

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The existing scheme of Financial Delegation is superseded by the S114 notice.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
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

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	Ill 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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

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

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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

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

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

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

Amount requested	£91,455.60
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Approved. 151 Necessity. Permanent recruitment must me 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

Amount requested	£91,455.60
S151 Spend Control Board Outcome	Approve
S151 Spend Control Board Notes	Approved. 151 Necessity. Permanent recruitment must me 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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

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

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

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

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

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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