

Scheme Specific Information

Children's Services

Analysis:

Fulford Secondary School Targeted Capital

The second phase of the Fulford project is complete and has been well received. Some final issues around heating and the amount of the final retention remain to be settled in 2006/07, necessitating the slippage of £40k, however the project overall is expected to deliver a saving of approximately £37k.

Applefields Special School Targeted Capital

The project is substantially complete and running well, but there is still some outstanding expenditure required on internal equipment, external ground works and the retention on the main contract totalling £188k.

Huntington Secondary School Improvements

Extended negotiations on the scope and cost of the project mean that work on site did not commence until April 2006. The bulk of the expenditure will therefore now take place in 2006/07 requiring slippage of £546k.

NDS Modernisation

The overall modernisation programme requires combined slippage of £442k. The individual projects within this programme which have resulted in this slippage are discussed below.

The Classroom Extension project at Dunnington Primary has been successfully completed. However, the later stages of the project to expand the hall by raising the roofline proved significantly more expensive than anticipated. The area to be refurbished was structurally integral to the roof and a full investigation could not be undertaken before work commenced. It was therefore difficult to accurately predict the amount of work required. It also proved more expensive than expected to accurately match the hall flooring which needed to be replaced. Whilst the project was in progress it was also felt that desirable improvements to the toilet facilities could be carried out alongside the main work, so this was incorporated into an expanded project brief, with additional Modernisation funding allocated to the project. As a result of all these issues the total project cost has increased by £50k (8%).

The Canon Lee School Extension project requires slippage of £79k into 2006/07. The complex nature of the project meant that the development work took longer than anticipated and construction work began a month later than originally predicted. However construction is now progressing well and completion is planned for autumn 2006.

The availability of additional funding through the Targeted School Meals Grant (£90k in 2005/06 and approximately £150k in each of 2006/07 and 2007/08) has created the opportunity for coordination with existing Kitchen Improvements projects funded from the Modernisation Fund. Therefore £92k of capital funding has been held back to allow schools to submit bids, and this funding needs to be slipped into 2006/07.

The Rufforth Community Hall project is now progressing well, however spend in the early stages of the project has been slower than anticipated resulting in slippage of £58k into 2006/07.

Scarcroft Access Works project is also now progressing well and work on site is expected to be completed by mid-July. However delays at the beginning of the project due to complications around a sloping floor, and the time taken to agree the works with English Heritage and our Building Conservation department have resulted in the requirement to slip £97k into 2006/07.

Schools Access Initiative

There are 27 individual schemes currently on-going within the Schools Access Initiative. All schemes are currently in progress, but a small number have been subject to delays. One was due to the need to rework the project because the initial quotes were unaffordable. A number of others were delayed due to lack of capacity caused by sickness absence in the surveyor's section of Property Services.

Skills Centre

The project is currently on schedule but some of the early expenditure on enabling works was incurred slightly later than anticipated. Therefore £44k of expenditure needs to be slipped into 2006/07.

Housing Services

Analysis:

Table 1 – Modernisation of Local Authority Homes (Capital Scheme)

Scheme	Approved Budget 2005/06 £k	Revised Costs 2005/06 £k	(Under)/Overspend 2005/06 £k
Communal	162	136	(26)

Security Doors			
Asbestos	18	26	8
Scooter Stores	32	43	11
Total	212	205	(7)

The under spend on Communal Security Doors is due to a reduction in the average unit cost as a result of a number of existing doors being identified at detailed survey stage of being suitable for upgrade rather than renewal. There is an overspend of £8k on Asbestos due to the survey identifying more works needing to be undertaken than originally planned. The overspend on Scooter Stores is a result of being charged fees for almost the whole of the scheme, when 70% of the scheme was slipped, at quarter 3, to 2006/7. This has been discussed with City Strategy and it will result in reduced fees being charged for the remaining work to be carried out during 2006/7.

There have been further minor variations within officers delegation on various modernisation schemes resulting in an underspend of £10k. This is made up of underspends of £3k on Burglar Alarms, £3k on Fire Door Replacement, £2k on Window Replacement and a further £2k on Capitalised Salaries.

Table 2 – Repairs to Local Authority Properties

Scheme	Approved Budget 2005/06 £k	Revised Costs 2005/06 £k	(Under) / Overspend 2005/06 £k	Slippage to 2006/07 £k
Installation and Replacement of Heating Systems	842	810	0	(32)
Communal Access Flooring	138	119	(19)	
Repairs and Maintenance Communal areas	66	24	(42)	
Total	1,046	953	(61)	(32)

The slippage of £32k on Installation and Replacement of Heating Systems is as a result of reduction in reactive workload in the last month of the financial year resulting in little time to organise alternative works. The under spend of £19k on Communal Access Flooring has resulted from a reduction in the expected tender price and miscellaneous savings during the contract term. The under spend of £42k on R&M Communal Areas is as a result of reserves in 2004/05 being of too high a value due to late submitted invoices by contractors and reduced requirements for works following detailed surveys.

There have been further minor variations within officers delegation on various modernisation schemes resulting in an underspend of £25k. This is made up of underspends of £6k on Improved Internal Communal

Security Lighting, £3k on Stair lifts and £19k on Cladding Denis Wildes properties. There has also been an overspend of £3k on Re-rendering.

Assistance to Older and Disabled People

There have been minor variations within officers delegation resulting in an overall overspend of £8k. These being individual overspends of £7k on Adaptations for the Disabled and £1k on Occupational Therapy Capitalised Salaries.

Housing Grants & Associated Investment

There have been minor variations within officers delegation resulting in an overall overspend of £13k. There has been one underspend of £4k on Decent Homes Grants whilst 3 overspends of £1k on Mandatory DFG's, £12k on York Repair Grant and £4k on Capitalised Salaries.

Table 3 - Miscellaneous

Scheme	Approved Budget 2005/06 £k	Revised Costs 2005/06 £k	(Under) / Overspend 2005/06 £k	Slippage to 2006/07 £k
Homeless Hostel	930	897	(15)	(18)
Total	930	897	(15)	(18)

There is a slippage of £18k due to professional fees to be paid for services yet to be completed, contract retention, and additional fittings to the scheme as yet not purchased.

Commuted Sums

There have been no variations to the budgets for either Reprovision of Women's Aid or Horseman Avenue.

Table 4 – Modernisation of Local Authority Homes (MRA)

Scheme	Approved Budget 2005/06 £k	Revised Costs 2005/06 £k	(Under) / Overspend 2005/06 £k
TC Miscellaneous Backfills	899	822	(77)
TC Tang Hall	1456	1545	89
Kitchens	65	55	(10)
Fire Door Replacement	100	53	(47)
Total	2,520	2,475	(45)

The under spend of £77k on Miscellaneous backfills was due to poor take up and access rates from customers reducing the number of homes modernised by 15. The overspend of £89k on Tang Hall is due to a lower than expected reduction of unit costs. The underspend of £10k on Kitchens was due to a lack of individual kitchens requiring this service

and the underspend of £47k on Fire Door Replacement was due to 177 homes being identified as being able to achieve the same fire protective levels through upgrade rather than through full replacement

There have been further minor variations within officers delegation on various modernisation schemes resulting in an overspend of £61k. This is made up of an underspend of £3k on Tenants Choice Kingsway West and an overspend of £6k on Tenants Choice Foxwood 1970's Homes, £15k on Capitalised Salaries, £19k on BISF/Howards and £24k on Tenants Choice Pottery Lane.

Table 5 – Repairs to Local Authority Properties

Scheme	Approved Budget 2005/06 £k	Revised Costs 2005/06 £k	(Under) / Overspend 2005/06 £k
Window Replacement 2005/06 Schemes	333	278	(55)
Total	333	278	(55)

The underspend of £55k on Window Replacement is due to reductions in tender prices.

Leisure and Heritage

Analysis:

Oakland's Sports Centre Development

The main works contract was due for completion in June but because of some unforeseen delays on site this has had to be put back until the end of July (the centre is due to open to the public in September). This means that £224k of expenditure needs to be slipped into 2006/07. In addition the Executive Member should be aware that because of the delay and other unexpected costs incurred on utilities infrastructure, the overall scheme is now expected to overspend by between £35k to £65k. A further report on this with options for funding the shortfall may need to be presented to the next EMAP meeting.

Danebury Drive Allotments

Only a small amount of work was completed on this scheme by the end of the financial year, so the remainder of the budget needs to be slipped to 2006/07.

Parks and Open Spaces Section 106 Development

Initial preparatory work for the improvements at Hull Road Park commenced during the winter. This work has given the park a much more open and welcoming feel. In January the Heritage Lottery Fund launched its Parks For People initiative which is providing approximately £90m nationally over the next three years to improve public parks. Therefore, further parks development work has been put on hold

pending discussions with Lottery case officers about the possibility of City of York qualifying for some of this money.

Knavesmire Emergency Drainage Works

Further detailed CCTV examination of the culvert was undertaken over the winter and silt removal work carried out. Tenders were then obtained for the repair work to reline the affected sections. However, it was not possible to guarantee the completion of the work in time for the first race meeting of 2006 in May, therefore, after consultation with York Racecourse the work has been delayed until after this meeting. The work was rescheduled to be completed over three weeks at the end of May 2006, therefore the remaining budget needs to be slipped into 2006/07.

Scheme Addition

Youth Service Vehicle Purchase

During 2005/06 the Youth Service secured external grant funding to enable the purchase of two Urbie buses to deliver mobile Youth provision in areas where there are currently no Youth Clubs. These buses provide a range of activities and facilities for young people.

Planning and Transport

Analysis

LTP

The outturn for 2005/06 Local Transport Plan (LTP) capital programme was £6.082m against a budget of £6.174m which is a small underspend of £92k. The key underspends were in relation to the LTP element of Park and Ride due to additional spend being charged to the Developers Contribution Scheme and Local Safety Schemes.

Highways Repairs and Renewals

All the Highway Resurfacing schemes included within the programme except the four schemes deferred for practical reasons were delivered within the year. It is proposed to carry forward the £9k underspend into 2006/07 to cover the costs of some of the deferred schemes.

Special Bridge Maintenance

The works at Castle Mills bridge were deferred earlier in the year to allow incorporation into the larger scheme planned for 2006/07. The preparatory works for the bridge at Moor Lane, Hessay were undertaken but the progress was slower than anticipated owing to staff shortages. The scheme will now be delivered early in 2006/07. It is proposed to carry forward the £41.3k underspend to fund the works in 2006/07

Developers Contribution Schemes

The outturn of £1.609m was an overspend of £0.211m which has been fully funded from contributions applied in year. The main areas of additional works were in relation to the Park & Ride scheme and public transport in relation to improvements that were necessary for the introduction of the ftr.

City Walls

Work on the Railway Arches Phase 2 was completed in February. The outturn cost exceeded the approved budget as the works proved to be more complex when the internal cavities were exposed. The overspend of £48k can be met by viring £29k from underspends elsewhere in the budget and from bringing forward £19k of budget from the 2006/07 City Walls scheme.

Resources

The Resources capital programme was originally comprised of £610k of schemes rescheduled from previous years into 2005/06, together with £700k of new schemes. In addition to this the programme was subsequently increased by £500k in relation to IT equipment to be funded by prudential borrowing and £250k for the Admin Accom review. £184k of budget has been slipped into 2006/07 as part of the budget monitoring process.

Analysis

Resources has a total underspend on capital schemes of £773k . The two main elements are:

- a £901k underspend on the Property Services capital programme partly due to the underachievement of capital receipts in 2005/06, as some works have been moved into 2006/07 in order to release the pressure on funding the capital programme. In order to ensure that the Property schemes can be completed it is necessary to slip the full £901k into 2006/07.
- an overspend of £115k against the capital budget of £500k for the purchase of IT equipment. This budget was added to the capital programme in September 2005 and was an estimate. The actual spend on IT equipment has been £615k. The cost is being funded by prudential borrowing and the additional revenue costs of borrowing the extra £115k are being financed by a corresponding underspend on IT lease budgets.

Economic development

Analysis:

The 2005/06 Economic Development capital programme comprised two schemes both carried over from 2004/05 as detailed in the table below:

2005/06 Budget	£000
Small Business Workshops (Amy Johnson Way)	733.9
ABB Site Regeneration (Holgate Park)	2.2
Total	736.1

Holgate Park

Approved Budget at Q3	£2.2k
Outturn at 31st March 2006:	£2.1k

The main arch works at Holgate Park were completed in July 2004. The capital allocation in 2005/06 has funded the payment of retentions and minor completion works. The retentions of £2.1k were paid in July 2005.

Small Business Managed Workshops

Approved Budget at Q3	£733.9k
Outturn at 31st March 2006:	£ 27.0k

The proposals to replace the existing Small Business Workshops on the Parkside site on Terry Avenue and the Young Business Project site at Fishergate by a new Managed Workshop scheme on a site at Amy Johnson Way in Clifton Moor purchased using the Venture Fund were agreed at the Resources and Leader EMAPs in March 2006. The Amy Johnson Way Site will be sold to a developer and leased back by the Council. The new facility will be managed by York Selby & Malton Business Advice Centre Ltd (YSMBAC) – the company set up by the Council and partners to provide business support services in York and surrounding areas. Subject to the relocation of tenants and agreeing a land exchange with the Caravan Club the Parkside and Fishergate sites will be marketed for sale for development, avoiding extensive repair costs in the future and generating receipts.

Subject to planning consent it is anticipated that the new development could be in operation by April 2007.

There is an underspend of £706.9k against the budget as finalising the details of the most advantageous transfer arrangements took longer than anticipated and it was not possible to adjust the provision in advance of the proposed arrangements being confirmed late in the financial year. The proposals agreed at the Resources and Leader EMAPs in March 2006 mean that the Capital requirement for the scheme is £446k lower than originally anticipated therefore only £260.9k of the underspend needs to be carried forward for this project in 2006/07, releasing the remaining provision for other projects within the Capital Programme.

Actual spend in the year was £29.1k, an underspend of £707k compared to the budget of £736.1k.

The following table sets out the proposed rephasing of scheme funding.

	2005/06	2006/07
	£000	£000
Amy Johnson Way	-706.9	+260.9
ABB Site Regeneration (Holgate Park)	-0.1	0
Total	-707	+260.9

Chief Executives

Analysis:

The Chief Executive's capital programme was originally comprised of £202k of Ward Committee capital schemes in 2005/06, together with £63k of schemes rescheduled from 2004/05 into 2005/06. £58k of budget was slipped into 2006/07 in the second budget monitor.

Ward Committee Capital Schemes (£207k revised budget)

Variance
-£98k

There has been £109k spent on capital schemes in 2005/06, an underspend of £98k compared to the budget. This underspend has arisen due to project slippage. The full £98k is earmarked and committed for schemes, and will need to be slipped into 2006/07 to ensure the schemes can be completed.

Environmental Services

Analysis:

The Environment & Sustainability capital programme includes 4 main schemes as set out below

	<u>Budget</u> <u>£000s</u>
Crematorium Upgrade and Repair	57.1
Purchase of Green Wheeled Bins	1,136.0
Hazel Court Household Waste Site	1,328.0
Air Quality Management	73.5
Total	2,594.6

Overall spend at the end of 2005/06 was £2,514.6k against an approved budget at Monitor 3 of £2,594.61k – an underspend of £80k overall.

The progress on delivering the projects within the programme and a comment on the variances to the budget for each scheme is outlined below.

Crematorium – Upgrade and Repair

Budget: £57.1k (CYC Capital Resources)

Outturn at 31st March: £72k

A bid was successful under the GRAM process for funding from 2003/04 to 2005/06 to carry out a range of works at the Crematorium including updating the layout and furnishing in the main chapel including provision of a rear exit, creating a new access road to the rear of the building, extending the chapel of remembrance, improving toilet facilities, replacing a cracked hearth, improving emission monitoring and the provision of improved car parking.

The contract works have now been completed. As indicated in the monitoring reports the total cost of the works was higher than originally anticipated owing to the resolution of a claim from the contractor. The total cost for the scheme is £72k. It is proposed to fund the £14.9k overspend from the savings made on the Hazel Court Household Waste Scheme.

Purchase of Green Waste Bins

Budget: £1,136k (Prudential Borrowing)

Outturn at 31st March: £1,132.2k

The purchase of the green waste bins is complete and the first collections commenced in early October. There was an underspend of £3.8k on the purchase of the bins which it is not proposed to carry forward.

Hazel Court Household Waste Site

Budget: £1,328k (£793k—Prudential Borrowing, £460k CYC Capital Funding, £75k CYC Revenue Funding)

Outturn at 31st March: £1,243.3k

In accordance with the decision of the Executive on 1 June 2004 a new ramped split level household waste site has been constructed off Hazel Court as a replacement for the existing site at Foss Islands. The contract for the works was accepted within budget and works started in September.

The new Household Waste Site opened on 10 April. The total cost of the works completed in 2005/06 was £1,243.3k, £84.7k under the budget allocation. It is proposed to carry forward the underspend to cover the payment of retentions, completion of minor works and to cover the resolution of outstanding claims from the contractor relating to increased winter working. In addition, as indicated at Monitor 3 it is

proposed to use the underspend on this budget to fund the overspend on the Crematorium scheme.

Air Quality Management

Budget: £73.5k (DEFRA funding)

Outturn at 31st March: £67.1k

The funding from DEFRA has been used to support a variety of Air Quality Management issues as detailed below.

The Air Quality Monitoring allocation (£45.5k) has been used for relocation of the city centre monitoring site and the purchase of a new ozone analyser for the Dunnington air quality monitoring station. An additional air quality monitoring station for Heworth Green has also been installed.

The Air Quality Modelling (£15k) allocation has been used for continued funding of the air quality modelling post which was established within the department following the successful air quality modelling SCA application in 2001/02.

The Air Quality Action Planning allocation has been used to fund further promotional material and press releases on bonfires and smoke control areas as detailed in the existing Air Quality Action Plan. Progress on the traffic modelling for the possible Low Emission Zone has been delayed by the slower than anticipated validation of citywide traffic model being prepared by consultants for the Transport Planning Unit. It is anticipated that the model will be ready for use early in 2006/07. It is proposed to carry forward the underspend of £6.4k into 2006/07 to cover the Low Emission Zone work. The proposal to transfer the allocation into 2006/07 has been agreed with DEFRA.

Funding Implications

The approved 2005/06 capital programme for Environment and Sustainability had a total gross budget of £2,594.61k. Actual spend in the year was £2,514.6k -- a net underspend of £80k. It is proposed to carry forward £76.2k of funding into 2006/07 as summarised below.

	Carry forward to 2006/07 £000
Hazel Court Household Waste Site	69.8
Air Quality Action Planning	6.4
Total	76.2

It is proposed to fund the 2005/06 capital programme as detailed below.

	£000
Supported Capital Expenditure (SCE)	67.1
CYC Capital Resources	2,372.5
CYC Revenue	75.0
Total	2,514.6

Social Services

There is a total of £23k underspend on the Capital funded programme, in addition there is £75k slippage of expenditure into 2006/07 explanation for which is set out below

Analysis:

The slippage is £27k from Modernisation of Oliver house due to delays in the scheme design and planning permission stages, £10k from Windsor House modernisation as the scheme is only now in the tender stages, £10k on Relocation of Hebden Rise Day Centre due to contract retention payments and £5k on Morrell House due to incomplete works. There is also £15k slippage relating to Information Management Improvements. The progress of the Integrated Children's System has not been as expected with major development work now being scheduled for the second half of 2006/07 rather than 2005/06, with a need to slip £8k.

There is an underspend of £16k on the Community Equipment Loan Service purchasing of equipment due to a fall in demand for major items of equipment over the winter period. There is an overspend of £5k on Capitalised Salaries relating to Modernising EPH's which is covered by an underspend of £13k on the Relocation of Hebden Rise day care centre due to savings on fixtures and fittings as well as capitalised salaries. There is also an overspend of £1k on the Disability Support Programme.