

MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

**6.1 Capital Programme 2015/16**

The Capital Programme 2015/16 is submitted to Council for consideration and approval.

The full report is attached. A minute extract from the Overview Select Committee on 15 January will be circulated when it is available.

The Council is asked to:-

- (a) Approve the capital programme described in this report and summarised at Appendix 2, subject to any amendments proposed by the City Mayor;
- (b) For those schemes designated immediate starts, delegate authority to the lead director to commit expenditure, subject to the normal requirements of contract procedure rules and finance procedure rules;
- (c) Delegate authority to the City Mayor to determine a plan of spending for each policy provision; and to commit expenditure up to the maximum available;
- (d) For the purposes of finance procedure rules:
  - Determine that service resources shall consist of service revenue contributions; HRA revenue contributions; and government grants/third party contributions ringfenced for specific purposes (which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes grants for which we are the accountable body);
  - Designate the transport maintenance programme as a programme area, within which the director can reallocate resources to meet operational requirements;
  - Designate the transport improvement programme as a programme area;
  - Designate the following HRA schemes as 3 discrete programme areas: investment in council owned housing, business and technological investment, and environmental improvements.
- (e) Determine that the City Mayor may increase any scheme in the programme, or add a new scheme to the programme, subject to a maximum of £10m corporate resources;
- (f) Determine that the City Mayor may reduce or delete any capital programme provision, subject to a maximum of 20% of scheme

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value for “immediate starts”; and may transfer any “policy provision” to the “immediate starts” category;

- (g) Delegate to directors, in consultation with the relevant assistant mayor, authority to incur expenditure in respect of policy provisions on design and other professional fees and preparatory studies, but not any other type of expenditure.

## **6.2 Treasury Strategy 2015/16**

Council is asked to consider a report which establishes the strategy for the Council’s borrowing and investments during 2015/16.

The Council is recommended to approve the treasury strategy, and the authorised borrowing limit in paragraph 6.3. Other than limits which apply specifically to 2015/16, the Council is asked to give this strategy immediate effect.

## **6.3 Call-in of Executive Decision – City Council Golf Courses**

In accordance with Rule 12 of the City Mayor and Executive Procedure Rules, Councillors Barton (proposer), Unsworth (seconder), Cole, Westley and Newcombe have objected to the decision of the City Mayor of 11 December 2014 with regard to the above.

The submitted grounds for objection are:-

“The decision to close Western Park Golf Course will have a detrimental impact on golfers in West Leicester and on the city’s sport and outdoor leisure provision. This is a request to call in the decision to scrutiny.”

Also in accordance with Rule 12 of the Executive Procedure Rules, Councillors Porter (proposer), Naylor (seconder), Grant, Glover, and Potter have objected to the decision of the City Mayor of 11 December 2014 with regard to the above.

The submitted grounds for objection are:-

“That the decision is based upon an incomplete consultation(s) and subjective evidence. The decision is significant and requires the scrutiny and consideration of the Full Council.”

A copy of the decision is attached along with the Executive report and associated appendices.

Arising from the receipt of an objection the issue had been referred to the meeting of the Overview Select Committee on 15 January 2015. The relevant minute extract from this meeting will be circulated and published as soon as it is available.

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The City Council is recommended to **formally consider the Executive Decision.**

Under the provisions of City Mayor and Executive Procedure Rule 12 (h), the Council may either confirm the decision of the Executive which would take immediate effect or ask the Executive to consider an alternative recommendation.

**Sir Peter Soulsby  
City Mayor**