

# **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	23 September -29 September 2023
Further information	<a href="mailto:s151spendcontrolboard@birmingham.gov.uk">s151spendcontrolboard@birmingham.gov.uk</a>

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The existing scheme of Financial Delegation is superseded by the S114 notice.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
37	DBS	Approve
42	GP Medical fees in relation to the release of medical records requested from IHR and Referral	Approve
43	Blood tests and vaccinations (HIV / HEP B&C)	Approve
85	Professional Skills Course for Trainee Solicitors (x2)	Approve
107	Fuel for Mobile teams vans	Approve
124	Boiler Isolation for asbestos work	Approve
125	Taxis Home for staff working late at night/early hours without transport of their own or public transport	Approve
133	Safety boots	Approve

134	BCL Spend to Support External Trading	Approve
138	Fuel - for Vans to deliver Outside Catering Orders to External companies	Approve
160	KPMG final invoice (1-5 Sept 2023) for work already received on a new Performance Management framework	Approve
166	BCL Continued use of Hire Vans & Fuel	Approve
171	Agency for holiday cover for a customer site	Approve
179	Stores and supplies	Approve
181	DBS Refund	Approve
182	Payment of Invoice	Approve
186	Council House Hybrid Technology by supplier IDNS	Approve
192	Approval for blanket settlement agreements within community, voluntary controlled and maintained LA nurseries	Approve
220	Programme Governance and Delivery	Approve
242	Extension for Intern	Approve
295	Oracle Staffing for delivery of School Workforce Census	Approve
308	Programme Director	Approve
323	Disclosure and barring service checks for schools, people services and externals customers - income generation; costs recharged to the relevant customer/departments with an additional admin fee.	Approve
327	IKEN Application - Renewal of Support and Maintenance from 01.10.2023	Approve
335	High-rise Housing Safety Survey Programme	Approve
349	Agency Staff for Asbestos Compliance Programme	Approve
392	Member Enquiry Team 6 month fixed term	Approve
404	Extension of Resourcing Consultant contract for JNC appointments resulting in cost savings. Call of contract.	Approve
408	Agency staff	Approve
441	Schools investigators for ER formal statutory processes	Approve
535	Annual Service of Mail Processing Machine ( NPI)	Approve
542	1st class stamps to post Crisis Grant pre paid cards to assist with food, essential items and fuel.	Approve
637	BCL - Committed Trading Activity	Approve
642	BCL - Permission to Continue to Quote for External Projects	Approve
671	Extension of Contract for NWOW team	Approve
674	Replacement Temporary Workers for DBS Renewal Project - DUPLICATE ERROR	Reject
677	GR3 Recruitment 3x Revenues Posts	Approve
680	Recruitment of Safeguarding Minute Takers (2x GR3)	Approve
727	Renewal for CACI Support for Impulse	Approve
781	Jira subscription through to end of March 2024	Approve
823	Salary Sacrifice Monthly Invoices to be paid for existing contracts in place	Approve
845	DTS Overtime for Statutory and Regulatory Software (Security & integrity of our environment)	Approve
887	Request to extend Contact Centre Agency Assignments	Approve
899	Taxi Medical Doctors	Approve

905	Effective Commissioning of Debt	Approve
934	Temporary Heating Solution at Highbury Hall	Approve
1007	Clear-Out Resource - 2 helpers for 3 months from 2nd Oct - 29th Dec 2023	Approve
1014	Google Maps API Services	Approve
1229	Nominet Domain Registration	Approve

## Decision Details

### 37: DBS

Amount requested	£201.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

### 42: GP Medical fees in relation to the release of medical records requested from IHR and Referral

Amount requested	£254.50
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	26/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Beccy Hemsley

### 43: Blood tests and vaccinations (HIV / HEP B&C)

Amount requested	£619.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	26/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Beccy Hemsley

### 85: Professional Skills Course for Trainee Solicitors (x2)

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Amount requested	£2,980.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Janie Berry

### **107: Fuel for Mobile teams vans**

Amount requested	£800.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

### **124: Boiler Isolation for asbestos work**

Amount requested	£899.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

### **125: Taxis Home for staff working late at night/early hours without transport of their own or public transport**

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Amount requested	£800.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	H&S grounds and chargeable to client
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

### 133: Safety boots

Amount requested	£44.68
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

### 134: BCL Spend to Support External Trading

Amount requested	£98,000.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	29/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

### 137: New Lap-Top

Amount requested	£704.24
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Reject
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Should be fulfilled by DTS within current stocks.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Tim Savill

**138: Fuel - for Vans to deliver Outside Catering Orders to External companies**

Amount requested	£750.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Approved. Income generating.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

**160: KPMG final invoice (1-5 Sept 2023) for work already received on a new Performance Management framework**

Amount requested	£5,583.13
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	26/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Dawn Betteridge

**166: BCL Continued use of Hire Vans & Fuel**

Amount requested	£39,000.00
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	29/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

### **171: Agency for holiday cover for a customer site**

Amount requested	£850.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Approved. Profit Generating Fully rechargeable
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

### **179: Stores and supplies**

Amount requested	£6,400.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

### **181: DBS Refund**

Amount requested	£78.00
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Beccy Hemsley

### **182: Payment of Invoice**

Amount requested	£229.19
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

### **186: Council House Hybrid Technology by supplier IDNS**

Amount requested	£124,000.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	26/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Wendy Griffiths

### **192: Approval for blanket settlement agreements within community, voluntary controlled and maintained LA nurseries**

Amount requested	£0.00
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Blanket Approval. Settlement Agreement. DSG Funding. Schools Recharge.  BCC - no direct cost to BCC.  Approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	29/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Beccy Hemsley

## **220: Programme Governance and Delivery**

Amount requested	£383,840.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	26/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Darren Hockaday

## **242: Extension for intern**

Amount requested	£110,680.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	26/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Beccy Hemsley

## **295: Oracle Staffing for delivery of School Workforce Census**

Amount requested	£128,730.00
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Beccy Hemsley

### **308: Programme Director**

Amount requested	£150,190.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	26/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Darren Hockaday

### **323: Disclosure and barring service checks for schools, people services and externals customers - income generation; costs recharged to the relevant customer/departments with an additional admin fee.**

Amount requested	£555,000.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	29/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Beccy Hemsley

### **327: IKEN Application - Renewal of Support and Maintenance from 01.10.2023**

Amount requested	£63,745.60
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Robert Connelly

### **335: High-rise Housing Safety Survey Programme**

Amount requested	£125,000.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	29/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

### **349: Agency Staff for Asbestos Compliance Programme**

Amount requested	£92,000.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	29/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

### **392: Member Enquiry Team 6 month fixed term**

Amount requested	£111,924.00
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	26/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Wendy Griffiths

**404: Extension of Resourcing Consultant contract for JNC appointments resulting in cost savings. Call of contract.**

Amount requested	£38,500.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Beccy Hemsley

**408: Agency staff**

Amount requested	£66,038.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Janie Berry

**441: Schools investigators for ER formal statutory processes**

Amount requested	£0.00
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	28/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Beccy Hemsley

### **535: Annual Service of Mail Processing Machine ( NPI)**

Amount requested	£3,500.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Wendy Griffiths

### **542: 1st class stamps to post Crisis Grant pre paid cards to assist with food, essential items and fuel.**

Amount requested	£880.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	28/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Tim Savill

### **637: BCL - Committed Trading Activity**

Amount requested	£22,828.04
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	29/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

#### **642: BCL - Permission to Continue to Quote for External Projects**

Amount requested	£0.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	29/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

#### **671: Extension of Contract for NWOW team**

Amount requested	£270,384.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Wendy Griffiths

#### **674: Replacement Temporary Workers for DBS Renewal Project - DUPLICATE ERROR**

Amount requested	£194,440.00
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Reject
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Beccy Hemsley

### **677: GR3 Recruitment 3x Revenues Posts**

Amount requested	£114,206.00
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

### **680: Recruitment of Safeguarding Minute Takers (2x GR3)**

Amount requested	£76,137.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Approved. Statutory service.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	28/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Wendy Griffiths

### **727: Renewal for CACI Support for Impulse**

Amount requested	£390,349.69
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	29/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Cheryl Doran

### **781: Jira subscription through to end of March 2024**

Amount requested	£5,000.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Contract (monthly)  Ensures programmes do not stop or lose visibility by tracking projects and enabling corporate delivery.  Approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	29/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Cheryl Doran

### **823: Salary Sacrifice Monthly Invoices to be paid for existing contracts in place**

Amount requested	£0.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	28/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Beccy Hemsley

### **845: DTS Overtime for Statutory and Regulatory Software (Security & integrity of our environment)**

Amount requested	£72,000.00
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	29/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Cheryl Doran

### **887: Request to extend Contact Centre Agency Assignments**

Amount requested	£716,000.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Funding. Statutory. BCC Forecasting seasonal increase in call centre pressures. Approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	29/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Wendy Griffiths

### **899: Taxi Medical Doctors**

Amount requested	£40,700.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Beccy Hemsley

### **905: Effective Commissioning of Debt**

Amount requested	£247,171.00
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Approved. Income Generator Avoidance of cost Improves the situation The business case has been approved Brings enforcement under control
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Tim Savill

### **934: Temporary Heating Solution at Highbury Hall**

Amount requested	£6,711.35
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Avoidance of cost to BCC. Approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	28/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Alison Jarrett

### **1007: Clear-Out Resource - 2 helpers for 3 months from 2nd Oct - 29th Dec 2023**

Amount requested	£13,129.20
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Approve. Allows exit of Lancaster Circus on time
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	27/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Peter Bishop

### **1014: Google Maps API Services**

Amount requested	£15,000.00
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	29/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Cheryl Doran

### 1229: Nominet Domain Registration

Amount requested	£146.80
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	29/09/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Cheryl Doran

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