

Birmingham City Council

S151 Spending Control Board Decisions

Directorate: Place, Prosperity, and Sustainability

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Subject	Section 151 Spending Control Board Decisions
Authorizing Officer	Fiona Greenway, S151 officer
Directorate	Place, Prosperity, and Sustainability
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The existing scheme of Financial Delegation is superseded by the S114 notice.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:

321	Engagement of Mawson Associates in connection with the Paradise Development	Approve
539	Permission to bid for external funding - Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme for Highbury Hall	Approve
548	Capability and Ambition Fund	Approve
561	Essential - Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Kings Heath High Street	Approve
567	100% externally funded (DIATOMIC project) commission to deliver bespoke business support as part of the innovation accelerator funding package	Approve

570	Agreement to enter into a Funding Agreement with HS2 Ltd to Grant Award Enterprise Zone Funding for the HS2 Curzon Station Integrated Metro Stop Project	Approve
617	Grant Variation - City Deal Public Asset Accelerator: Television Production Studios at the Former Banana Warehouse, Warwick Barr	Approve
622	Road Safety Duty - Regional Campaign Contribution	Approve
650	Print and delivery of Car Free School Streets permits and letters	Approve
685	Emergency drainage repair - Council House	Approve
708	Curzon Enhanced Public Realm Project - approval to enter into the Service Level Agreement with the EZ and the back to back Funding Agreement with HS2 Ltd	Approve
746	Print and delivery of Car Free School Street permit letters in relation to 17 schools	Approve
751	Manhattan - rental forecast grid revision	Approve
793	Replacement Laptop	Reject
810	Approval to seek variation to an existing purchase order for cost consultancy support services provided by Jacobs UK Ltd in connection with the Southside Public Realm Improvement Scheme.	Approve
816	NEC Masterplan	Approve
841	ERDF Projects	Approve
876	Druids Heath - Regeneration Project	Approve
878	Appointment of Arcadis for Digbeth Public Realm Phase 2 OBC	Approve
884	Housing Development- work under existing contract BMHT works contract and sales Forward homes	Approve
886	Housing Development- Sites for approved disposal - income generation	Approve
888	Housing Development - Contract Awards Ready- 3 sites- Kings Norton, Yardley, Long Nuke Road	Approve
891	Woodcock St and Council House District Heating Costs (Heat Usage)	Approve
900	(HRA FUNDED)Housing Development- schemes with planning achieved no contract in place	Approve
912	Housing Development- new schemes no planning in programme and work underway	Approve
928	Housing Development Clearance Demolition Work	Approve
933	Smithfield Electric Gate Repair	Approve
937	Housing Development Miscellaneous Spend for BAU	Approve
940	Dawberry Fields Cabinet Report - FBC and Delegated approval for procurement route and contract award	Approve
941	Agency Extension - Asset Management & Transformation Project Manager	Approve
943	Clearance of BCC furniture from the ground floor of Lifford House linked to the disposal of Lancaster Circus	Approve
954	Payment of invoice for the Food Trails Food Waste Pilot	Approve
988	Migration of Local Land Charges Register to HM Land Registry	Approve
1001	License renewal for Sketchup and Adobe Creative Suite	Approve
1060	Bordesley Green Connectivity (CRSTS)	Approve

1139	RICS Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) Support	Approve
1145	City Centre Public Realm Phase 1- Additional Funding Request (CIL)	Approve
1147	Birmingham Strategic Transport Model Update	Approve
1150	Provision of specialist equipment to meet health and safety requirements	Approve
1152	Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) - 10 Woodcock Street	Approve
1156	Salary payments of a Seconded Employee to the fully funded EU Food Trails Project - (Cross Cutting Manager)	Approve
1237	University Hospital Permit Parking Scheme - Area 3B (civil works)	Approve
1245	Environment Agency Charge for Planning Advice and Comment on the Birmingham Water Cycle Study (Stage 1 Report))	Approve
1298	Locksmiths Services Award- 3 year contract	Approve
1303	ON-STREET RESIDENTIAL CHARGE POINTS SCHEME	Approve
1304	Cross-City Bus - BCC staff fees to support programme development by TfWM	Approve
1306	Longbridge Signals Commissioning – No impact on general fund	Approve

Decision Details

321: Engagement of Mawson Associates in connection with the Paradise Development

Amount requested	£32,780.00
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)	Simon Delahunty-Forst

539: Permission to bid for external funding - Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme for Highbury Hall

Amount requested	£1,700,000.00
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)	Ellie Horwich-Smith

548: Capability and Ambition Fund

Amount requested	£327,441.00
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)	Paul Kitson

561: Essential - Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Kings Heath High Street

Amount requested	£63.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Statutory requirements in the TRO process. Approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Philip Edwards

567: 100% externally funded (DIATOMIC project) commission to deliver bespoke business support as part of the innovation accelerator funding package

Amount requested	£160,000.00
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)	Paul Kitson

570: Agreement to enter into a Funding Agreement with HS2 Ltd to Grant Award Enterprise Zone Funding for the HS2 Curzon Station Integrated Metro Stop Project

Amount requested	£8,946,005.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Ring Fenced. Externally funded. enterprise zone. approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Simon Delahunty-Forst

617: Grant Variation - City Deal Public Asset Accelerator: Television Production Studios at the Former Banana Warehouse, Warwick Barr

Amount requested	£425,000.00
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)	Philip Edwards

622: Road Safety Duty - Regional Campaign Contribution

Amount requested	£10,000.00
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)	Philip Edwards

650: Print and delivery of Car Free School Streets permits and letters

Amount requested	£2,872.41
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	External grant. Approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Philip Edwards

685: Emergency drainage repair - Council House

Amount requested	£500.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Prevent Deterioration (Section 115(6Aa)): Approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	David Harris

708: Curzon Enhanced Public Realm Project - approval to enter into the Service Level Agreement with the EZ and the back to back Funding Agreement with HS2 Ltd

Amount requested	£28,787,985.00
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)	Simon Delahunty-Forst

746: Print and delivery of Car Free School Street permit letters in relation to 17 schools

Amount requested	£330.00
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)	Philip Edwards

751: Manhattan - rental forecast grid revision

Amount requested	£572.00
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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)	Kathryn James

793: Replacement Laptop

Amount requested	£1,100.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Reject
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Reject. Please check if there are any spare laptops available first before this can be approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Ellie Horwich-Smith

810: Approval to seek variation to an existing purchase order for cost consultancy support services provided by Jacobs UK Ltd in connection with the Southside Public Realm Improvement Scheme.

Amount requested	£6,000.00
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)	Philip Edwards

816: NEC Masterplan

Amount requested	£180,000.00
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S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Cost Recoverable. Capital receipts - BCC income generating. Approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Kathryn James

841: ERDF Projects

Amount requested	£95,431.97
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Approved. External grant.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Paul Kitson

876: Druids Heath - Regeneration Project

Amount requested	£700,000.00
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)	Clare Flowers

878: Appointment of Arcadis for Digbeth Public Realm Phase 2 OBC

Amount requested	£155,511.00
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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)	Philip Edwards

884: Housing Development- work under existing contract BMHT works contract and sales Forward homes

Amount requested	£9,063,000.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	UNDER EXISTING CONTRACT. REVENUE GENERATING. HRA FUNDED. APPROVED.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Clare Flowers

886: Housing Development- Sites for approved disposal - income generation

Amount requested	£54,000.00
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)	Clare Flowers

888: Housing Development - Contract Awards Ready- 3 sites- Kings Norton, Yardley, Long Nuke Road

Amount requested	£53,117,000.00
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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)	Clare Flowers

891: Woodcock St and Council House District Heating Costs (Heat Usage)

Amount requested	£18,989.57
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)	David Harris

900: (HRA FUNDED)Housing Development- schemes with planning achieved no contract in place

Amount requested	£432,000.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	HRA Funded. Approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Clare Flowers

912: Housing Development- new schemes no planning in programme and work underway

Amount requested	£2,231,000.00
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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)	Clare Flowers

928: Housing Development Clearance Demolition Work

Amount requested	£3,850,000.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Entirely HRA Funded. Part of the refreshed business plan. Approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Clare Flowers

933: Smithfield Electric Gate Repair

Amount requested	£1,774.81
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	External funding. Enterprise zone. Approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Philip Nell

937: Housing Development Miscellaneous Spend for BAU

Amount requested	£20,000.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve

S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Approved. No impact on the general fund. HRA Funded.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Clare Flowers

940: Dawberry Fields Cabinet Report - FBC and Delegated approval for procurement route and contract award

Amount requested	£14,853,000.00
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)	Clare Flowers

941: Agency Extension - Asset Management & Transformation Project Manager

Amount requested	£61,031.25
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)	David Harris

943: Clearance of BCC furniture from the ground floor of Lifford House linked to the disposal of Lancaster Circus

Amount requested	£15,150.00
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)	David Harris

954: Payment of invoice for the Food Trails Food Waste Pilot

Amount requested	£11,000.00
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)	Ian MacLeod

988: Migration of Local Land Charges Register to HM Land Registry

Amount requested	£1,100.00
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)	Philip Edwards

1001: License renewal for Sketchup and Adobe Creative Suite

Amount requested	£6,137.28
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)	Simon Delahunty-Forrest

1060: Bordesley Green Connectivity (CRSTS)

Amount requested	£500,000.00
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)	Philip Edwards

1139: RICS Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) Support

Amount requested	£20,000.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Approved. Contractual offers.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Kathryn James

1145: City Centre Public Realm Phase 1- Additional Funding Request (CIL)

Amount requested	£478,610.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	To go against CIL budget*

Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Philip Edwards

1147: Birmingham Strategic Transport Model Update

Amount requested	£200,000.00
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)	Philip Edwards

1150: Provision of specialist equipment to meet health and safety requirements

Amount requested	£4,413.57
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)	Philip Edwards

1152: Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) - 10 Woodcock Street

Amount requested	£3,745.63
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)	David M Harris
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1156: Salary payments of a Seconded Employee to the fully funded EU Food Trails Project - (Cross Cutting Manager)

Amount requested	£32,500.00
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)	Paul Kitson

1237: University Hospital Permit Parking Scheme - Area 3B (civil works)

Amount requested	£78,400.00
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)	Philip Edwards

1245: Environment Agency Charge for Planning Advice and Comment on the Birmingham Water Cycle Study (Stage 1 Report))

Amount requested	£2,400.00
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)	Paul Kitson
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1298: Locksmiths Services Award- 3 year contract

Amount requested	£60,000.00
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)	Kathryn James

1303: ON-STREET RESIDENTIAL CHARGE POINTS SCHEME

Amount requested	£1,670,000.00
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)	Philip Edwards

1304: Cross-City Bus - BCC staff fees to support programme development by TfWM

Amount requested	£20,000.00
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)	Philip Edwards

1306: Longbridge Signals Commissioning – No impact on general fund

Amount requested	£20,000.00
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Externally funded. Approved.
Date of S151 Spend Control Board	04/10/2023
Assistant Director or Director (if no AD)	Philip Edwards

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