

# Birmingham City Council

## S151 Spending Control Board Decisions

Directorate: City Operations

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Subject	Section 151 Spending Control Board Decisions
Authorising Officer	Fiona Greenway, S151 Officer
Directorate	City Operations
Dates covered	09 – 15 March 2024

The Council is prevented, without explicit agreement of the Section 151 Officer, from entering into any new agreement or commitment for expenditure until Full Council has met to consider the Section 114 report. These controls may be re-applied after the date of this Full Council meeting.

The existing scheme of Financial Delegation is superseded by the S114 notice. Only the Section 151 Officer can sign off new spend. This applies to new spend of any value.

Relative to existing spending controls in place across the organisation, this means that Directorate Spending Boards (and the Finance Governance Board) do not have the authority to approve new spending. These Boards can recommend spending to the Section 151 Officer only – to be approved via the S151 Spend Control Board.

The spend decisions captured within this document outline the discussions and conclusions made via the S151 Spend Control Board.

## Decisions

ID	Title of Spend Request	S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Date of S151 Spend Control Board	Assistant Director or Director	Amount requested	Notes
2770	Payment of Invoice - Events Depot Charges	Approve	12/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 317.00	Approved - Service already provided
3701	Procurement process - Weed Spraying Applications of Herbicides April 24 onwards	Approve	13/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 718,000.00	Approved - Legislative requirement / Essential works
4843	Procurement of food contract (end of financial year)	Approve	12/03/2024	Sajeela Naseer	£ 85,000.00	Approved - Safeguarding and enforcement
4977	Alexander Stadium- Deductible Event Commission for Eventurous - pay invoice	Approve	13/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 457.20	Approved - Contractual obligation
5055	Boiler Flue Checks & Repairs - Kings Heath Park	Approve	11/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 5,417.00	Approved - Safeguarding of assets
5069	Roof Repairs - Urgent Uplift - Kings Heath Park House - Needs to be Approved before 20/2/24 before Scaffolding is removed to keep at the current costs	Approve	11/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 4,896.00	Approved - Safeguarding of assets
5075	Severely Eroding Path - River Cole Entrance - Slade Lane	Approve	11/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 810.00	Approved - Health and safety

5081	Fencing - Trip Rail Failures - Brook Meadow Park, Packington Avenue, Walsham Croft, Bramblewood , Shard End	Approve	11/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 7,737.00	Approved - Health and safety / Safeguarding of assets
5090	River Cole - Major Blockage	Approve	12/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 5,500.00	Approved - Safeguarding assets
5093	Installation of 2 Park Benches - To be completely funded by Manor Road Friends Group at Stechford Village Green	Approve	11/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 3,320.00	Approved - Costs recharged / Third Party funded
5101	Delayed payment of Invoice from University of Birmingham for contracted work received on behalf of West Midlands Film Bureau in 2019	Approve	13/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 5,550.00	Approved - Service already delivered
5202	Transport Manager's CPC Refresher Course	Approve	13/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 1,000.00	Approved - Licensing obligation
5254	Approval for 2024-25 G4S cash collections at Cannon Hill Park car parks by approved contractor (G4S)	Approve	13/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 12,600.00	Approved - Income collection
5256	Authorised Testing Facility	Approve	13/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 5,000.00	Approved - Delivery of savings
5372	City of Nature - Sustainable Finance Framework development funded through National Lottery Heritage Fund	Approve	13/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 55,000.00	Approved - Ring fenced grant funded
5453	fuel payment	Approve	13/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 473.00	Approved - Reimbursement of expenses
5458	Species 360 zoo records software renewal	Approve	13/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 1,599.10	Approved - Statutory requirement

5489	Calthorpe Estates (Westbourne Road Allotments; Nursery Road – Harborne Hill Allotments; Eastern Rd Allotments)	Approve	13/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 1,600.00	Approved - Contractual obligation
5495	Approval to Settle accounts - payment of last outstanding invoices for the terminated Agency staff (Principal Engineers) up to Dec 2023	Approve	11/03/2024	Mark Shelswell	£ 13,500.00	Approved - Service already delivered
5502	Requalification of staff in First Aid Pool Lifeguard across the Wellbeing Service inc Linden Pool - 2024/2025	Approve	11/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 7,000.00	Approved - Contractual obligation / Health and safety
5505	Softcat Procurement Of systems yearly invoice	Approve	13/03/2024	Mark Shelswell	£ 354,484.80	Approved - Highways PFI costs
5513	Replace Damaged Height Restrictor - Swanshurst Park	Approve	13/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 980.00	Approved - Health and safety / Safeguarding of assets
5562	G4S Cash Collections 2024/2025	Approve	11/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 4,500.00	Approved - Income collection
5564	LGO Compensatory Awards	Approve	13/03/2024	Andy Vaughan	£ 1,100.00	Approved - Regulatory Payments
5585	Rodent Infestation - Alexander Stadium (CSE offices)	Approve	11/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 240.00	Approved - Health and safety
5586	Handsworth Cemetery Flooding	Approve	11/03/2024	Sajeela Naseer	£ 3,701.72	Approved - Safeguarding of assets
5590	Mortuay: Service of Fridge Alarms and Monitoring Contract	Approve	11/03/2024	Sajeela Naseer	£ 3,000.00	Approved - Health and safety
5596	EH Call off contract spend - enforcement agents to remove unauthorised encampments from BCC land April -July 2024	Approve	12/03/2024	Sajeela Naseer	£ 48,380.00	Approved - Enforcement obligation

5597	Premises License Fee Payment for Alexander Stadium	Approve	11/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 4,350.00	Approved - Statutory
5607	Environmental Health: Animal Welfare	Approve	11/03/2024	Sajeela Naseer	£ 1,825.20	Approved - Statutory
5608	Environmental Health: Animal Welfare	Approve	11/03/2024	Sajeela Naseer	£ 99.38	Approved – Goods already received
5617	Payment of Invoice - LLFA Planning Support (received 29/2/24)	Approve	12/03/2024	Mark Shelswell	£ 58,800.00	Approved - Services already received
5619	Payment of Invoice - LLFA Planning Support (received 29/2/24)	Approve	12/03/2024	Mark Shelswell	£ 17,180.36	Approved - Services already received
5621	Introduction of New season ticket and residents parking permit system/software	Approve	11/03/2024	Mark Shelswell	£ 45,000.00	Approved - Income generation / Delivery of savings
5622	Customer Refunds - Swimming, Gymnastics, Gym Memberships and Room Hire 2024/2025	Approve	11/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 6,000.00	Approved - Refunds to third parties
5646	Sparkbrook CHC - Lease Liabilities for Maintenance	Approve	11/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 23,059.27	Approved - Contractual obligation
5669	Annual maintenance of fire safety equipment	Approve	13/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 69.85	Approved - Health and safety
5687	Highways PFI Interim Service monthly payment for services received in Feb 2024, to be paid in March 2024	Approve	13/03/2024	Mark Shelswell	£ 12,000,000.00	Approved - Contractual Highways PFI spend
5692	Final payment to Culture Central for Volunteer Futures programme	Approve	12/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 1,000.00	Approved - Contractual payment
5694	Birmingham Heritage Week 2023 Grant Final Payment	Approve	12/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 1,500.00	Approved - Contractual

5698	Final payment of grant to Birmingham Hippodrome for Birmingham Weekender 2023	Approve	12/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 5,000.00	Approved - Contractual obligation
5733	Wellbeing Centres swimming pools - Purchase swimming badges - 2023 / 2024	Approve	15/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 700.00	Approved - Income generating
5772	Resalable and Vending machine stock- uplift on year 23/24	Approve	15/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 376.08	Approved - Income generating
5779	Sparkbrook health and community centre security support - recharge as part of lease arrangements	Approve	15/03/2024	Chris Jordan	£ 9.02	Approved - Rechargeable expenditure
5798	England Illegal money lending team Request to spend ringfenced Grant 24/25 to operate the England Illegal money lending team as obligated under a grant contract with HM Treasury	Approve	15/03/2024	Sajeela Naseer	£ 5,300,000.00	Approved - Externally funded