

Explanations for Variances over £100k on Capital Projects**Adults & Community Services**

- Direct Payment Adaptations (£173k underspend) – results from a reduction in the number of applications received and approved.
- Mayesbrook Park Athletics Arena (£108k underspend) – delays in demolition works of the changing rooms as well as on the feasibility and procurement works at the Jim Peters Arena.
- Barking Leisure Centre 12-14 (£719k underspend) – the Leisure Centre opened in March 2015 and the final account and retention costs will be paid in 2015/16.

Children's Services

- Roding Primary School - Cannington Road Annex (£130k underspend) – a final retention is being held back while outstanding issues are addressed with the contractor.
- Manor Longbridge (Former UEL Site) (£303k underspend) – retention and final account is being held back pending the remediation of outstanding issues at the school.
- Richard Alibon Expansion (£639k overspend) – includes costs associated with Jo Richardson, and the budget will be re-profiled accordingly in 2015/16.
- Manor Infant Junior Expansion (£219k overspend) – works have been completed ahead of schedule, and will be funded by budget brought forward from 2015/16.
- Barking Riverside City Farm Phase I (£130k underspend) – the project completed under budget and the surplus will be returned to the total Basic Need funds available.
- Barking Riverside City Farm Phase II (£696k overspend) – works are ahead of schedule, and accordingly budget will be brought forward from 2015/16.
- School Expansion SEN Projects (£305k overspend) – works that were scheduled to be completed during 2015/16 were brought forward into 2014/15.
- School Expansion Minor Projects (£526k overspend) - works scheduled to be completed during 2015/16 were completed in 2014/15.
- SMF 2012/13 (£124k overspend) – this is offset by the 2014/15 SMF budget allocation.
- Implementation of early education for 2 year olds (£441k overspend) – additional funding from the DfE of £850k has been granted for this project.
- Robert Clack Artificial Football Pitch (£237k underspend) – the scheme completed under budget.
- Devolved Capital Formula (£1.7m overspend) – this overspend has been funded by a number of additional school contributions.
- All Saints Expansion (£194k overspend) – works are progressing ahead of schedule and budget will be brought forward from 2015/16 accordingly.
- Robert Clack Expansion (£1.95m overspend) – this relates to the purchase of land at Lymington Eldonwall for the new Robert Clack primary school. Funding will accordingly be brought forward from 2015/16.

- Barking Riverside Secondary Free School (£3.1m underspend) – the main works are expected to take place in 2015/16 and 2016/17. In addition, a loan to Barking Riverside Ltd of £4.6m is being reflected under Council Investments.

Housing & Environment (General Fund)

- Street Lighting Replacement (£678k underspend) – The street light replacement project has slipped whilst work previously done by UK Power Networks for electricity connections was transferred to the councils current contractor Volker. This arrangement provides a more economical and efficient method for completing the works.
- Highways Improvement Programme (£186k underspend) – due to a delay in works commencing; the project will now be completed in 2015/16.
- Road Safety Improvement (TfL) (£262k underspend) – due to a delay in conducting a borough wide assessment of sites to assess suitability for the scheme as well as delays in commissioning works.
- Structural Repairs & Bridge Maintenance (£201k underspend) – due to a delay in obtaining final inspection report covering serious health and safety concerns and subsequent discussions/consultations with LoBEG (London Bridges Engineering Group) to determine prioritisation.
- Environmental Asset Database (£148k underspend) – the project was delayed as a result of specification changes. Phase 1 has been completed but Phase 2 & 3 will be completed in 2015/16.
- Backlog Capital Improvements (£178k underspend) – due to delays in works, including as a result of delays in the corporate accommodation strategy.

Chief Executive's Department

- Implementation of Corporate Accommodation Strategy (£237k underspend) - works were delayed pending strategic decisions on the future use and sale of corporate buildings.
- Energy Efficiency Programme (£124k underspend) – there is due to the closure of various corporate accommodation sites and the resulting impact in identifying appropriate projects. This could result in loss of funding; therefore, it is proposed that the slippage is moved into 15-16 while a decision is sought from Salix
- Modernisation & Improvement Capital Fund (£269k underspend) – a number of smaller projects, separate to the main XP replacement, have been on hold and will slip back into 2015/16.
- Oracle R12 Joint Services (£611k underspend) – Phase II of the project (the implementation of Hyperion), will now be delivered in 2015/16.
- Legi Business Centres (£113k underspend) - as an opportunity arose to secure further regeneration grant funds in 2015-16
- Shopping Parade Enhancements (£121k underspend) – the project has completed and is awaiting final account invoices for payment in 2015/16.

- Barking Town Centre 2014/15 (TfL) (£122k underspend) – due to a delay in works commencing around Broadway Theatre; the underspend will be rolled-forward into 2015/16.

Housing Revenue Account

Investment In Stock – (£5.2m underspend)

This is a net position and consists of a number of individual scheme under and overspends with slippage of £10.1m partially offset by accelerated spend of £4.9m. The position includes slippage of £3.0m on Decent Homes North and £1.4m on Decent Homes Sheltered due to contractor and commercial discussions regarding rates and quantities and the temporary delay in a number of properties due to tenant health issues and property access delays, Decent Homes Bocks has slipped by £2.0m due to delays in the tender process and Fire Safety Improvements has slipped by £1.4m in line with revised contractor cash flows.

This is partially offset by accelerated spend of £4.9m on a number of schemes including Voids of £1.9m due to increased activity and the standard applied at the start of the year, Decent Homes South of £1.2m, Asbestos removal of £0.3m and Boiler Replacements of £0.5m due to increased activity within the year.

Estate Renewal – (£184k overspend)

This is largely due to accelerated buybacks and other costs associated with site acquisition and security.

New Builds – (£6.9m underspend)

This is a net position primarily due to slippage of £7.4m partially offset by an overspend of £0.5m. The position includes slippage of £3.4m on Marks Gate due to contractor delays on site, £1.4m on Leys phase one due to ground investigations that have resulted in the need for asbestos remediation, £1.2m on Goresbrook in respect of outstanding retention payments, and £0.8m on Ilchester Road and North Street due to delayed procurement following the conclusion of Member and resident consultation.

This is partially offset by accelerated spend on the Bungalows scheme of £0.3m and an overspend £0.2m on the Council Housing Phase 3 scheme due to additional unbudgeted retention payments.

The 2015/16 programme has been reviewed in light of the year end outturn position and current progress on scheme delivery to bring budget profile inline with expected delivery timescales and programme delivery capacity. As a result, budgets within the Investment in Stock schemes have been realigned inline with current requirements and need and budget of £14.9m within the New Build schemes is to be reprofiled from 2015/16 into 2016/17. The revised programme is expected to be fully deliverable in 2015/16.