 - (e) **Purple** The project is on hold, for reasons which have nothing to do with management of the capital programme. Examples include reconsideration of whether the project is still needed as originally proposed, or withdrawal of a funder.

2. <u>Summary of Individual Projects</u>

		Total	2018/19	Forecast	Original	Forecast	Previous	Project
Dept/		Budget	Spend	U/(O)spend	Completion	Completion	Reported	RAG Rating
Division	Project	(£000)	(£000)	(£000)	Date	Date	RAG Rating	@ Period 9
CRS	Automatic Call Distribution System Upgrade	203	180	0	Apr-18	TBC	Amber	Red
CRS	Finance, HR & Payroll System	1,613	800	0	Jun-17	TBC	Red	Red
ASC	ICT Investment - Phase 2 - Liquidlogic	627	474	0	Jan-19	Mar-19	Green	Green
ASC	Improvement to Day Care Services at Hastings Road	267	207	0	Apr-16	Mar-19	Green	Green
ASC	Specialist Dementia Care Centre	1,548	0	0		TBC	Purple	Purple
ASC	Extra Care Schemes	2,450	0	0		Aug-20	Purple	Green
CDN (PDT)	Leicester North West Major Transport Scheme	8,720	817	0	Mar-19	Mar-21	Amber	Amber
CDN (PDT)	North City Centre Access Improvement Scheme	10,559	3,329	0	Feb-20	Nov-20	Green	Green
CDN (PDT)	Anstey Lane Improvements for Ashton Green	7,900	0	0	May-19	Mar-20	Green	Green
CDN (PDT)	City Centre Street Improvements	2,512	445	0	Apr-19	Dec-20	Green	Green
CDN (PDT)	Waterside Strategic Regeneration Area	17,764	3,137	0	Mar-23	Mar-23	Green	Green
CDN (PDT)	St George's Churchyard	857	1	0	Aug-18	Aug-19	Amber	Purple
CDN (PDT)	Great Central Street / Vaughan Way	2,740	57	0	Jan-19	Aug-19	Green	Green
CDN (PDT)	Ashton Green	404	509	(578)	Mar-18	Mar-19	Green	Amber
CDN (PDT)	Pioneer Park	4,217	359	0	Jan-21	Jan-21	Green	Green
CDN (PDT)	Newarke Street Car Park improvements	247	100	0	Sep-18	May-19	Green	Green
CDN (PDT)	Abbey Park Precinct Wall	92	0	0	Aug-19	Aug-19	Green	Green
CDN (PDT)	Pioneer Park Commercial Workspace (formerly Dock 2)	1,148	18	0	Spring 18	Spring 20	Amber	Amber
CDN (PDT)	Connecting Leicester - Low Carbon Schemes	7,250	819	0	Nov-20	Nov-20	Green	Green
CDN (PDT)	Putney Road Link	4,859	63	0	Dec-19	Nov-19	Green	Green
CDN (PDT)	22 St. Georges Way	541	0	0	Feb-19	Feb-19	N/A	Green
CDN (PDT)	Ashton Green Highways Infrastructure	10,000	0	0	Mar-21	Mar-21	N/A	Green
CDN (TCI)	Jewry Wall Museum Improvements	2,691	107	0	Mar-19	Sep-20	Amber	Green
CDN (TCI)	Leicester Market Redevelopment	5,030	1,752	0	Dec-18	Mar-20	Amber	Amber
CDN (TCI)	Abbey Pumping Station	482	157	0	Mar-19	Jun-19	Green	Green
CDN (TCI)	De Montfort Hall Improvement Works	479	309	0	Sep-18	Feb-19	Amber	Green

COLOUR KEY : Successful Delivery Likely [Green] [Amber] Successful Delivery Probable [Red] Project Complete [Purple] Project on Hold

		Total	2018/19	Forecast	Original	Forecast	Previous	Project
Dept/		Budget	Spend	U/(O)spend	Completion	Completion	Reported	RAG Rating
Division	Project	(£000)	(£000)	(£000)	Date	Date	RAG Rating	@ Period 9
CDN (NES)	Library Management System	130	35	0	Dec-18	Mar-19	Green	Green
CDN (NES)	City Centre Playground	100	0	0	Mar-19	Mar-20	Green	Amber
CDN (EBS)	Haymarket House, Car Parks & Lifts	10,067	373	0	Mid - 20	Mid - 20	Green	Amber
CDN (EBS)	11-15 Horsefair Street	516	168	(177)	Nov-18	May-19	Amber	Amber
CDN (EBS)	City Hall Power Backup	300	5	0	Sep-18	TBC	Amber	Purple
CDN (EBS)	Great Central Railway Museum	160	3	0	Oct-18	TBC	Purple	Purple
ECS	Waterside Primary School Feasibility	1,223	1,024	(400)	Aug-19	Dec-18	Green	Blue
ECS	Additional Places - Marriott	1,390	42	(50)	Sep-18	May-19	Amber	Amber
ECS	Secondary School Places - PFI schools	568	512	0	Aug-19	Dec-18	Purple	Blue
ECS	Secondary School Places - Non-PFI schools	259	791	(750)	Jul-19	Dec-18	Amber	Blue
ECS	St Paul's Temporary Modular Buildings	582	0	(50)	Sep-18	Apr-19	Green	Amber
ECS	Fullhurst School Expansions	14,832	11,121	550	Aug-19	Feb-19	Green	Green
ECS	SEND Places Expansion - Phase 1	2,064	129	350	Nov-18	Mar-19	Green	Amber
ECS	Primary Pupil Referral Unit Expansion	2,657	1	(150)	Oct-19	Oct-19	Green	Amber
ECS	St John the Baptist Primary Extension	1,566	396	(50)	May-19	May-19	Green	Amber
ECS	Additional SEND Places - Phase 2 - Knighton Fields Centre	3,574	0	(350)	Dec-19	Dec-19	N/A	Amber
ECS	Wigston Lane Children's Home	500	28	0	Nov-18	May-19	Green	Green
ECS	Children's Homes - Netherhall	264	11	0	Sep-17	Dec-19	Green	Green
ECS	Children's Homes - Tatlow Road	225	45	0	Dec-17	Apr-19	Green	Green
PH	Relocation of Sexual Health Clinic	1,374	1,189	0	Mar-18	Feb-19	Green	Green
PH	Leisure Centre Improvement Programme	2,245	0	0	Mar-20	Jul-20	Amber	Amber
Total (excl	uding HRA)	139,796	29,513	(1,655)				

COLOUR KEY : Successful Delivery Likely [Green] Successful Delivery Probable [Amber] Successful Delivery Appears Unachievable Project Complete [Purple] Project on Hold [Red] [Purple]

		Total	2018/19	Forecast	Original	Forecast	Previous	Project
Dept/		Budget	Spend	U/(O)spend	Completion	Completion	Reported	RAG Rating
Division	Project	(£000)	(£000)	(£000)	Date	Date	RAG Rating	@ Period 9
CDN (HRA)	St Leonard's Tower Block - Lift	195	0	0	Mar-18	Apr-20	Amber	Amber
CDN (HRA)	Exchange Demolition	100	0	0	Dec-17	Sep-19	Amber	Amber
CDN (HRA)	E-Communications (Mobile Working)	247	50	0	Aug-18	Mar-19	Amber	Green
CDN (HRA)	Northgate Business Systems Phase 2	1,125	366	0	Mar-18	Mar-19	Green	Green
CDN (HRA)	Tower Block Redevelopment	352	734	(384)	Sep-18	Apr-19	Amber	Amber
CDN (HRA)	Goscote House Demolition	3,000	0	0		Jan-20	Green	Green
CDN (HRA)	Installation of Sprinklers in Maxfield House	450	0	0	Mar-19	Mar-19	N/A	Green
Total HRA		5,469	1,150	(384)				
Total (inclu	iding HRA)	145,265	30,663	(2,039)				

COLOUR KEY : Successful Delivery Likely [Green] Successful Delivery Probable [Amber] Successful Delivery Appears Unachievable Project Complete [Red] Project Complete [Purple]

3. Commentary on Specific Projects

3.1 Explanatory commentary for projects that are not currently progressing as planned, or for which issues have been identified, is provided in the next pages. This has been defined as any scheme that has a RAG Rating other than "green" or "blue".

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Corporate Resources

1. Projects Summary

Project Name	Approval 2018/19 to 2019/20 (£000)	Forecast Under / (Over) Spend (£000)	Original	Forecast Completion Date	RAG Rating
Automatic Call Distribution System.	203	0	April 2018	TBC	R
Finance, HR & Payroll System	1,613	0	June 2017	TBC	R
Total	1 216	0			

- 2. <u>Projects Commentary</u> (for <u>all</u> projects rated Amber, Red or Purple)
 - 2.1. Automatic Call Distribution System The implementation has slipped due to a dispute with the supplier regarding costs. Following independent legal advice, meetings are planned to reach a mutual agreement on how to proceed with the project. Until this is resolved, the RAG rating remains red.
 - 2.2. **Finance System** The Council is implementing a new finance system. As previously reported implementation has slipped, and the project team and supplier are working together to determine how this can be recovered. Until a clearer picture emerges, the RAG rating remains at red.

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Adults

Projects Summary

Project Name	Approval 18/19 to 19/20 (£000)	Forecast Under / (Over) Spend (£000)	Original Completion Date	Forecast Completion Date	RAG Rating (project)
ICT Investment – Phase 2 (Liquidlogic Enhancements)	627	0	January 2019	March 2019	G
Improvements to day care services at Hastings Road	267	0	April 2016	March 2019	G
Special Dementia Care Centre	1,548	0		TBC	Р
Extra Care – Two Schemes	2,450	0		August 2020	G
Total	4,892	0			

- 1. <u>Projects Commentary</u> (for <u>all</u> projects rated Amber, Red or Purple)
 - 1.1 Specialist Dementia Care Centre This project has been on hold pending expected Government changes to benefit which could have affected the viability of the scheme. After a long period of uncertainty, the Government has announced that vulnerable people will still be able to claim the higher rate of intensive housing management as part of their housing benefit claim. Therefore, the original business case produced in 2014/15 will be re-visited to determine whether this type of accommodation is still required, and an update report will be presented to the Executive for consideration in due course.
 - 1.2 Extra Care Schemes These schemes were on hold pending the outcome of a government review into the Local Housing Allowance paid via Housing Benefits which if implemented would have rendered the schemes unviable. However, the government has decided not to implement the proposals and therefore Executive approval has been given for the schemes to proceed. Pending planning permissions being granted the building work is likely to start in February 2019.

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Planning, Development & Transportation

1. Projects Summary

Project Name	Approval 2018/19 to 2019/20 (£000)	Forecast Under / (Over) Spend (£000)	Original Completion Date	Forecast Completion Date	RAG Rating
Leicester North West Transport Scheme	8,720	0	Mar 2019	Mar 2021	Α
North City Centre Access	10,559	0	Feb 2020	Nov 2020	G
Anstey Lane Improvements for Ashton Green	7,900	0	May 2019	Mar 2020	G
City Centre Street Improvements	2,512	0	Apr 2019	Dec 2020	G
Waterside	17,764	0	Mar 2023	Mar 2023	G
St George's Churchyard	857	0	Aug 2018	Aug 2019	Р
Vaughan Way / Great Central Street	2,740	0	Jan 2019	Aug 2019	G
Ashton Green	404	(578)	Mar 2018	Mar 2019	Α
Pioneer Park	4,217	0	Jan 2021	Jan 2021	G
Newarke Street Car Park Improvements	247	0	Sept 2018	May 2019	G
Abbey Park Precinct Wall	92	0	Aug 2019	Aug 2019	G
Pioneer Park Commercial Workspace	1,148	0	Spring 2018	Spring 2020	Α
Connecting Leicester – Low Carbon Schemes	7,250	0	Nov 2020	Nov 2020	O
Putney Road Link	4,859	0	Dec 2019	Nov 2019	G
22 St. Georges Way	541	0	Feb 2019	Feb 2019	G
Ashton Green Highways Infrastructure	10,000	0	Mar 2021	Mar 2021	G
Total	79,810	(578)			

- **2.** <u>Projects Commentary</u> (for <u>all</u> projects rated Amber, Red or Purple). An addition to the programme is also proposed in respect of Ashton Green.
 - 2.1. Leicester North West Major Transport Project Work is progressing on site. There has been some slippage due to the presence of services which were previously thought to be unaffected. Construction is now programmed to continue until mid-August 2019.
 - 2.2. St George's Churchyard The scheme for public realm improvements was re-presented to Planning & Development Control Committee (PDCC) in December 2018 but was rejected. Options for the scheme are currently being reviewed.
 - 2.3. Ashton Green The additional costs forecast in relation to Ashton Green are needed to meet the internal project management costs of an externally funded programme. The outstanding costs are in relation to highways and green infrastructure planning conditions, to support the development of the first parcel of land. Further to this, capital expenditure forecasts include additional consultancy support required for the land disposal. Approval is being sought to add £578k to the project, to be funded initially by prudential borrowing and repaid by future Ashton Green capital receipts.

2.4. Pioneer Park Commercial Workspace Land has been acquired from Homes England and Brackley Property Developments has been appointed as preferred developer. Development Agreement negotiations are underway and a key decision is expected regarding capital investment through allocated Local Growth Fund and matching funding required from the Economic Action Plan. The site will be delivered in phases with phase 1 including new workspace next to Dock, to be owned and operated by the Council.

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Tourism, Culture and Inward Investment

1. Projects Summary

Project Name	Approval 2018/19 to 2019/20 (£000)	Forecast Under / (Over) Spend (£000)	Original	Forecast Completion Date	RAG Rating
Jewry Wall Museum Improvements	2,691	0	March 2019	Sept 2020	G
Leicester Market Redevelopment	5,030	0	Dec 2018	March 2020	Α
Abbey Pumping Station	482	0	March 2019	June 2019	G
De Montfort Hall Improvement Works	479	0	Sept 2018	Feb 2019	G
Total	8,682	0		•	

- 2. Projects Commentary (for all projects rated Amber, Red or Purple)
- 2.1. Leicester Market Redevelopment The work on the screen wall has been delayed due to a number of site issues including poor ground conditions. Additional costs have arisen as a result and outdoor market works are being reviewed as a result to reduce costs within the funding envelope.

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Neighbourhood and Environmental Services

1. Projects Summary

Project Name	Approval 2018/19 to 2019/20 (£000)	Forecast Under / (Over) Spend (£000)	Original	Forecast Completion Date	RAG Rating
Library Management System	130	0	Dec 18	March 19	G
City Centre Play	100	0	March 19	March 20	Α
Total	230	0			

- 2. <u>Projects Commentary</u> (for <u>all</u> projects rated Amber, Red or Purple)
 - **2.1 City Centre Play** Proposals are currently being developed.

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Estates and Building Services

1. Projects Summary

Project Name	Approval 18/19 to 19/20 (£000)	Forecast Under / (Over) Spend (£000)		Forecast Completion Date	RAG Rating (project)
Haymarket House, Car Park and Lifts	10,067	0	Mid 2020	Mid 2020	Α
11-15 Horsefair Street	516	(177)	Nov 2018	May 2019	Α
City Hall Power Back Up	300	0	Sept 2018	TBC	Р
GCR Mainline Museum	160	0	Oct 2018	TBC	Р
Total	11.043	(177)			

Projects Commentary (for <u>all</u> projects rated Amber, Red or Purple).

- 2.1 Haymarket House, Car Park and Lifts Work continues to agree contracts with Haymarket shopping centre, Travelodge and Haymarket Consortium for the refurbishment of the car park, the provision of lifts which will serve the theatre, carpark and Travelodge and the purchase of the created investment in the proposed hotel. All these issues are interlinked with the Council. The detailed scope and costs of associated works are being reviewed and refined. A start on site is anticipated in April/May 2019. The scheme is rated Amber due to its complexity and time critical activities.
- 2.2 11-15 Horsefair Street A contractor has been appointed. The project cost plan has been re-profiled to include the additional wall re-build because of the structural steel projections from number 11 which cannot be removed. The project is now forecasting an overspend of £177k, which will be considered as part of the review of the market redevelopment scheme. The options for the public art work required are being considered and requires planning approval, which will delay completion until May.
- **2.3 City Hall Power Back Up** Further to completion of an options appraisal, EBS are in the process of evaluating the best option in respect of continuity of service.
- 2.4 Great Central Railway Mainline Museum This project is on hold following the withdrawal of HLF funding in December 2017. GCR are considering options for an alternative scheme, and further meetings to discuss alternatives will be held with the City and County Councils in due course. Further site investigations and feasibility work have been commissioned.

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Children's Services

1. Projects Summary

Project Name	Approval 18/19 to 19/20 (£000)	Forecast Under / (Over) Spend (£000)	Original Completion Date	Forecast Completion Date	RAG Rating (project)
Waterside Primary School – Feasibility	1,223	(400)	Aug 19	Dec 18	В
Additional Places - Marriott	1,390	(50)	Sept 18	May 19	Α
Secondary School Places – PFI Schools	568	0	Aug 19	Dec 18	В
Secondary School Places – Non-PFI Schools	259	(750)	Jul 19	Dec 18	В
St Paul's TMB 2018	582	(50)	Sep 18	Apr 19	Α
Secondary Expansions – Fullhurst	14,832	550	Aug 19	Feb 19	G
SEND Places Expansion - Phase 1	2,064	350	Nov 18	Mar 19	Α
Primary Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) Expansion (Netherhall)	2,657	(150)	Oct 19	Oct 19	A
St John the Baptist Primary Expansion	1,566	(50)	May 19	May 19	Α
Additional SEND Places - Phase 2 - Knighton Fields Centre	3,574	(350)	Dec 19	Dec 19	A
Children's Homes – Wigston Lane	500	0	Nov 18	May 19	G
Children's Homes – Netherhall	264	0	Sep 17	Dec 19	G
Children's Homes – Tatlow Road	225	0	Dec 17	Apr 19	G
Total	29,704	(900)			

2. <u>Projects Commentary</u> (for <u>all</u> projects rated Amber, Red or Purple)

Children's have a significant capital programme of £29.7m. This programme is mainly focused on creating additional places at schools. With a capital programme of this nature variances can be expected, due to additional technical fees or enhanced requirements being identified as a project is progressed.

- 2.1 Waterside Primary School Feasibility The approved budget relates to activities up to the appointment of a Design and Build contractor and some enabling works. Significant levels of site abnormals, including ground contamination, have emerged which have led to additional technical investigations and architectural design options coming up to £400k more than originally expected.
- **2.2** Additional Places Marriott Investigation surveys have identified that a number of elements of enabling work will be required and may be more expensive than originally envisaged. Whilst options are considered additional costs have been accounted for as part of this monitoring report.
- 2.3 Secondary School Places, non-PFI schools The design and feasibility works were more complex and time consuming than originally envisaged and were impacted by a review of pupil place planning data, resulting in additional project costs against the original budget allocation.
- **2.4 St Paul's Temporary Modular Building -** Works were substantially complete in September 2018, although the first floor rooms require additional works in order to meet the current curriculum delivery and fire risk assessment. Further works are planned for February half term.
- **2.5 Secondary Expansions Fullhurst -** The works are ahead of the initial programme for completion in the Spring. An underspend of £550k can be declared at this stage.
- 2.6 SEND Places Expansion Phase 1 Internal refurbishment works at Barley Croft and Millgate are complete, with external works due to complete in March. The internal works at West Gate are expected to complete in March, followed by external works in April. The TMB at Ellesmere is scheduled to complete during May. The scope of some works has been simplified and hence an underspend of circa £350k is expected.
- **2.7 Primary Pupil Referral Unit Expansion (Netherhall) –** Currently a review is being completed of the Primary PRU scheme. This is following a strategic review that identified additional works may lead to increased costs, which will be reported to the Executive in due course.
- **2.9 St John the Baptist** The project was part of the primary expansion programme, and the school has expanded by 240 pupils. Part of the works is to extend the catering provision and dining area, which has had unforeseen technical issues. The design team are reviewing options and are confident in reducing potential additional costs.
- **2.10 Knighton Fields Centre –** The original brief for the project has changed following a strategic review of SEND delivery across Leicester. On this basis the costs have been updated to reflect these changes.
- **2.11** It is proposed to use the savings on projects to meet additional costs of other projects. Further to this a policy provision release of £1,765k from New School Places is requested, to fund the additional costs detailed here and in the substantially complete projects.

Capital Programme Project Monitoring 2018/19 – Period 9

Public Health

1. **Projects Summary**

Project Name	Approval 18/19 to 19/20 (£000)	Forecast Under / (Over) Spend (£000)	Original Completion Date	Forecast Completion Date	RAG Rating (project)
Relocation of Sexual Health Clinic	1,374	0	March 2018	Feb 2019	G
Cossington Leisure Centre Equipment	600	0	July 2019	April 2020	Α
Evington Leisure Centre Equipment	865	0	July 2019	July 2020	A
Aylestone Leisure Centre Equipment	349	0	September 2019	May 2020	A
Braunstone Leisure Centre Equipment	31	0	March 2020	June 2019	Α
Leisure Centres Building Improvements (excluding Braunstone Leisure Centre)	400	0	September 2018 Phase 1 and September 2019 Phase 2	April 2020	A
Total	3,619	0			

2. Projects Commentary (for all projects rated Amber, Red or Purple)

2.1. Leisure Centre Improvement Programme Feasibility studies have identified that costs may be in excess of the programme funds. The schemes are currently being reviewed.

Capital Programme Project Monitoring 2018/19 - Period 9

Housing

1. Projects Summary

Project Name	Approval 18/19 to 19/20 (£000)	Forecast Under / (Over) Spend (£000)	Original Completion Date	Forecast Completion Date	RAG Rating (project)
St Leonard's Tower Block - Lift	195	0	Mar 18	April 20	Α
Exchange Demolition	100	0	Dec 17	Sept 19	Α
E-Communications (Mobile Working)	247	0	Aug 18	March 19	G
Northgate Business Systems Phase 2	1,125	0	March 18	March 19	G
Tower Block Redevelopment	352	(384)	Sept 18	April 19	Α
Goscote House Demolition	3,000	0		Jan 20	G
Installation of Sprinklers in Maxfield House	450	0	Mar 19	Mar 19	G
Total	5,469	(384)			

2. <u>Projects Commentary</u> (for <u>all</u> projects rated Amber, Red or Purple)

- 2.1 St Leonard's Lift The building was originally designed to have two lifts but only one was ever installed, with the location of the second lift being used as communal cupboards. The original lift is now coming to the end of its useful life and the decision has been taken to install a new second lift. The existing lift can then be renewed and the block will have two lifts as originally planned. It is estimated that the cost for both lifts will be around £195k. The delay was caused because of reluctance on the part of a leaseholder to the installation of the second lift. However an agreement has now been reached with the leaseholder and procurement of the lift is due to start imminently.
- 2.2 Exchange Demolition The demolition of the existing parade of shops is dependent on the relocation of the post office. A decision was taken in August 2017 to dispose of land on Sturdee Road in order that an existing health centre can to be extended to accommodate a new post office. The land transfer was subsequently completed in October 2017. Ongoing delays to the construction of the post office will mean that demolition will now not take place until the middle of 2019/20.
- **2.3 Tower Block Redevelopment** The costs are expected to exceed the budget by £384k, following the delay in the re-occupation of Gordon House. This delay was to allow time to reassure returning tenants that all passive fire safety measures had been completed to the required standard. It is proposed to increase the budget funded from HRA underspends.

WORK PROGRAMMES

1. **Summary**

1.1 As stated in the cover report, work programmes are minor works or similar on-going schemes where there is an allocation of money to be spent during a particular year. Monitoring of work programmes focusses on whether the money is spent in a timely fashion.

	Approved to spend	2018/19 Spend		Forecast Under/(over)
Department /Division	in 18/19	to Date	. 0.0000	Spend
	£000	£000		-
Adult Social Care	184	6	0	157
Planning, Development & Transportation	14,587	5,912	2,382	0
Tourism, Culture & Inward Investment	2,548	1,428	0	0
Neighbourhood & Environmental Services	895	432	78	0
Estates & Building Services	3,704	1,193	0	0
Housing General Fund	5,833	2,072	1,562	0
LLEP	8,604	7,645	0	0
Children's Services	10,189	1,746	8,035	(432)
Total (excluding HRA)	46,544	20,434	12,057	(275)
Housing Revenue Account	27,262	10,603	5,934	0
Total (including HRA)	73,806	31,037	17,991	(275)

2. Summary of Individual Work Programmes

2. Summary of Individual Work Program	<u>nmes</u>		2018/19		
					Forecast
Work Programme	Dept/		Spend		Under/(over)
	Division	Approved	to Date	Slippage	Spend
		£000	£000	£000	£000
Dementia Friendly Buildings Initiative	ASC	184	6	0	157
Transport Improvement Works	CDN (PDT)	2,724	730	1,300	0
Bus Engine Retrofitting (DFT funded)	CDN (PDT)	2,200	1,055	632	0
Air Quality Action Plan	CDN (PDT)	76	32	0	0
Highways Maintenance	CDN (PDT)	4,078	1,980	0	0
Townscape Heritage Initiative - Business Grants	CDN (PDT)	661	63	400	0
Flood Strategy	CDN (PDT)	367	99	0	0
Festive Decorations	CDN (PDT)	46	30	0	0
Local Environmental Works	CDN (PDT)	400	201	0	0
Legible Leicester	CDN (PDT)	695	395	0	0
Parking Strategy Development	CDN (PDT)	488	335	0	0
Leicester Strategic Flood Risk Management Strategy	CDN (PDT)	2,223	513	0	0
Potential Strategic Development Sites Assessment	CDN (PDT)	479	432	0	0
Architectural & Feature Lighting	CDN (PDT)	50	0	50	0
Front Wall Enveloping	CDN (PDT)	50	47	0	0
Replacement Doors & Windows St Saviours Road	CDN (PDT)	50	0	0	0
Enterprising Leicester Loans	CDN (TCI)	993	993	0	0
Heritage Interpretation Panels	CDN (TCI)	13	3	0	0
Retail Gateways	CDN (TCI)	425	21	0	0
Arts & Museum Security Improvements	CDN (TCI)	423	0	0	0
		977	411	0	
Cultural in patra and programs	CDN (TCI)		0		0
Cultural investment programme		100	0	0	0
Parks Plant and Equipment	CDN (NES)	150		0	0
Allotment Infrastructure Phase 2	CDN (NES)	75	43	0	0
Replacement Tree Planting	CDN (NES)	86	-	0	0
CCTV Upgrade - Infrastructure	CDN (NES)	444	374	0	0
CCTV Upgrade - Neighbourhood Facilities	CDN (NES)	90	0	45	0
Street Scene Improvements	CDN (NES)	50	15	33	0
Euston Street Store	CDN (EBS)	790	457	0	0
Property Maintenance	CDN (EBS)	2,830	736	0	0
Energy Fund - Pool Covers	CDN (EBS)	84	0	0	0
Private Sector Disabled Facilities Grant	CDN (HGF)	2,495	1,283	0	0
Repayable Home Repair Loans	CDN (HGF)	433	146	144	0
Leicester Energy Efficiency Fund	CDN (HGF)	50	5	0	0
Vehicle Fleet Replacement Programme	CDN (HGF)	2,855	638	1,418	0
Local Growth Fund Projects	CDN (LLEP)	8,604	7,645	0	0
School Capital Maintenance	ECS	7,664	1,588	5,851	0
BSF Schools' Landlord Lifecycle Fund	ECS	2,525	158	2,184	(432)
Total (excluding HRA)		46,544	20,434	12,057	(275)
Council Housing - New Kitchens and Bathrooms	CDN (HRA)	4,341	2,825	50	0
Council Housing - Boiler Replacements	CDN (HRA)	3,500	2,347	0	0
Council Housing - Rewiring	CDN (HRA)	1,750	1,133	0	0
Council Housing - Disabled Adaptations & Improvements	CDN (HRA)	1,374	433	241	0
Council Housing - External Property Works	CDN (HRA)	1,054	572	217	0
Council Housing - Fire and Safety Works	CDN (HRA)	1,150	577	0	0
Council Housing - Insulation Works	CDN (HRA)	350	251	0	0
Community & Environmental Works	CDN (HRA)	1,967	581	71	0
Affordable Housing - Acquisitions	CDN (HRA)	9,780	1,159	5,094	0
Affordable Housing - LA New Build	CDN (HRA)	200	144	0	0
Affordable Housing - Other	CDN (HRA)	1,796	581	261	0
Total HRA		27,262	10,603	5,934	0
Total (including HRA)		73,806	31,037	17,991	(275)

3. Commentary on Specific Work Programmes

- 3.1 Explanatory commentary for work programmes not currently progressing as planned, or for which issues have been identified is provided below. For monitoring purposes this has been defined as any scheme where budgets have significantly changed, where spend is low or where material slippage is forecast.
- 3.2 **Transport Improvement Works** This includes bus pinch point schemes, 20mph schemes, surveys and charges for management of the programme. The bus pinch point schemes cover a number of locations. Many of the schemes are at design stage but due to consultations and timing of the programme delivery there is slippage of £1.3m. The majority of 20mph schemes are in progress with works programmed to complete towards the end of the year.

Further to this, delays in finalising the ERDF Low Carbon Fund Project contract with the government will result in slippage of £300k. The contract is expected to be signed in February 2019 and the contribution will be made in 2019/20.

- 3.3 **Bus Engine Retrofitting (DFT funded)** £2.2m has been awarded by the Department for Transport towards retrofitting engines in 109 buses in the city fleet (operated by First, Arriva, Centrebus and Kinch) to achieve Emissions Euro Standard 6. This will assist in meeting EU air quality targets as part of the Council's Air Quality Action Plan. Due to the work schedules for bus retrofitting the final payment to the bus companies will be made in the first quarter of 2019/20.
- 3.4 **Highways Maintenance -** The Council has been allocated £1.158m additional funding for highway maintenance which has been added to the current highway capital maintenance programme 2018/19. The extra funding is being used to deliver a programme of highway repairs and resurfacing work tackling maintenance priorities on both major routes and local neighbourhood streets.
- 3.5 **Townscape Heritage Initiative Business Grants -** The overall programme is progressing although there will be some slippage into the final year of the grant scheme (2019-20) due to minor project changes. These include a delay in the development of a grant application for bringing vacant space back into use.
- 3.6 **Leicester Strategic Flood Risk Management Strategy -** The pace of spend has increased in the second half of the year and it is likely that the whole budget allocated for 2018/19 will be spent by the end of the year.
- 3.7 **Repayable Home Repair Loans -** These loans support people, often Adult Social Care clients, to continue living independently within their homes. The service is demand-led, and a drop in the number of applications has led to a forecast underspend of £144k, which will be slipped into 19/20.
- 3.8 **Vehicle Fleet Replacement Programme -** Of the £2.9m approval, £1.5m is scheduled to be spent during this year, supported by a detailed plan of vehicle purchases. This approach continues the cost effective management of the Council's vehicle fleet and will result in £1.4m being available for purchases in 2019/20.
- 3.9 **Schools Capital Maintenance** The slippage is due to limited spend to date against 'production kitchens' whilst schemes are identified, compliance and fire safety where surveys are underway to determine the necessary works to be carried out in 2019/20,

- and because the most recent funding approval of £4.3m was in November 2018 and hence procurement is in hand and works will generally start to get underway in 2019/20.
- 3.10 **BSF Schools' Landlord Lifecycle Fund –** The slippage is due to LOT 4 remedial works which are at New College, Millgate Academy, Lancaster Academy and Sir Jonathan North Academy. These works are currently at RIBA Stage 4 with contracts expected to be issued for a total works value of £2.317m. Works are programmed to be completed in the 2019/20 financial year. An additional budget of £430k has however been required to close out a larger than envisaged range of relatively small remedial and safety/compliance works outstanding at the conclusion of the BSF contract works, and to fund technical support to enable more significant outstanding matters across the BSF phase 3-6 estate to be properly addressed by the contractor and/or the Council. This will be funded from the BSF Landlord Lifecycle Fund.
- 3.11 Council Housing Disabled Adaptations and Improvements Some slippage will occur due to changes in tenants' circumstances, delaying some disabled improvements regarding Sheltered Housing Schemes and allow time for full engagement with tenants.
- 3.12 Council Housing External Property Works Procurement has commenced for improvement works to balconies, however much of this spend is expected to now fall within the 2019/20 financial year due to timing associated with progressing procurement and then completing the work.
- 3.13 **Affordable Housing Acquisitions -** The budget includes provision for acquisitions due to take place within the 19/20 financial year. The number of acquisitions undertaken in 18/19 is in line with expectations.
- 3.14 **Affordable Housing Other -** This work programme principally represents payments of RTB receipts to Registered Providers for the provision of affordable housing. A recent approval for grant payment to Ross Walk Housing Co-operative will be largely spent within 19/20.

PROVISIONS

1. Summary

- 1.1 As stated in the cover report, provisions are sums of money set aside in case they are needed, where low spend is a favourable outcome rather than indicative of a problem.
- 1.2 As at the end of Period 9, the following budgets for capital provisions were unspent.

			2018/19	2018/19		
Provision	Dept/		Spend	Commit-	2018/19	Remaining
1 104131011	Division	Approved	to Date	ments	Total	Budget
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Local Investment Fund Support	CDN (TCI)	181	0	0	0	181
Feasibility and Development Studies	CDN (PDT)	250	20	0	20	230
Empty Homes Purchase	CDN (HGF)	50	8	0	8	42
New School Places - Contingency	ECS	0	0	0	0	0
Children's Services Buildings	ECS	500	0	0	0	500
(Non-Schools)						
Adventure Playgrounds & Youth	ECS	25	0	0	0	25
Centres						
Early Years - Two Year Olds	ECS	189	13	0	13	176
Total		1,195	41	0	41	1,154

PROJECTS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE

1. Summary

1.1 As at the end of Period 9, the following schemes were still in progress and nearing completion. The budgets are the unspent amounts from previous years' capital programmes, mainly as a result of slippage.

Project	Dept/ Division	Approved	2018/19 Spend to Date	Forecast	Forecast Under/(over) Spend
		£000		£000	_
Electronic Document System Replacement	CRS	330	0	0	100
Anchor Centre - new recovery hub	ASC	146	49	0	100
Friars' Mill Phase 1	CDN (PDT)	54	12	0	0
Queen's Building (formerly Shahista House)	CDN (PDT)	150	146	0	0
Townscape Heritage Initiative	CDN (PDT)	796	610	0	0
Carron Building	CDN (TCI)	18	18	0	0
Watermead Country Park - Additional Car Park	CDN (NES)	39	13	0	0
15 New Street	CDN (EBS)	24	21	0	3
Braunstone Hall	CDN (EBS)	130	24	0	0
9 Midland Street Acquisition	CDN (EBS)	281	275	0	0
Haymarket Theatre	CDN (EBS)	0	0	0	(400)
New School Places - various	ECS	2,332	814	0	(695)
Secondary School Temporary Modular Buildings	ECS	6,003	1,801	0	0
Children's Homes - Barnes Heath	ECS	15	3	0	0
Children's Services Contact Centres	ECS	33	9	0	0
Primary School Temporary Modular Buildings	ECS	455	175	0	(170)
Total		10,806	3,970	0	(1,062)

1.2 Due to unforeseen technical difficulties, the Haymarket Theatre redevelopment work took longer than expected, hence an additional £190k cost was incurred. Furthermore, as the wider discussions with the Haymarket Shopping Centre progressed, it became clear a dual lift solution (rather than the originally envisaged single lift solely for the theatre) would be needed alongside an integrated control system. This had a knock-on impact for the theatre works, in particular the entire relocation of the entrance, which is now closer to the top of the existing external stair and is felt to work better than the original design. This work however was a change to the contract scope at a cost £210k. Hence total additional costs of some £400k have been incurred, which it is proposed to fund from resources set aside for the Economic Action Plan.

POLICY PROVISIONS

1. **Summary**

1.1 As at Period 9, the following policy provisions were still awaiting formal approval for allocation to specific schemes.

Department/	Policy Provision	Amount
Division	Folicy Flovision	£000
CDN (EBS)	Property Maintenance	1,412
CDN (PDT)	Economic Action Plan	7,094
CDN (PDT)	Air Quality Action Plan	740
CDN (PDT)	Parking Strategy Development	0
CDN (PDT)	Local Environmental Works	346
CDN (PDT)	Ashton Green Infrastructure	400
CDN (PDT)	Front Wall Enveloping	150
CDN (EBS)	Commercial Property Acquisitions	1,927
CDN (HGF)	Vehicle Replacement Programme	1,800
ECS	New School Places	55,126
ECS	School Maintenance	3,688
ASC	Extra Care Schemes	6,700
Total (excludi	ng HRA)	79,383
CDN (HRA)	New Affordable Housing	1,388
CDN (HRA)	Other HRA Schemes	300
Total HRA		1,688
Total (includi	81,071	

- 1.2 Money for new school places has been periodically released since period 6, as plans are developed and approved. Decisions taken include:
 - £3,574k released 06/12/18 for the expansion of Millgate Special School
 - £163k for New School places
 - £168k for Secondary school places (PFI Schools)
- 1.3 Other releases from policy provisions since Period 6 (reflected in the tables above) are listed below:
 - £165k for the Leicester North West Major Transport Scheme
 - £2,350k for the Corporate property improvement programme
 - £780k for the Cultural investment programme
 - £750k Leicester strategic flood risk management strategy
 - £800k Parking strategy development
 - £4,312k for the Children's capital improvement programme
 - £541k for proposed acquisition 22 St. Georges Way
 - £1,600k for the Acquisition of affordable housing
 - £1,622k for the Cultural Investment programme
 - £165k Abbey Pumping Station
- 1.4 The Economic Action Plan Policy Provision includes £1,000k that has been committed for the Cultural Investment Programme, as per an executive decision taken on 23rd October 2018.

Appendix D

Overview Select Committee

Draft Work Programme 2018 – 2019

Meeting Date	Topic	Actions Arising	Progress
21 Jun 18	 Tracking of petitions Questions to City Mayor Revenue Budget Monitoring Outturn 2017/18 Capital Budget Monitoring Outturn 2017/18 Income Collection April 2017 - March 2018 Review of Treasury Management Activities 2017/18 Scrutiny Commissions' Work Programmes: HCLS Review: Engagement with Leicester's Arts, Culture and Heritage Offer Report 	7) Report was endorsed.	
5 Jul 18 (Special)	Call-In – Executive Decision: Refurbishment of Haymarket Car Park, Provision of Lifts to the Theatre and Purchase of Haymarket House	Call-in was withdrawn by majority vote.	
13 Sep 18	 Tracking of petitions Questions to City Mayor Revenue & Capital Monitoring – Period 3 		
1 Nov 18	 Tracking of petitions Questions to City Mayor Update on Prevent Strategy Draft Scrutiny Report 2016-18 Scrutiny Commissions' Work Programmes: NSCI: The Community Asset Transfer Strategy Scoping Document EDTT Review: The Bus Services Act 2017 – The Impacts and Opportunities ASC Review: End of Life Care Report 		

Meeting Date	Topic	Actions Arising	Progress
13 Dec 18	Tracking of petitions Questions to City Mayor		
	3) Revenue & Capital Monitoring – Period 6		
	4) Treasury Management Report		
	5) Income Collection Report		
	Health and Wellbeing Strategy		
	7) Digital Transformation Programme Update		
	8) Scrutiny Commissions' Work Programmes:• HWB: NHS Workforce – Scoping Document		
	Tracking of petitions		
7 Feb 19	2) Questions to City Mayor		
	3) Draft General Fund Revenue Budget		
	4) Treasury Strategy 2019/20		
	5) Treasury Policy		
	6) Investment Strategy		
	Scrutiny Commissions' Work Programmes: CYPS: Educational Underachievement of		
	African Heritage and White Working-Class		
	Pupils in Leicester – Scoping Document		
4 Apr 19	Tracking of petitions		
1,7,51,10	2) Questions to City Mayor		
	Revenue & Capital Monitoring – Period9 Revised Capital Monitoring – Period9		
	4) Revised Scrutiny Handbook		

Forward Plan Items

Topic	Detail	Proposed Date

Appendix E

Leicester City Council

PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

On or after 1 April 2019

What is the plan of key decisions?

As required by legal regulations the Council publishes a document to show certain types of decision known as 'key decisions' that are intended to be taken by the Council's Executive (City Mayor, Deputy City Mayor and Assistant City Mayors). The legislation requires that this document is published 28 clear days before a decision contained in the document can be taken. This document by no means covers all the decisions which the Executive will be taking in the near future.

Details of the other decisions, the City Mayor and the Executive also take can be found at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/mgdelegateddecisions.aspx?bcr=1

What is a key decision?

A key decision is an executive decision which is likely:

- to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
- to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in two or more wards in the City.

Full details of the definition can be viewed at https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/how-we-work/plan-of-key-decisions/

What information is included in the plan?

The plan identifies how, when and who will take each key decision, who to contact for more information or to make representations, and in addition where applicable, who will be consulted before the decision is taken.

The plan is published on the Council's website.

Prior to the taking of each executive key decision, please note that the relevant decision notice and accompanying report will be published on the Council's website and can be found at

http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/mgdelegateddecisions.aspx?bcr=1

Plan of Key Decisions

On or after 1 April 2019

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1. A place to do business

What is the Decision to be taken?	NEW OPPORTUNITIES
	To approve the investment in new
	opportunities through the use of New
	Opportunities funding.
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive

When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	None.
Who can I contact for further	Matthew.Wallace@leicester.gov.uk
information or to make	
representations	

What is the Decision to be taken?	DECISIONS ACTING AS ACCOUNTABLE BODY TO THE LLEP Decisions as a consequence of being the Accountable Body to the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership, as and when they arise
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	Proposals will have been subject to the LLEP governance processes
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Colin.Sharpe@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	PIONEER PARK - NEW BUSINESS WORKSPACE Approval to enter into a development agreement for the delivery of workspace development and the sale of land at Exploration Drive
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	Any development scheme will be subject to consultation through the planning process
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Louise.Seymour@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	APPROVE A CULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME To approve investment in important cultural assets and activities
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	
Who can I contact for further	Mike.Dalzell@leicester.gov.uk

information or to make	
representations	

What is the Decision to be taken?	LEICESTER GROWTH HUB
	Delivery of new European funded business
	support project
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	None
Who can I contact for further	Joanne.lves@leicester.gov.uk
information or to make	
representations	

What is the Decision to be taken?	PURCHASE OF PROPERTY
	Purchase of property for strategic regeneration
	purposes using EAP funding
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	None
Who can I contact for further	Matthew.Wallace@leicester.gov.uk
information or to make	
representations	

2. Getting about in Leicester

What is the Decision to be taken?	CONNECTING LEICESTER PHASE 3 Decision to approve funds to progress the next phases of Connecting Leicester to be funded as part of the Economic Action Plan and through external grant funding
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019

Who will be consulted and how?	Public, stakeholder and planning application consultation carried out on each scheme as appropriate
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Andrewl.Smith@leicester.gov.uk

3. A low carbon city

No decisions due to be taken under this heading for the current period

4. The built and natural environment

What is the Decision to be taken?	TRANSFORMING DEPOTS To approve a programme of rationalisation, disposal and improvement of the Council's depots. Planned capital expenditure is expected to be funded from the proceeds of disposals.
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	No external consultation is required, as this relates to the Council's operational arrangements.
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Debbie.White@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITHIN THE HRA To consider the range of acquisition opportunities currently being explored by officers in order to increase the supply of new Affordable Housing within the HRA
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Janet.Callan@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTOR TO BUILD NEW COUNCIL HOUSES
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	To be confirmed
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Peter.kandola@leicester.gov.uk

5. A healthy and active city

No decisions due to be taken under this heading for the current period

6. Providing care and support

What is the Decision to be taken?	ADULT SOCIAL CARE SPENDING REVIEW PROGRAMME 4 To approve savings that will contribute to the Council's Spending Review Programme 4, which requires Adult Social Care to deliver savings for 2019/20
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	To be confirmed
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Tracie.Rees@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	CHANGES TO ADULT SOCIAL CARE NON- RESIDENTIAL CHARGING
	To approve changes to the current treatment of
	Disability Related Expenditure (DRE) within the
	financial means test, which will contribute to
	the Council's Spending Review Programme 4
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	Public consultation from 3 July 2018 to 28
	September 2018. (Engagement with service
	users, carers, public and other stakeholders
	via surveys and board/forum/group meetings)

Who can I contact for further	Ruth.Lake@leicester.gov.uk;
information or to make	Prashant.Patel@leicester.gov.uk
representations	

7. Our children and young people

What is the Decision to be taken?	ADDITIONAL SCHOOL PLACES To approve capital funding for additional school places
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	Schools
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Richard.Sword@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	MODIFICATION TO THE REORGANISATION OF FOSSE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND SLATER PRIMARY SCHOOL
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	Statutory consultees and partners through the publication of modifications to statutory proposals.
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Richard.Sword@leicester.gov.uk

8. Our neighbourhoods and communities

No decisions due to be taken under this heading for the current period

9. A strong and democratic council

What is the Decision to be taken?	REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2018/19 PERIOD 9
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019

Who will be consulted and how?	Overview Select Committee – date to be advised
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Alison.Greenhill@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	CAPITAL MONITORING 2018/19 PERIOD 9
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	Overview Select Committee, date to be advised
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Alison.Greenhill@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	REVENUE OUTTURN 2018/19
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 May 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	Overview Select Committee – date to be advised
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Alison.Greenhill@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	CAPITAL OUTTURN 2018/19
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 May 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	Overview Select Committee, date to be advised
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Alison.Greenhill@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2019/20 PERIOD 3
	Decisions consequential to the monitoring of expenditure in 2019/20 (if any)
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Aug 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	Overview Select Committee – date to be advised
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Alison.Greenhill@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	CAPITAL MONITORING 2019/20 PERIOD 3 Decisions consequential to the monitoring of expenditure in 2019/20 (if any)
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Aug 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	Overview Select Committee, date to be advised
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Alison.Greenhill@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2019/20 PERIOD 6 Decisions consequential to the monitoring of expenditure in 2019/20 (if any)
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Nov 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	Overview Select Committee – date to be advised
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Alison.Greenhill@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	CAPITAL MONITORING 2019/20 PERIOD 6
	Decisions consequential to the monitoring of
	expenditure in 2019/20 (if any)
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Nov 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	Overview Select Committee, date to be
	advised.

Who can I contact for further	Alison.Greenhill@leicester.gov.uk
information or to make	
representations	

What is the Decision to be taken?	REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2019/20 PERIOD 9 Decisions consequential to the monitoring of expenditure in 2019/20 (if any)
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide? Who will be consulted and how?	Not before 1 Feb 2020 Overview Select Committee – date to be
Will will be concurred and new.	advised
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Alison.Greenhill@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	CAPITAL MONITORING 2019/20 PERIOD 9 Decisions consequential to the monitoring of expenditure in 2019/20 (if any)
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Feb 2020
Who will be consulted and how?	Overview Select Committee, date to be advised
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Alison.Greenhill@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	REVENUE OUTTURN 2019/20
	Decisions consequential to the monitoring of
	expenditure in 2019/20 (if any)
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 May 2020
Who will be consulted and how?	Overview Select Committee – date to be advised.
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Alison.Greenhill@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	CAPITAL OUTTURN 2019/20 Decisions consequential to the monitoring of expenditure in 2019/20 (if any)
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive

When will they decide?	Not before 1 May 2020
Who will be consulted and how?	Overview Select Committee, date to be advised
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Alison.Greenhill@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21
	To recommend a revenue budget to the
	Council
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Feb 2020
Who will be consulted and how?	Consultation with Scrutiny prior to the Council meeting
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Alison.greenhill@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21 To recommend a capital programme to the Council
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Nov 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	Consultation with Scrutiny prior to the Council meeting
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Alison.greenhill@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2020/21 BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME To recommend a budget, rent level and capital programme to the Council
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Jan 2020
Who will be consulted and how?	Consultation with Scrutiny and Tenants' Forum prior to the Council meeting
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	chris.burgin@leicester.gov.uk

What is the Decision to be taken?	INVESTMENT PROPERTY To approve the purchase of investment property through use of Investment Property funding.
Who will decide?	City Mayor/Executive
When will they decide?	Not before 1 Apr 2019
Who will be consulted and how?	None
Who can I contact for further information or to make representations	Matthew.Wallace@leicester.gov.uk