



Leicester
City Council

EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the
OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2023 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Cassidy (Chair)
Councillor Gee (Vice Chair)

Councillor Batool
Councillor Pantling

Councillor Westley

Councillor Porter
Councillor Thalukdar

Also present:

Sir Peter Soulsby
Councillor Cutkelvin
Councillor Myers

City Mayor
Assistant City Mayor
Assistant City Mayor

Alretaj Al-Showali
Dena Al-Showali
Henry Zawadzki

Youth Representative
Youth Representative
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78. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Halford, Joel, and Joshi.

79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to disclose any pecuniary or other interests they may have in the business on the agenda.

Councillors Thalukdar and Westley make a declaration in relation to the report on the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2023/24 that they had relatives who were Council tenants.

88. DRAFT CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Director of Finance submitted the Draft Capital Programme 2023/24 alongside the minute extracts from the Scrutiny Commissions discussion on the Programme.

The Committee was asked to consider the draft report and the comments made by the Scrutiny Commissions, and to pass its comments on those to the meeting of Council for consideration.

The Director of Finance presented the item, it was noted that the context to the Capital Programme was similar to the revenue budget with economic uncertainty meaning that significant savings needed to be made. Additional issues were the volatility in the construction industry and the technical capacity to support new large capital projects with significant on-going schemes such as the three Levelling Up Schemes. Therefore, this was a 1-year limited scale programme. The majority of the programme was funded by grants and capital receipts.

In response to a question from a Youth Representative it was noted that the £2m invested in Libraries in the Programme was for improved technology for self-service to access Council Services at Libraries.

Councillor Porter raised concerns about the Council selling a number of properties on Castle View, concern was raised about the lack of consultation of the sales. It was suggested that a private owner would not be able to properly preserve the historic buildings. The City Mayor responded to this point by noting that there was a press release about the sales, the City Mayor also noted various examples of the Council working with private owners to restore historic buildings in the city such as Wygston's House and Winstanley House.

The Chair thanked the Commission Chair's for their work in scrutinising the Draft Budget and Capital Programme.

The Chair moved that the Committee note and endorse the Draft Capital Programme 2023/24. This was seconded by Councillor Gee, and upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED.

AGREED:

1. That the Committee notes and endorses the Draft Capital Programme 2023/24.