

**Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee**

**10 April 2019**

**Enquiries from Elected Members**

**Item 2 – Investment Programme**

**Neighbourhoods and Sustainability**

**Question 1**

Cllr Wisely referred to page 24 para 4.6 and requested a budget split in terms of roads and footpaths.

**Answer**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Exp (£)</b>
Clyde Tunnel	36,454
Footway	920,297
Roads	9,557,071
Associated Staff Costs	302,767
Traffic Signals	699,959
	11,516,549

**Question 2**

Cllr Wisely asked for confirmation as to the site issues referred to for South City Way under the Cycling strategy.

**Answer**

Construction works on the second phase of South City Way were delayed on site due to contractor damage to a water pipe. This meant the completion date of 31st March was not met – estimated completion is now July 2019.

**DRS**

**Question 3**

Question 2 – Cllr Bell referred to page 4.3 and mentioned City Deal. His question was in relation to an update on the planning process and applications for parking in and around the Govan QEH area.

**Answer**

The existing QEUH car parking is comprised of three multi-storey car parks which total 2,515 spaces and a number of surface car parks which total 1,372 spaces.

The NHS offer no off-campus car parking.

The Ogilvie Group own land on the western side of Hardgate Road, opposite the hospital. Ogilvie applied to renew planning permission (Ref: 17/03216/DC) for this site to be used as a temporary car park (350 spaces) for a period of 3 years. Planning permission was refused, however this decision was overturned on appeal by Council's Local Review Body.

Pre-application discussion are at an early stage with Glasgow

	University concerning the proposed Waterfront Innovation Campus, no details have been forthcoming as yet with regards proposed vehicle parking. Parking provision for any new development will be assessed against planning policy and the associated traffic impact implications, as identified through a supporting Transport Assessment.
<b><u>SWS</u></b>	
<b>Question 4</b>	Cllr Cunning referred to the completion of Merrylee and requested the contractor penalty payment amount due to the project not being delivered on time.
<b>Answer</b>	Although Glasgow City Council took possession of Merrylee in November, Home Group did not take possession of the housing on the site until February. As a result discussions regarding claims are still ongoing and the application of L&A damages cannot be finalised until this is concluded. To date £42,250 has been deducted from the Contractor.
<b><u>CE</u></b>	
<b>Question 5</b>	Question 4 – Cllr Wisely referred to page 69 and requested a breakdown of the CE expenditure within the Investment Programme
<b>Answer</b>	The Chief Executive's spend at the third quarter is £0. The probable forecast of £375,000 is in respect of Participatory Budgeting projects. There are four capital projects which have commenced in 2018-19 across the City based in four different wards that deal with different themes. These are Calton (Child Poverty), Canal (Income / Economic Deprivation), Greater Pollok (Young People) and Pollokshields (Black and Ethnic Minorities). The breakdown of the probable expenditure is £125K being spent in each of the following three areas - Calton, Canal, and Greater Pollok. It is anticipated that the £125K for Pollokshields project will spend their full allocation in 2019-20.
<b><u>Item 3 – Budget Monitoring</u></b>	
<b>Question 6</b>	Question 5 – Cllr Wisely referred to page 74, 7.11 and requested more detail on the underspend on the Glasgow Guarantee Scheme
<b>Answer</b>	The underspend is due to the numbers taking up the existing scheme. This is due to the fact that Youth Unemployment has reduced from 32% since the introduction of the Glasgow Guarantee in 2012 to around 7% and therefore the scheme is being reviewed to focus on those furthest away from the labour market. This demonstrates the success of the initiative

**This paper will be considered at the start of the committee agenda however requests for clarification on the answers can be made via the committee clerk in advance of the committee meeting.**