

Birmingham City Council

S151 Spending Control Board Decisions

DIRECTORATE: Council Management

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| Subject | Section 151 Spending Control Board Decisions |
| Authorizing Officer | Fiona Greenway, S151 officer |
| Directorate | Council Management |
| Dates covered | 30 September - 06 October 2023 |
| Further information | s151spendcontrolboard@birmingham.gov.uk |

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The existing scheme of Financial Delegation is superseded by the S114 notice.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 in this document:

| ID | Title | Approve / Reject |
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| 165 | Customer Facing Agency staff Covering Events & Vacancies - Agreement in Principle | Approve |
| 183 | Recruitment for Financial Planning Team | Approve |
| 188 | Salary Sacrifice Shared Cost Additional Voluntary Contributions Contract | Approve |
| 189 | SCADA Surveys supplied by Kier | Approve |
| 198 | Birmingham Audit - Corporate / Application Fraud Investigation Expenditure | Approve |
| 205 | Purchases of food purchases, cleaning materials, disposables etc. through Saffron Procurement | Approve |

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| 206 | CAZ Charges – Delivery Vans – recovered from clients | Approve |
| 222 | 55712 - Alcester Street Utility Detection & Mapping Survey | Approve |
| 224 | Voice Automation (proof of concept) | Approve |
| 225 | 55713 - Rea Street - PAS 128 QL-A Utility Mapping Survey | Approve |
| 227 | Oracle Fusion Safe & Compliant Overtime - Deployment Activities | Approve |
| 238 | DMND0002963 – Continuation of CareMatch Portal (linked to Adult Commissioning budget approval for In year CareMatch Portal costs) | Approve |
| 252 | Ongoing Approval for Court & Warrant application costs | Approve |
| 286 | Approved Cabinet Award Report - Bank Clearing Services | Approve |
| 299 | Cycle to Work Salary Sacrifice Scheme | Approve |
| 301 | Educational Visits contract | Approve |
| 304 | Credit Notes raised by Schools HR to part credit or cancel invoices for various reasons. Initial one is for a duplicate | Approve |
| 305 | Educational Visits off contract spend (full cost recovery) | Approve |
| 328 | Teams Telephone Line Request - Support Oracle Fusion Stabilisation & Optimisation | Approve |
| 360 | MS Project Online - Optifolio | Approve |
| 363 | Utility Bill for Ashted Lock | Approve |
| 365 | G7 City Operations - Finance Business Partner Interim Extension | Approve |
| 367 | G7 Place, Prosperity and Sustainability - Finance Business Partner Interim Extension | Approve |
| 371 | Oracle Finance Business Partner Interim Extension | Approve |
| 375 | Aqua Cooling Invoice Payment | Approve |
| 386 | Business Support for Waste Management - vacant posts | Approve |
| 389 | Financial Controller and team | Approve |
| 394 | Provision of taxi medical doctors – August 2023 | Approve |
| 395 | Compliance Medicals for taxi drivers | Approve |
| 419 | III Health Retirement medicals | Approve |
| 470 | Waiver to Relocation of Control Centre from Lancaster Circus to Priestley Wharf | Approve |
| 549 | Virgin Media Circuit Relocation from Lancaster Circus to Priestley Wharf | Approve |
| 648 | Converting Agency staff to permanent staff - cost savings achieved | Approve |
| 662 | Appointment of External Solicitors - Sale of Apartments at Plot 9 Perry Barr Regeneration Scheme (Former Commonwealth Games Athletes Village Site) | Approve |
| 842 | Benefits Business Case to seek approval to process benefits payments | Approve |
| 844 | Electronic Bill Payment and Prepaid cards | Approve |
| 846 | Workforce - request to recruit interim AD Financial Strategy | Approve |
| 991 | Oracle Health Check Assessment - Audit and Risk | Approve |
| 1002 | The Relocation of CCTV from Lancaster Circus to Priestley Wharf | Approve |

Decision Details

165: Customer Facing Agency staff Covering Events & Vacancies - Agreement in Principle

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| Amount requested | £25,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | Events for external clients. Necessary. Fully rechargeable Income generating Improve the Situation (Section 115(6Ab)): Approved. |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Alison Jarrett |

183: Recruitment for Financial Planning Team

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| Amount requested | £118,390.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Richard Lloyd Bithell |

188: Salary Sacrifice Shared Cost Additional Voluntary Contributions Contract

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| Amount requested | £35,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | Approved. Actions discussed to be met. |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Beccy Hemsley |

189: SCADA Surveys supplied by Kier

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| Amount requested | £1,965.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Wendy Griffiths |

198: Birmingham Audit - Corporate / Application Fraud Investigation Expenditure

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| Amount requested | £15,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Fiona Greenway |

205: Purchases of food purchases, cleaning materials, disposables etc. through Saffron Procurement

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| Amount requested | £55,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Alison Jarrett |

206: CAZ Charges – Delivery Vans – recovered from clients

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| Amount requested | £190.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Alison Jarrett |

222: 55712 - Alcester Street Utility Detection & Mapping Survey

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| Amount requested | £7,028.57 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Alison Jarrett |

224: Voice Automation (proof of concept)

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| Amount requested | £250,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Wendy Griffiths |

225: 55713 - Rea Street - PAS 128 QL-A Utility Mapping Survey

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| Amount requested | £9,371.43 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Alison Jarrett |

227: Oracle Fusion Safe & Compliant Overtime - Deployment Activities

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| Amount requested | £8,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Cheryl Doran |

238: DMND0002963 – Continuation of CareMatch Portal (linked to Adult Commissioning budget approval for In year CareMatch Portal costs)

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| Amount requested | £55,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | Approved. Vulnerable Adults and children act. Rechargeable through adult bank. Prevent Deterioration (Section 115(6Aa)) |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Cheryl Doran |

252: Ongoing Approval for Court & Warrant application costs

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| Amount requested | £3,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Tim Savill |

286: Approved Cabinet Award Report - Bank Clearing Services

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| Amount requested | £652,705.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Richard Lloyd Bithell |

299: Cycle to Work Salary Sacrifice Scheme

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| Amount requested | £0.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Beccy Hemsley |

301: Educational Visits contract

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| Amount requested | £170,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Beccy Hemsley |

304: Credit Notes raised by Schools HR to part credit or cancel invoices for various reasons. Initial one is for a duplicate

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| Amount requested | £55.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Beccy Hemsley |

305: Educational Visits off contract spend (full cost recovery)

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| Amount requested | £6,300.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Beccy Hemsley |

**328: Teams Telephone Line Request - Support Oracle Fusion
Stabilisation & Optimisation**

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| Amount requested | £23.04 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Cheryl Doran |

360: MS Project Online - Optifolio

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| Amount requested | £15,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | 4/5K already incurred. Ongoing run rate less than 30K a year Cost saving Improve the Situation (Section 115(6Ab)) Approved. |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Cheryl Doran |

363: Utility Bill for Ashted Lock

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| Amount requested | £171.09 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Beccy Hemsley |

365: G7 City Operations - Finance Business Partner Interim Extension

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| Amount requested | £91,455.60 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | Approved. 151 Necessity. Permanent recruitment must be prioritised. |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Harjinder Dool |

367: G7 Place, Prosperity and Sustainability - Finance Business Partner Interim Extension

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| Amount requested | £91,455.60 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | Approved. 151 Necessity. Permanent recruitment must be prioritised. |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Harjinder Dool |

371: Oracle Finance Business Partner Interim Extension

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| Amount requested | £99,076.80 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Harjinder Dool |

375: Aqua Cooling Invoice Payment

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| Amount requested | £17,179.11 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Cheryl Doran |

386: Business Support for Waste Management - vacant posts

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| Amount requested | £26,590.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Wendy Griffiths |

389: Financial Controller and team

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| Amount requested | £375,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Fiona Greenway |

394: Provision of taxi medical doctors – August 2023

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| Amount requested | £2,550.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | Approved. Full cost recovered. Statutory. Income generating Improve the Situation (Section 115(6Ab)): Approved. |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Beccy Hemsley |

395: Compliance Medicals for taxi drivers

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| Amount requested | £9,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Beccy Hemsley |

419: III Health Retirement medicals

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| Amount requested | £400.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 03/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Beccy Hemsley |

470: Waiver to Relocation of Control Centre from Lancaster Circus to Priestley Wharf

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| Amount requested | £475,326.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 04/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Wendy Griffiths |

549: Virgin Media Circuit Relocation from Lancaster Circus to Priestley Wharf

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| Amount requested | £115,818.27 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 04/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Wendy Griffiths |

648: Converting Agency staff to permanent staff - cost savings achieved

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| Amount requested | £49,924.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 05/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Cheryl Doran |

**662: Appointment of External Solicitors - Sale of Apartments at Plot 9
Perry Barr Regeneration Scheme (Former Commonwealth Games
Athletes Village Site)**

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| Amount requested | £131,250.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 05/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Janie Berry |

842: Benefits Business Case to seek approval to process benefits payments

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| Amount requested | £0.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Tim Savill |

844: Electronic Bill Payment and Prepaid cards

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| Amount requested | £1,750,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 05/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Fiona Greenway |

846: Workforce - request to recruit interim AD Financial Strategy

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| Amount requested | £96,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 05/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Fiona Greenway |

991: Oracle Health Check Assessment - Audit and Risk

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| Amount requested | £22,000.00 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 02/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Cheryl Doran |

1002: The Relocation of CCTV from Lancaster Circus to Priestley Wharf

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| Amount requested | £546,338.85 |
| S151 Spend Control Board Outcome | Approve |
| S151 Spend Control Board Notes | Approved. Capital receipt. |
| Date of S151 Spend Control Board | 06/10/2023 |
| Assistant Director or Director (if no AD) | Wendy Griffiths |

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