



Capital Budget Monitoring – Period 9, 2015/16

Decision to be taken by: City Mayor

Executive meeting date: 3rd March 2016

Overview Select Committee date: 24th March 2016

Lead director: Alison Greenhill

Useful information

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1. Summary

The purpose of this report is to show the position of the capital programme for 2015/16 at the end of Period 9.

This is the third report of the financial year and the last report prior to the outturn.

2. Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- Note the level of expenditure of £78.6m at Period 9;
- Note the current level of spend (46%) of the £171.2m approved programme, and note that 13% of the approved programme has now been re-profiled to future years. Re-profiling occurs when it is sensible to delay commencement of a scheme and reasons for this are detailed in the commentary on individual schemes in Appendices B-E;
- Note that across a number of schemes, some £1.4m, or just under 1% of the programme, has been declared as savings following completion of projects within budget. The majority of this was to be funded by prudential borrowing, which will not now be required;
- Approve the release of £1.7m from the Schools Capital Maintenance policy provision to fund works as detailed in Appendix C, para 5.3, and add these works to the capital programme;
- Approve a release of £113k from HRA Affordable Housing Policy Provision to provide a budget for a right-to-buy buy back, as detailed in Appendix D, para 7.5 of this report.

The OSC is recommended to:

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

3. Report/Supporting information including options considered:

The 2015/16 Capital Programme was approved by Council on January 22nd 2015.

The appendices B, C, D & E attached to this report provide further detail for each Strategic Director's area of responsibility.

The approved programme included:

- Schemes classified as 'immediate starts', which required no further approval to commence; and
- A number of separate 'policy provisions' which would not be released until specific proposals have been approved by the executive.

This report only monitors policy provisions to the extent that spending approval has been given.

Spending is monitored against the amounts originally approved for each scheme in 2015/16, regardless of any slippage or budget re-profiling subsequently reported.

4. Financial, legal and other implications

4.1 Financial & Legal Implications

This report is solely concerned with financial issues.

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4.2 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction Implications

This report is solely concerned with financial issues.

4.3 Equalities Implications

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:

Capital Budget 2015/16 presented to Council on 22nd January 2015

Capital Outturn 2014/15 presented to Overview Select Committee on 9th July 2015

Capital Monitoring Report for Period 4 2015/16 presented to Overview Select Committee on 15th October 2015

Capital Monitoring Report for Period 6 2015/16 presented to Overview Select Committee on 3rd December 2015

6. Summary of appendices:

Appendix A - Period 9 Financial Position of Capital Programme 2015/16

Appendix B - Summary of Adult Social Care Projects

Appendix C - Summary of Children's Services Projects

Appendix D - Summary of City Development and Neighbourhoods Projects

Appendix E - Summary of Corporate Resources Projects

7. Is this a private report

No

8. Is this a "key decision"?

No

9. If a key decision please explain reason

N/A

APPENDIX A

Strategic Director	Division	Approved Programme 2015/16	Spend to end of Period 9	Forecast Re-profiling into 2016/17	Forecast Year End Slippage	Forecast Year End Savings / (overspends)	Percentage of Spend *
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	%
Adult Social Care	Adult Social Care	5,919.0	224.0	2,591.0	649.0	-	4%
Children's Services	Schools	20,426.0	13,007.0	4,500.0	450.0	-	64%
	Schools (BSF)	7,500.0	6,020.0	-	-	-	80%
	Children's Social Care and Safeguarding	370.0	2.0	-	115.0	-	1%
	Young People's Services	597.0	160.0	250.0	-	-	27%
City Development & Neighbourhoods	Planning, Transportation and Economic Development	51,374.0	20,980.0	8,732.0	1,842.0	1,234.0	42%
	Culture & Neighbourhood Services	730.0	671.0	-	-	-	92%
	Local Services and Enforcement	2,416.0	640.0	350.0	-	230.0	29%
	Investment Division	8,842.0	3,082.0	2,026.0	764.0	-	35%
	Housing General Fund	3,298.0	1,999.0	400.0	84.0	(21.0)	60%
	Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	28,839.0	16,821.0	1,428.0	3,457.0	15.0	58%
	LLEP (accountable body)	38,168.0	14,788.0	-	-	-	39%
Corporate Resources	Financial Services	2,000.0	-	1,775.0	-	-	0%
	Information Services	689.0	197.0	-	23.0	-	29%
	TOTAL	171,168.0	78,591.0	22,052.0	7,384.0	1,458.0	46%

* Percentage is based on approved programme minus any savings.

Adult Social Care Projects

1. Summary

- 1.1. The projects comprising the Adult Social Care capital programme have spent £0.2m at the end of Period 9. This equates to 4% of the approved programme of £5.9m.

2. Adult Social Care

- 2.1. The table below summarises the £5.9m approved capital programme for Adult Social Care.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Profiling £000	Slippage £000	Saving £000	% Spent
ICT Investment - Phase 2	539.0	130.0	-	159.0	-	24%
Social Inclusion	414.0	18.0	-	60.0	-	4%
Early Prevention and Intervention	100.0	71.0	-	-	-	71%
Improvement to Hastings Road Day Centre	435.0	5.0	-	430.0	-	1%
Extra Care	2,450.0	-	612.0	-	-	0%
Special Dementia Care Centre	1,800.0	-	1,798.0	-	-	0%
Anchor Centre	181.0	-	181.0	-	-	0%
Total	5,919.0	224.0	2,591.0	649.0	-	4%

- 2.2. ICT investment is for the development of the new Social Care IT system, Liquidlogic, which went live during April 2014. Phase 2 commenced in April 2014 and is the second year of the project making further enhancements to the system. There will be slippage of £159k related to mobile working initiative.
- 2.3. Social Inclusion covers a range of projects to provide access for disabled people to universal services, including community centres, libraries, leisure centres and other public services. Works include the adaptation of toilet facilities and the provision of specialised equipment. Active schemes include Abbey Park Education Centre, Adult Education Centre, Age UK, Haymarket Bus Station, Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Saffron Lane Sports Centre, National Space Centre and The Emerald Centre. Feasibility studies have been completed for four of the larger schemes which are expected to be completed by the financial year end.
- 2.4. Early Prevention and Intervention involves the provision of Assistive Technology and telecare through the purchase of AT stock, installation and staff support, with the aim of promoting independence and reducing package costs.
- 2.5. Improvements are being made to Hastings Road Day Centre by utilising and expanding the use of the building to accommodate more teams and provide a resource hub for service users. Approval has been granted to commence with the work, and completion in the new financial year.
- 2.6. The Extra Care scheme comprises works at Tilling Road and Hamelin Road to develop two new facilities (totalling 155 flats) through the Leicester Independent Living consortium. Payment of some of the Council's contribution will be made in 2016/17, hence the re-profiling of £0.6m.

- 2.7. A Specialist Dementia Care facility was approved in the 2015/16 capital programme with a budget of £1.8m. The scheme has been held pending further analysis of service needs. Once this is complete, a decision will be taken on whether or not to proceed with the scheme, but this will not be resolved until 2016/17.
- 2.8. The Anchor Centre site needs major refurbishment. A grant of £268k has now been secured from Public Health England for the Anchor Recovery Hub. Currently plans are on hold pending decisions about the future of the site and other options are considered.
- 2.9. The policy provision made for the intermediate care centre has been removed as part of the 2016/17 capital programme, and committed instead to extra care.

3. Policy Provisions

- 3.1. At the end of Period 9 there were no remaining policy provisions for Adult Social Care.

Children's Services Projects

1. Summary

- 1.1. The projects comprising the Children's Services capital programme have spent £19.2m at the end of Period 9.
- 1.2. This equates to 66% of their approved capital programme of £28.9m.
- 1.3. The Children's Services capital programme is reported, for monitoring purposes, in three distinct sections, schools (£20.4m), the Building Schools for the Future programme (£7.5m) and non-schools (£1.0m).

2. Schools

- 2.1. The table below summarises the £20.4m approved capital programme for the Children's Services Schools Programme and the related expenditure.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Profiling £000	Slippage £000	Saving £000	% Spent
Basic Need Works (Phase 1)	8,482.0	4,243.0	2,800.0	450.0	-	50%
Basic Need Works (Phase 2)	6,335.0	4,873.0	700.0	-	-	77%
Targeted Basic Need - Kestrels' Field	5,570.0	3,876.0	1,000.0	-	-	70%
Reactive School Maintenance	9.0	9.0	-	-	-	100%
Individual School Access Needs	30.0	6.0	-	-	-	20%
Total	20,426.0	13,007.0	4,500.0	450.0	-	64%

- 2.2. The main schemes remaining in the Basic Need Works Phase 1 programme include Wolsey House, Caldecote and Whitehall Primary Schools. The Caldecote and Whitehall schemes were completed in September and December respectively. Wolsey Primary School is due to complete in December 2016, hence the re-profiling of £2.8m of total scheme costs to 2016/17. Each of these schools provided an additional 30 reception places in readiness for September 2015 as planned.

The slippage of £450k in Phase 1 relates predominantly to potential rectification works at Eyres Monsell following the identification of defects in the new build.

- 2.3. The Basic Need Programme Phase 2 programme includes works at St Mary's Fields Primary, Christ the King Catholic Primary and Hope Hamilton Primary.
 - 2.3.1. St Mary's Fields Primary School works include the addition of a new junior block linked to the existing infant school to allow for an expansion of age range and to become an "all through" primary school. The main works are complete with pupils taking up the additional places from September 2015.
 - 2.3.2. Christ the King Primary School works include re-modelling part of the old West Gate School to allow for an increase of 40 reception places. These new places were available from the start of the new term in September 2015.

- 2.3.3. Hope Hamilton Primary School works are an expansion of the school on its existing site to increase reception places by 15 from September 2015. This was completed on time.
- 2.3.4. The re-profiling of £700k will be used to fund further schemes to address the shortage in secondary places and bulge classes required in the primary sector for new arrivals.
- 2.4. The Kestrels' Field Primary School scheme will create an additional 60 reception places. It is a £6.9m scheme funded through a combination of £3.9m from the Department of Education and £3.0m from the Council. The first phase of the works was completed at the end of November. The second phase of the works, to reconfigure the existing Primary School site to become the new infant block, will be completed by September 2016. £1m of the scheme cost will be spent in 2016/17.
- 2.5. Reactive Maintenance was an annual provision for small capital maintenance works in schools and other buildings. There is a small budget available this year that was re-profiled from 2014-15.
- 2.6. Individual School Access Needs was an annual provision for reactive works at schools that require specific modifications or equipment due to pupil disability. There is a small budget available this year that was re-profiled from 2014/15.

3. Building Schools For The Future (BSF)

- 3.1. The BSF programme is progressing well. Actual expenditure of £6.0m has been incurred this year up to the end of Period 9.
- 3.2. The current works are largely on schedule, and the programme is expected to be completed largely on time, although some residual construction and snagging works will continue into the Autumn.
- 3.3. Payments for the BSF construction programme are made at the point at which milestones in the building of each school are reached.

4. Non-Schools

- 4.1. The table below summarises the £1.0m approved capital programme for Children's Services directly controlled projects.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Profiling £000	Slippage £000	Saving £000	% Spent
Contact Centre Refurbishment	120.0	1.0	-	-	-	1%
Children's Home Refurbishment	250.0	1.0	-	115.0	-	0%
Children's Centre Maintenance	32.0	15.0	-	-	-	47%
Adventure Playgrounds & Youth Centres	34.0	7.0	-	-	-	21%
Early Years - Two Year Old Entitlement	531.0	138.0	250.0	-	-	26%
Total	967.0	162.0	250.0	115.0	-	17%

- 4.2. A decision notice has been published to authorise the use of £740k of policy provisions to fund an enhanced programme of works at contact centres and children's homes over a three year period. £370k of this was planned to be spent during this financial year. However, some project delays have been encountered requiring £115k to be slipped into the next financial year.

- 4.2.1. The St Andrew's Family Contact Centre scheme will improve space and facilities for parents and children whilst also providing space for training and other meetings.
- 4.2.2. Children's homes will be refurbished and improved, with works to be carried out at Barnes Heath, Dunblane Avenue, Netherhall and Tatlow Road.
- 4.3. The Children's Centre Maintenance scheme is a provision to cover refurbishments and small capital maintenance works.
- 4.4. The Adventure Playgrounds & Youth Centres scheme is a provision to cover refurbishments and small capital maintenance works.
- 4.5. The Two Year Old Entitlement scheme provides resources to private, voluntary and independent providers to enable them to expand their provision to accommodate and provide the two year old free entitlement and enable the Council to meet its statutory obligations. Providers are continuing to bid for the remaining funds and this will continue into the new financial year, hence the re-profiling of £250k.

5. Policy Provisions

- 5.1. There are three policy provisions for Children's Services projects.

Service Area		Amount £000
Schools	New Primary School Places	4,939.0
	Schools Capital Maintenance	7,207.0
	Children's Services	5,366.0
Total		17,512.0

- 5.2. This table reflects a reduction in the Children's Services policy provision from £10m to £5m, for which approval is sought in the revenue monitoring report.
- 5.3. It is proposed to charge a range of priority capital maintenance works at schools undertaken during 2015/16 to the Schools Capital Maintenance Policy Provision. These total some £1.7m and include window replacements at Overdale Infants School, replacement of roof lights at New College, roof replacement at Uplands Infant School and Mayflower Primary School, replacement of failed boilers at Wyvern Primary School and Sandfield Close Primary School, structural repairs to the Parks Primary School and fire risk reduction works to a number of schools. As priority works, these have been carried out within the central maintenance budget in order to ensure completion, but are more appropriately funded from schools' capital resources. Approval is requested to release £1.7m from the policy provision shown above.

City Development and Neighbourhoods' Projects**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The projects comprising the City Development and Neighbourhoods' capital programme have spent £59.0m at the end of Period 9. This equates to 45% of their approved capital programme of £133.7m.
- 1.2 Excluding the Leicester & Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) grants programme (which is managed by the LLEP) and savings, this equates to 47% of the approved programme.
- 1.3 The City Development and Neighbourhoods programme is split into seven distinct areas, as shown in the following table:

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Profiling £000	Slippage £000	Saving £000	% Spent
Planning, Transportation and Economic Development	51,374.0	20,980.0	8,732.0	1,842.0	1,234.0	42%
Culture and Neighbourhood Services	730.0	671.0	-	-	-	92%
Local Services and Enforcement	2,416.0	640.0	350.0	-	230.0	29%
Investment Division	8,842.0	3,082.0	2,026.0	764.0	-	35%
Housing General Fund	3,298.0	1,999.0	400.0	84.0	(21.0)	60%
Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	28,839.0	16,821.0	1,428.0	3,457.0	15.0	58%
Total (Excluding LLEP)	95,499.0	44,193.0	12,936.0	6,147.0	1,458.0	47%
Leicester & Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP)	38,168.0	14,788.0	-	-	-	39%
Total (Including LLEP)	133,667.0	58,981.0	12,936.0	6,147.0	1,458.0	45%

2. Planning, Transportation and Economic Development

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

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Profiling £000	Slippage £000	Saving £000	% Spent
Haymarket Bus Station	6,785.0	2,774.0	442.0	-	-	41%
Transport Improvement Works	10,605.0	3,793.0	1,278.0	-	-	36%
Street Lighting Replacement	5,534.0	2,796.0	800.0	-	1,034.0	62%
Highways Maintenance	2,672.0	1,383.0	400.0	-	-	52%
Local Environmental Works	635.0	77.0	-	215.0	-	12%
Flood and Watercourse Management	300.0	135.0	-	-	-	45%
Parking Pay and Display Machines	397.0	350.0	-	-	-	88%
Jubilee Square	244.0	-	-	-	-	0%
Cathedral Gardens	427.0	394.0	-	-	-	92%
City Centre Street Improvements	5,271.0	1,499.0	3,205.0	-	-	28%
Townscape Heritage Initiative	585.0	45.0	485.0	-	-	8%
Friars' Mill	4,074.0	3,503.0	250.0	-	-	86%
Leicester Market Redevelopment	1,876.0	843.0	800.0	-	-	45%
St George's Church Yard (S106)	40.0	19.0	-	-	-	48%
Dock 2	60.0	-	-	-	-	0%
Architectural and Feature Lighting	200.0	58.0	-	-	-	29%
Leicester Strategic Flood Risk / Access Programme	1,500.0	180.0	-	650.0	-	12%
Waterside	7,500.0	1,318.0	1,072.0	928.0	-	18%
Leicester Food Park	70.0	4.0	-	-	-	6%
Retail Gateways	233.0	159.0	-	49.0	-	68%
Business Development Grants	1,100.0	709.0	-	-	200.0	79%
Ashton Green	250.0	172.0	-	-	-	69%
Traffic Signalling - LED Replacement	966.0	735.0	-	-	-	76%
Christmas Decorations Replacement	50.0	34.0	-	-	-	68%
Total	51,374.0	20,980.0	8,732.0	1,842.0	1,234.0	42%

- 2.2 The Haymarket Bus Station is the key contributor to achieving greater use of buses in Leicester and significantly improving the service quality. A new bus station building is being constructed, increasing the number of bus stands from eleven to twenty-three. The Charles Street/Belgrave Gate junction is being remodelled, together with extensive public realm improvements. The bus station is expected to open in April 2016. There will be a 5% retention on the main contract, £442k of which will be paid in 2016/17.

- 2.3 Transport Improvement Works include:

2.3.1 Congestion and Carbon Strategies

The majority of the funding this year is for construction of Phase 1 of the Leicester North West Major Transport Scheme (A50 corridor), which started on site in July 2015 and is progressing on programme to completion in April 2016. Design work has started on

Phase 2. The scheme is largely funded through the Local Growth Fund and is promoted jointly with Leicestershire County Council. The majority of costs will be incurred in the final quarter of this financial year.

2.3.2 Accessibility Strategies. The North City Centre Access Improvement Project will help to connect the city centre with existing and proposed communities at Belgrave and Abbey Meadows, together with new development sites at Belgrave Circle and the new Community Sports Arena on Charter Street. Works at Charter Street and Memory Lane are now complete, with City Highways commencing work on Archdeacon Lane public space from January to March 2016. £78k has been re-profiled to 2016/17.

2.3.3 Active Travel and Road Safety. This provides funding for a programme of schemes, including:

a) Construction of the cycleway and new crossings on Welford Road between Newarke Street and Lancaster Walk started later than expected, following consultation, in January 2016 and will continue into the new financial year, hence £1,200k has been re-profiled to 2016/17 for this. The project is slightly ahead of the revised programme.

b) Completed 20mph schemes include St Mary's Fields Infant School, Woodstock Primary School area, Aylestone Village and Mowmacre Hill Primary School area. Schemes at design and consultation stage include Downing Drive area, Highfields and North Evington amendment, Merrydale Schools, Folville Junior School, Keyham Lane, Fosse Primary School and Bloomfield Road area.

c) LTP Management and Monitoring. This provides funding for staff costs and traffic surveys for monitoring performance of the various strategies of the Local Transport Plan.

d) Legible Leicester. The new city boundary sign replacement scheme is complete. A range of improvements to city centre and highway information and directional signage are planned. A Project Manager has been appointed, mapping work is underway for city centre signage and external support to carry out a highways signage review will be commissioned by March 2016. £180k has been added to the 2015/16 budget.

2.4 The Street Lighting Replacement programme is now substantially complete:

2.4.1 Some 31,000 lanterns have now been replaced with new LED units and only a handful now remain to be completed. Heritage style lanterns in the city centre are due to be completed by the end of March 2016.

2.4.2 The 2015/16 outturn is forecast to be £3.7m. This results in an in-year saving of some £1.8m, in addition to the £1.4m saving declared earlier in the project. These savings have arisen due to technological advances, price reductions and efficient project management. This will reduce the amount of prudential borrowing required.

2.4.3 Some £800k of the 2015/16 saving is to be re-profiled to 2016/17 for a second phase of works to convert 200 lanterns on traffic-sensitive streets, to replace 400 white light discharge columns in the city centre with more efficient LED units and for the replacement of failing columns.

- 2.4.4 Consideration is now being given to other options for LED conversion of non-highway lighting apparatus (e.g. in housing precincts and parks) and illuminated traffic signs, for which new funding arrangements will need to be agreed
- 2.5 Highways Maintenance includes:
- 2.5.1 Principal and Primary Roads. The carriageway between the A50 Groby Road and Glenfield Road islands was resurfaced over February half term in conjunction with the Leicester North West A50 improvement scheme, together with works to the traffic islands. This scheme has been programmed to minimise disruption on main roads into the city and its completion will straddle the financial year end and financing will need to be managed alongside the Local Growth grant funding for the improvement scheme. Hence £400k has been re-profiled into 2016/17, as reported at Period 6.
- 2.5.2 General Treatment and Footways. The programme is targeted at asphalt carriageway maintenance works where the deterioration in road surfaces is most evident. Funds have also been ring-fenced to address dangerous concrete roads, failed road humps and to undertake footway schemes. This year's programme is well advanced and progressing to completion. Significant resurfacing works were completed in the Autumn to Ravensbridge Drive, Saffron Lane, Greenland Drive, Abbey Park Road and Milligan Road.
- 2.5.3 Bridge Programme. The funds are being used to supplement scheme maintenance opportunities and local ward maintenance priorities. Major refurbishment works to the Holden Street footbridge were completed in December 2015.
- 2.5.4 Traffic Signal Renewals. The programme has completed. Sites maintained include Dominion Road/Charnor Road, Hastings Road/Brighton Road, Melton Road/Oakland Avenue and Stonesby Avenue/Glenbourne Road.
- 2.5.5 The Traffic Signals LED Retrofit Project has been completed and project costs are being finalised.
- 2.6 Local Environmental Works:
- 2.6.1 The schemes carried forward from 2014/15 are progressing to completion this financial year.
- 2.6.2 Traffic calming alterations have recently been completed in Bartholomew Street and the Gypsy Lane pelican is programmed. Malham Close layby is planned for Easter school holidays. A large programme of local traffic regulation order requests has been delivered and we have installed physical features to address pavement parking problems in a numerous locations, including Green Lane Road.
- 2.6.3 The seating area at the corner of Doncaster Road has been much improved, involving match funding from the landowner.
- 2.6.4 Feasibility work on the 2015/16 residents' parking (Clarendon Park and St Matthews) and pavement parking projects in Rushey Mead is now well underway.
- 2.6.5 Roche Close layby scheme was completed in December as part of a joint Highways and Housing funding programme of laybys in Eyres Monsell which is being piloted as a model for delivering layby programmes in other areas.

- 2.6.6 As reported at Period 6, some schemes will need to be slipped to 2016/17 due to scheduling of works and the time needed for further design and consultation. The new pelican crossing on Glenfield Road is programmed for the Summer school holidays in order to avoid clashing with the major A50 roadworks referred to above. Other schemes that have slipped include the provision of a new pedestrian refuge on Welford Road (where road safety concerns need to be addressed) and the one-way system planned for Bradbourne Road (where the traffic calming requirements need to be agreed and installed before we can implement the traffic regulation order).
- 2.6.7 To maintain spend in 2015/16, we have brought forward a parking area scheme at Hamilton Park to address parking issues in Columbine Road.
- 2.7 Flood and Watercourse Management: A joint strategy is progressing under the lead direction of the Environment Agency. Feasibility study works for Holbrook and Gilroes Brook flood mitigation options have progressed. The Northfields surface water management scheme is awaiting Severn Trent Water approval for the construction of additional highway drainage features. The gully replacement programme is progressing well. The contract for four replacement rubbish screens to watercourses is currently being let.
- 2.8 The Castle Street Pay & Display Parking Scheme opened for public use in June 2015.
- 2.9 The Jubilee Square and Cathedral Gardens projects are complete. The settlement of the final account on Jubilee square is expected by the end of March 2016.
- 2.10 City Centre Street Improvements: This involves the delivery of pedestrian and cyclist improvements to key city centre streets:
- 2.10.1 Phase 1: Hotel Street/St Martins, St Nicholas Circle Phase 1, Castle Gardens Ramp and Harvey Walk demolition are complete.
- 2.10.2 Phase 2: Rutland Street Phase 1 has been completed on site and Phase 2 started January 2016, with substantial completion programmed for the end of March. Extensive public and stakeholder engagement for Belvoir Street has taken place and the scheme is now scheduled to start in May, hence re-profiling of £3,205k into 2016-17, as signalled at Period 6.
- 2.11 Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI): Some £1.1m is being received from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project is in the delivery phase and projects will include owner and developer contributions. The scheme has been largely re-profiled into 2016/17 and later years, reflecting the need to reach agreement with private building owners over improvement projects. Grant agreements amounting to £318k have now been entered into with expected expenditure by the Autumn.
- 2.12 Friars Mill: The project involves the restoration and conversion of Friars Mill to managed business units. An ERDF grant of £3.9m was secured and the balance is from Council funds. Good progress continues and the scheme is largely complete with the final retention payment to re-profiled into 2016-17.
- 2.13 Leicester Market Redevelopment: The demolition of the old Market Hall phase is complete. Procurement of a contract for the new public realm to the rear of the Corn Exchange is underway. The design options have been reviewed for the rear of Corn Exchange following the demolition of the indoor market, to ensure the scheme both represents value for money and makes best use of the public space. A sum of £800k has therefore been re-profiled into 2016/17, as reported at Period 6. A major public consultation exercise on the future of the outdoor

market has concluded having secured more than 400 responses. Good progress has been made on the plans of various private businesses in the area to bring forward complementary investment.

- 2.14 St. George's Churchyard: The project consists of improvements to the churchyard, including repairs and public realm works, with works programmed to be on-site in June 2016.
- 2.15 Dock 2: The project will provide grow-on workspace for hi-tech businesses at Leicester's Pioneer Park. Funding of £60k from the Economic Action Plan will support the initial stage of the project's development, covering design and feasibility works. This work will continue into the Summer.
- 2.16 Architectural and Feature Lighting: This will deliver a city-wide architectural and feature lighting strategy along with a pilot scheme. The pilot scheme is progressing well on all projects.
- 2.17 Leicester Strategic Flood Risk / Access Programme: This programme is fully funded through Local Growth Funding and will provide access and environmental improvements to the canal and river corridor, delivered by the Council, the Canal and River Trust and the Environment Agency. A range of improvement schemes have commenced, including tow path works, improvements to Thurmaston sluices and works at the Willowbrook outfall. However, some schemes will be commencing later than planned due the Environment Agency and Canal & River Trust's design and contractor engagement processes and the need for their works to be co-ordinated within their existing work streams, including other flood defence works already underway along the River Soar in Leicester. This is leading to an anticipated £650k of slippage.
- 2.18 Waterside Strategic Regeneration Area: Significant progress has been made this year: The Supplementary Planning Document has been adopted, the outline planning application has been approved, a number of building acquisitions secured and development partner procurement has commenced. The programme is largely funded by the Local Growth Fund and substantial expenditure is expected as a result of further land acquisitions by end of March 2016. As at the end of February, six leasehold and freehold acquisitions were with legal advisors awaiting completion, including one in excess of £1m. It is anticipated that these will be completed before the 31st March 2016. The timing of acquisitions is however difficult to predict. Hence, the 2015/16 spending is not as high as originally envisaged (as initially highlighted at period 6) and some £2m has now been re-profiled and slipped into 2016/17.
- 2.19 All the units have now been let at the Leicester Food Park.
- 2.20 Retail Gateways: The programme is designed to support independent shop owners in the main gateway and regeneration areas. The profiling of spend is dependent upon property owners being in a position to agree and facilitate the work.
- 2.21 Business Development Grants: Over 130 small and medium sized businesses have been supported by the Enterprising Leicester programme, with the remaining grant allocations to be processed this year. However, take-up of Enterprising Leicester grants is around £200k lower than expected. The Broadband Business Vouchers scheme is funded by Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) as part of their national programme. Grants of up to £5k are available to SMEs in Leicester and Leicestershire to improve their broadband connectivity. Over 200 SMEs have been supported.
- 2.22 Ashton Green: Phase 1 of the infrastructure delivery programme is making progress through the consultation, detailed design and approval processes. Infrastructure work is expected to commence in April 2016.

- 2.23 Traffic Signalling LED Replacement: Work is on schedule, with full spend projected for year end.
- 2.24 Christmas Decorations Replacement: The 2015/16 programme is complete.

3. Leicester & Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership

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

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Profiling £000	Slippage £000	Saving £000	% Spent
Growing Places Fund	4,000.0	3,725.0	-	-	-	93%
Regional Growth Fund Round 3	3,231.0	3,131.0	-	-	-	97%
Regional Growth Fund Round 4	6,582.0	6,492.0	-	-	-	99%
Loughborough Science & Enterprise Park	200.0	200.0	-	-	-	100%
MIRA Technology Park Enterprise Zone	425.0	-	-	-	-	0%
Local Growth Fund	23,730.0	1,240.0	-	-	-	5%
Total	38,168.0	14,788.0	-	-	-	39%

- 3.2 The Growing Places Fund (GPF) is a revolving fund which advances loan funding for new development across city and county areas.
- 3.3 The Regional Growth Fund (RGF) round 3 programme funded by DCLG was completed in June 2015. Grants of some £7.8m were made. At the present, the jobs created or safeguarded total 1,390, well above the target of 1,248.
- 3.4 The RGF round 4 programme funded by DCLG is on target to exceed both job creation (744) and private sector investment (£53m) over the lifetime of the fund to April 2016. Presently, jobs created and safeguarded stand at over 1,200. The associated ERDF Catalysing Growth programme has assisted 97 businesses to improve, ahead of the 64 target.
- 3.5 As part of the City Deal, funding was allocated to the LLEP for the Loughborough University Science & Enterprise Parks (LUSEP) project.
- 3.6 £425k is the second half of a capital grant to MIRA Ltd in respect of the MIRA Technology Park Enterprise Zone. It will pay for employment and skills support, business development personnel and marketing including key improvements to the website. This will be funded by present and future business rates uplift within the Zone.
- 3.7 As part of the Local Growth Fund (LGF) 2015/16 allocation, £12.5m has been allocated to four Council projects, namely the Leicester A50 North West Corridor improvements, the North City Centre Access Investment Programme, Strategic Flood Risk Management and the Waterside Strategic Regeneration Area. These sums are reflected elsewhere in this report. In addition, the LLEP has earmarked some £11.2m for projects led by external partners from the Local Growth Fund. Projects have incurred spend, and will be reimbursed by LLEP before the year end.

4. Culture & Neighbourhood Services

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

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Profiling £000	Slippage £000	Saving £000	% Spent
City Centre Heritage Interpretation Panels	70.0	11.0	-	-	-	16%
Charter Street Community Arena	660.0	660.0	-	-	-	100%
Total	730.0	671.0	-	-	-	92%

- 4.2 Heritage Interpretation Panels are being installed to provide residents and visitors with heritage information and images relating to key sites. The second tranche of research has been progressed and a further 40 panels in total will be delivered during 2015/16, of which 15 will be in neighbourhood areas (historic villages).
- 4.3 The Community Sports Arena provides a new home for the Leicester Riders Basketball Club and is available for community use. It is owned and operated by Leicester Community Sports Arena Ltd. The £660k provision in 2015/16 is the balance of the £1.5m grant by the Council and has been paid over in full. The development is a catalyst to the regeneration of the wider area and the arena was launched in January 2016.

5. Local Services and Enforcement

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

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Profiling £000	Slippage £000	Saving £000	% Spent
Household Waste Recycling Centre	81.0	-	-	-	-	0%
Park Plant and Equipment	430.0	-	-	-	230.0	0%
Public Conveniences	754.0	271.0	-	-	-	36%
Allotments Infrastructure	290.0	222.0	-	-	-	77%
Victoria Park Gates	411.0	31.0	350.0	-	-	8%
Investment in Play	400.0	116.0	-	-	-	29%
Victoria Park Centenary Walk	50.0	-	-	-	-	0%
Total	2,416.0	640.0	350.0	-	230.0	29%

- 5.2 The Household Waste Recycling Centre is now fully operational. The remaining funding relates to the retention due to the contractor.
- 5.3 The Parks Plant and Equipment budget is provided to purchase replacement items of grounds maintenance equipment with an initial purchase value of over £5k per item. Each purchase will be funded via prudential borrowing with a five year repayment plan. The bulk of the expenditure is programmed for the final quarter, following a competitive procurement exercise with delivery to coincide with the 2016 grass cutting season. The Parks and Equipment replacement programme has been reviewed and is now showing a saving of £230k.
- 5.4 The new toilet facilities at Evington Park and Watermead Country Park have opened. The budget was increased by £177k, funded by departmental reserves. The refurbishment of the Cossington Street toilets is expected to be complete by the end of March. Work on the Belgrave Road toilet

commenced in January 2016 with planned completion in May 2016. £184k has been added to the 2015/16 programme.

- 5.5 Work is progressing on the allotment infrastructure with more work commissioned and completed on a number of sites. Fencing works have been completed at Reservoir allotments, Sandhurst Road and Gwendolen Gardens, along with driveway repairs and associated works at Whittier Road. Security work has completed at the Beaumanor Road, Glenfield Road, Gwendolen Road and Reservoir allotments. Car park and driveway repairs have been undertaken at Groby Road and Blakenhall Road. Further security, roadway and drainage works are planned across a number of other sites. The £290k allocation will be spent in 2015/16 as per forecast.
- 5.6 The gates to Victoria Park were installed in the 1930s and are an integral part of the park's history. In recent years they have been steadily deteriorating in condition, especially the Peace Walk gates on Lancaster Road leading up to the War Memorial. This project involves restoration works to these gates, alongside a bigger programme of events and activities looking at the history of not only Victoria Park, but other parks and cemeteries across the City. The Council has been awarded a grant of £502k from the Heritage Lottery Fund to meet most of the costs. Works to the gates will continue into 2016/17, hence the reprofiling in the table as previously reported at Period 6. The restoration works will complement the City Council's planned Centenary Walk project at the park, which aims to undertake regeneration work around the historic park lodges and car park areas.
- 5.7 Investment in play will deliver new play equipment to number of sites including Onslow Street, Uppingham Road Gardens, Western Park, Cossington Street, Victoria Park, Ryder Road and Fosse Recreation Ground.
- 5.8 Work on the Victoria Park Centenary Walk (Phase 2) starts in March and is expected to take approximately six months.

6. Investment Division

- 6.1 The table below summarises the current approved projects in the Investment Division.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Profiling £000	Slippage £000	Saving £000	% Spent
City Centre Office Accommodation	3,014.0	1,520.0	-	700.0	-	50%
20-40 New Walk (IBM)	3,826.0	124.0	2,026.0	-	-	3%
Property Maintenance	250.0	250.0	-	-	-	100%
Heritage Properties	40.0	36.0	-	-	-	90%
Great Central Railway Design	65.0	1.0	-	64.0	-	2%
LED Lighting Pilot	194.0	194.0	-	-	-	100%
Purchase of Vaughan College	309.0	309.0	-	-	-	100%
6-8 St Martins Feasibility	20.0	-	-	-	-	0%
Phoenix Square Land Purchase	472.0	450.0	-	-	-	95%
68-70 Humberstone Gate	74.0	-	-	-	-	0%
Vehicle Replacement Programme	578.0	198.0	-	-	-	34%
Total	8,842.0	3,082.0	2,026.0	764.0	-	35%

- 6.2 The city centre office accommodation project supports the relocation of staff from Greyfriars to Halford House, as well as the final completion of the refurbishment of city centre office accommodation and clearing the New Walk site. This is re-profiled as the works will take place in the latter part of 2015/16 and into the first quarter of 2016/17.
- 6.3 IBM has been attracted to Leicester as a major inward investor. The Council is undertaking improvement works to a Council owned property at 20-40 New Walk, which will be leased to IBM as their new city home. Works commenced on site in December 2015, with completion expected in early Summer 2016. Hence funding has been re-profiled, as reported at Period 6.
- 6.4 The Property Maintenance approved funding is the slippage from 2015/16.
- 6.5 The £40k budget for Heritage Properties is the final payment for works completed at Hansom Hall.
- 6.6 The Great Central Railway in partnership with the National Railway Museum, the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Council plans to deliver a £15m railway museum at the Leicester North Station. The Council has financially supported the scheme design and the acquisition of allotment plots to release land. Required contract negotiations and obtaining statutory consent has resulted in slippage of £64k.
- 6.7 A pilot LED lighting scheme has been implemented in five operational buildings, to demonstrate how this approach can be used to accelerate energy saving measures across the wider estate. The buildings are LCB Depot, Sulgrave Road depot, the Central Lending Library, Cossington Street Sports Centre and Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre. All work is complete.
- 6.8 Vaughan College has been purchased from Leicester University. This presents an opportunity for the Council to both secure its land holding adjacent to the Jewry Wall (part of the Roman Town's public baths) and promote continued investment in the site. The purchase will also further protect museum exhibits which in the past have suffered damage through water ingress due to lack of repair of the college building.
- 6.9 The £20k for 6-8 St Martin's is to carry out feasibility options and studies to inform future use/development.
- 6.10 The car park to the side of the Phoenix Cinema has been purchased, to ensure that any future development on the site is within the Council's control.
- 6.11 A grant to support the development of new workspace at 68-70 Humberstone Gate East was approved by the City Mayor in December 2015.
- 6.12 The Vehicle Replacement Programme is the replacement of City Council fleet, which in 2015/16 includes replacement of four applied street sweepers, gritters, cranes, a hydraulic platform lift, together with the additional acquisition of 15 ultra-low emission (ULEVs) and associated charging points for which £287k has been added to the programme. The full budget is expected to be spent during this financial year, with most vehicles anticipated to be delivered mid-March.

7. Housing Services

- 7.1 The table below summarizes the £32.1m approved capital programme for Housing Services and the related expenditure.

Programme Area	Approved £000	Spend £000	Profiling £000	Slippage £000	Saving £000	% Spent
Decent Homes	17,480.0	11,745.0	942.0	658.0	(35.0)	67%
Business Investment	1,788.0	568.0	486.0	250.0	-	32%
Environmental and Improvement Works	8,896.0	4,302.0	-	2,096.0	50.0	49%
Increasing Affordable Housing	675.0	206.0	-	453.0	-	31%
Total HRA	28,839.0	16,821.0	1,428.0	3,457.0	15.0	58%
General Fund Activities	3,298.0	1,999.0	400.0	84.0	(21.0)	60%
Total Housing	32,137.0	18,820.0	1,828.0	3,541.0	(6.0)	59%

- 7.2 Decent Homes (£17.5m) provides for works to kitchens and bathrooms, central heating and boilers, rewiring and other improvements to tenants' homes.

7.2.1 In addition to the reported spend, at the end of Period 9 some £0.9m of Decent Homes work had been completed but had either not been invoiced or the invoices were still being processed.

7.2.2 Refurbishment of the St Peters Tower Blocks is now in its second year and is due for completion in March 2017. Work on Clipstone House was completed in December. Work on Gordon House will follow but the majority of this will not be until 2016/17, thus there will be re-profiling of £0.5m into 2016/17, as reported at Period 6.

7.2.3 £442k of the Door Entry Replacement budget is re-profiled into 2016/17 as new schemes await a completed fire risk assessment. Additionally, £158k of the Window & Doors budget will slip as programmed work cannot take place until the properties become void due to access problems. Both of these were reported at Period 6.

7.2.4 There will be slippage of £0.5m on the Kitchen & Bathroom budget due to contractor capacity being unable to achieve previously predicted weekly completion rates. Additional work has been allocated to the remaining contractors and the in-house Kitchen Team.

- 7.3 Business Investment (£1.8m) includes the new housing information system, the digital upgrade to the housing CCTV network, installation of trackers in the housing fleet and the roll out of mobile devices for the craft workforce.

7.3.1 The Northgate housing system went live in January 2016. Phase 1 spend will be as per revised budget of £500k. Phase 2 will spend £150k this year therefore £250k is slipped in to 2016/17.

- 7.3.2 The project board for the CCTV digital upgrade has been set up. However, the HRA's contribution of £0.3m will now not be required until 2016/17. As previously reported, the spending has therefore been re-profiled.
- 7.3.3 The mobile working project will spend £350k in 2015/16 on new devices for craft operatives and therefore £186k is re-profiled into 2016/17.
- 7.4 The programme for Environmental and Improvement Works (£8.9m) covers a range of schemes across the city. These include:
- 7.4.1 Environmental works on estates (£1.9m) is forecasting full spend. The programme includes 94 separate schemes across the city to make improvements to facilities and communal areas used by tenants. These include a comprehensive external painting programme and improvements to communal areas, phase 2 external improvements to Liberty Road flats in New Parks (now complete), various resident parking improvements and renewal of concrete paths in Humberstone. Since Period 6 the remodelling of car parking at Garfield Street (Centre Area) has been completed. Parking improvements have commenced in Eyres Monsell.
- 7.4.2 Disabled adaptations (£1.2m) funds adaptations to the homes of HRA tenants, such as installing walk in showers, grab rails, lifts and ramps. It also includes adapting vacant bungalows that will be let through HomeChoice to people on the Housing Register waiting for wheelchair accessible homes. The scheme is demand led and it is expected the full £1.2m will be spent this year.
- 7.4.3 Phase 2 of the demolition of the Eyres Monsell Exchange shopping parade and flats is due in 2017. Some £60k is slipped into 2016/17 as arrangements for ending the remaining shopkeepers' tenancies to finish are still being finalised.
- 7.4.4 Safety Works and Fire Risk Works are largely demand led schemes and at present the forecast is to fully spend the Fire Risk Works budget of £995k. General safety works have been identified but consist of a number of small procurement exercises which result in some of the work being completed in the next financial year. This will result in slippage of £316k.
- 7.4.5 Energy initiatives to improve 1,100 homes with low energy efficiency ratings is underway. The solution to address each home is specific to each property and we are working with tenants to implement improvements. The current forecast is to fully spend the approved budget of £0.5m.
- 7.4.6 Walkways (£0.2m) and Waylighting (£0.4m) will fully spend this year. Work to improve the condition of elevated walkways will have largely completed this year. By the end of year over half of waylighting on the estates will have been replaced with energy efficient fittings.
- 7.4.7 A list of proposed sites for new playground equipment (£0.13m) has been consulted on but due to capacity to deliver the work there will be circa £67k slippage.

- 7.4.8 Supporting Neighbourhood Hubs. The main work at Saffron was completed in December. There are currently no further proposals this financial year, resulting in a £50k saving, as previously reported.
- 7.4.9 Loft Insulation. Whilst surveys are being carried out at properties initially requesting the scheme, some tenants are subsequently deciding to opt for the work to be carried out by private contractors. This will result in slippage of £163k into 2016/17, as reported at Period 6.
- 7.4.10 Balcony Improvements. Concrete repairs and painting to balconies at Aikman Avenue is now expected to commence next financial year and will result in slippage of £290k. The tower block refurbishment programme has moved on to Gordon House and technicians are now available to progress the balcony improvement works.
- 7.4.11 Charnwood Door Entry. £150k slippage is expected as Fire Risk assessments are awaited. Risk assessments are being carried out at high risk flats first. Flats in Charnwood are mainly two-storey.
- 7.4.12 External Wall Insulation. The scheme has been delayed to take advantage of match funding that will become available next financial year. The full £995k budget will be re-profiled in to 2016/17.
- 7.5 Increasing Affordable Housing (£0.7m). The conversion of Lower Hastings Street and Loughborough Road hostels will go out to tender in April, with a projected start on site in August and completion in Autumn 2017. Hence, slippage of £453k is currently forecast, as previously reported. The council purchased a former council house in December for £113k, which will be financed from right to buy receipts and revenue and requires release of funding from the affordable housing policy provision.
- 7.6 The forecast spend for the General Fund capital programme will be £463k less than budget.
- 7.6.1 Disabled Facilities Grants (£2.4m) provides grants to owner occupiers to make small adaptations to their home. The scheme will allocate the full budget this year. However spend is forecast to be £0.4m less than budget as recipients of allocations have six months to complete the work and claim the grant. It is proposed to re-profile £0.4m into 2016/17, as explained at Period 6.
- 7.6.2 Repayable Home Repair Grants (£0.2m) are available for low income private homeowners to make essential improvements to their property. A combination of lower than expected numbers of people taking up the scheme and in house capacity to process applications means there will be £69k slippage.
- 7.6.3 The match funding scheme to encourage private sector landlords to install loft insulation will fully spend this year. The Street Scene Improvements scheme will install around 50 new alley gates and fund new infills and fencing and repairs to existing gates. Not all of the additional £40k funding being provided by Community Safety will be spent, resulting in £15k slippage.

8. Policy Provisions

- 8.1 At the end of Period 9 a number of policy provisions for City Development & Neighbourhoods projects still awaited formal approval for allocation to specific schemes.

Service Area	Project	Amount £000
Planning, Transportation and Economic Development	Economic Action Plan Phase 2	7,643.0
	Ashton Green Infrastructure	1,640.0
Local Services & Enforcement	Replacement Allotment Infrastructure	125.0
Property Services	Property Maintenance	1,700.0
Housing Revenue Account	New Affordable Housing	1,727.0
	New HRA Schemes	300.0
Total		13,135.0

Corporate Resources Projects

1. Summary

- 1.1. The projects comprising the Corporate Resources capital programme have spent £0.2m of their approved capital programme of £2.7m.
- 1.2. The following table shows the split of the capital programme by division:

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Profiling £000	Slippage £000	Saving £000	% Spent
Financial Services	2,000.0	-	1,775.0	-	-	0%
Information Services	689.0	197.0	-	23.0	-	29%
Total	2,689.0	197.0	1,775.0	300.0	-	7%

2. Financial Services

- 2.1. The procurement of a corporate Finance and HR/payroll system is required due to current contracts expiring. Work to select the new supplier is well underway.

3. Information Services

- 3.1. The table below summarises the £0.7m approved capital programme for Information Services.

Project	Approved £000	Spend £000	Profiling £000	Slippage £000	Saving £000	% Spent
UNIX Server Replacement	197.0	197.0	-	-	-	100%
ICT Data Storage Replacement	390.0	-	-	-	-	0%
ICT Firewall	102.0	-	-	23.0	-	0%
Total	689.0	197.0	-	23.0	-	29%

- 3.2. The Unix database platform has been replaced as planned.
- 3.3. The ICT data storage equipment used to store the Council's data is at the end of its life. The existing equipment was procured in 2008/09, and would usually have a lifespan of 5 years. The contract was awarded in January as programmed and the hardware was delivered onsite February. The hardware replacement at the disaster recovery site has been completed, and the project is continuing to implement the replacement at the primary site. Work will then commence to migrate council data to the new hardware during March and April. All remaining ordered works will be completed and invoiced during March, with any outstanding data migration being completed by internal ICT teams during April.
- 3.4. £102k has been provided to replace the current ICT firewall, which protects the Council's data from malicious attack. Again, the current equipment is at the end of its useful life. The first stage of the new firewall infrastructure was implemented in February. The remainder of the infrastructure components are expected to be procured by the end of March 2016, although the implementation is delayed to the beginning of the new financial year due to internal resources being committed to the Housing System Replacement Project and the freeze on all changes to the infrastructure during year end. This will result in approximately £23,000 being slipped to Q1 2016/17.