

KEY ISSUES – FEBRUARY 2015 PROGRAMME UPDATE

CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO

The proposed February 2015 programme update totals **£17,512k**. This can be compared to the previous September update total of **£17,402k** resulting in an increase of £110k on the programme which represents a percentage variance of **0.6%**.

The changes to the programme are shown in the following summarised table:

	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	Later £000	Total £000
Proposed	9,190	6,734	1,588	0	17,512
Previous	10,527	5,642	483	750	17,402
Variance	(1,337)	1,092	1,105	(750)	110

PROGRAMME CHANGES:

CSH 1 – School expansion programme phase 3 (Total budget change £110k increase)

Gold Scheme – £830k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

Conversion of rooms at Bassett Green Primary for use by Springwell School

A sum of £110k was added to the Children's Services Capital Programme to convert two spare rooms at Bassett Green Primary for use by 16 pupils from Springwell School. This sum has been funded by a revenue under spend from the 2013/14 Dedicated Schools Grant.

MAJOR ITEMS OF SLIPPAGE/RE-PHASING:

CHS 2 – Primary Review Phase 2 (Slippage of £234k from 14/15 to 15/16, re-phasing of £107k from 15/16 to 14/15, slippage of £415k from 15/16 to 16/17 and re-phasing of £50k from 16/17 to 15/16)

Gold Scheme – £25,593k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

Rescheduling of several school expansion projects

The major items of slippage include delays due to the impact of waiting for planning and procurement permissions for Tanners Brook Primary School together with slight delays in the completion of two additional classrooms at Shirley Warren Primary school.

Scheme re-phasing is partially due to bringing forward a project to meet the needs of increased numbers of children on roll at Fairisle Junior School.

CHS 3 – Academies Programme (Slippage of £499k from 14/15 to 15/16)

Gold Scheme – £32,831k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

Retentions withheld due to contractual disputes

The Council is currently in dispute with the contractor on both Academies in relation to the rectification of snagging and defects. Until this is resolved, the Council will not pay the remaining retention payment, which amounts to the slippage showed.

CHS 4 – School Expansion Programme Phase 3 (Slippage of £235k from 14/15 to 15/16, re-phasing of £31k from 15/16 to 14/15, re-phasing of £10k from 16/17 to 15/16)

Gold Scheme – £830k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

Construction Delays at Portsmouth Primary School

Construction delays at Portsmouth Primary School has led to slippage of £225k from 14/15 to 15/16.

CHS 5 – School Capital Maintenance (Slippage of £400k from 14/15 to 15/16 and re-phasing of £58k from 15/16 to 14/15)

Gold Scheme – £11,775k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status RED

Budget RAG Status GREEN

Rescheduling of overall programme

Health and safety works have slipped by £300k due to a dispute with Capita over fee payments for this work programme. In addition, work on the Solar PV project will now take place in the Easter Holiday and will, therefore, slip into 2015/16.

CHS 6 – Early Years Expansion Programme (Slippage of £275k from 14/15 to 15/16)

Bronze Scheme – £900k Scheme Budget**Overall RAG Status** **GREEN****Schedule RAG Status** **GREEN****Budget RAG Status** **GREEN****Rescheduling of Early Years expansion project**

Delay in the work programmes has resulted in slippage of £275k in some Early Years expansion projects.

SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL & PROJECT ISSUES:

There are no significant FINANCIAL ISSUES for the Portfolio relating to significant over or under spends.

There are no significant PROJECT ISSUES for the Portfolio.

ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO**Environment & Transport**

The proposed February 2015 programme update totals **£41,576k**. This can be compared to the previous September update total of **£32,584k** resulting in an increase of **£8,992k**, which represents a percentage variance of **27.6%**.

The changes to the programme are shown in the following summarised table:

	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	Later £000	Total £000
Proposed	25,502	16,074	0	0	0	41,576
Previous	27,404	5,180	0	0	0	32,584
Variance	(1,902)	10,894	0	0	0	8,992

PROGRAMME CHANGES:**E&T 1 – Roads Programme (Total budget change £6,300k increase)****Silver Scheme – £12,827k Scheme Budget****Overall RAG Status** **GREEN****Schedule RAG Status** **GREEN****Budget RAG Status** **GREEN**

Investment has been added for the Roads Programme in 2015/16.

Council approval is sought to add £6,300k for Roads to the unapproved section of the capital programme in 2015/16 funded from Local Transport Plan (LTP) government grant of £1,300k, Council Resources of £2,600k, Borrowing of £1,900k and £500k of Direct Revenue Financing (On-Street reserve).

The Roads Programme (Principal, Classified & Unclassified) continues to reflect the need to maintain the structural integrity of the city wide highways network. The programme is designed in line with the Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) principles. The recommended investment levels will achieve improvement across all road hierarchies.

E&T 2 – Highways Other (Total budget change £150k increase)

Bronze Scheme – £526k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

Investment has been added for the ‘Highways Other’ scheme in 2015/16.

Council approval is sought to add £150k of LTP Government Grant to the ‘Highways Other’ scheme for minor projects in 2015/16.

Highways Other encompasses Vehicle restraints, highways drainage and highways risk fund. This essential scheme is to tackle the replacement of dangerous vehicle restraints across the City as identified in a Consultant’s report, and allows for projects to tackle ad hoc drainage issues that supports the City’s Flood/Surface water management plan. In addition to the above programme there is an additional source of funding to cover the maximum financial risk exposure to SCC through delivery of the Annual Plan and to also allow a small contingency for any unforeseen Compensation Events that may arise through delivery of specific schemes.

E&T 3 – Bridges Programme (Total budget change £254k increase)

Silver Scheme – £3,979k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

Investment has been added for the Bridges Programme in 2015/16.

Council approval is sought to add £254k of LTP Government Grant to the Bridges Programme to support and deliver bridge work projects in 2015/16.

E&T 4 – Integrated Transport Programme (Total budget change £2,332k increase)

Silver Scheme – £23,689k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status AMBER

Budget RAG Status GREEN

Investment has been added for the Integrated Transport Programme in 2015/16.

Council approval is sought to add £1,669k of LTP Government Grant to the Integrated Transport programme to support projects in 2015/16.

Since the September 2014 Capital Update the following capital additions have been approved:

Additional S106 contributions: Cycle Missing Links (DDN 26/9/2014)	£16k
Additional S106 contributions: Cycling - Network Improvements (DDN 26/9/2014)	£15k
Additional Government grant: Cleaner Bus Transport Fund (DDN 26/9/2014)	£397k
Additional LTP government grant: Integrated Transport (Cabinet 21/10/2014)	£205k
Additional S106 Contributions - Integrated Transport (Cabinet 21/10/2014)	£40k

MAJOR ITEMS OF SLIPPAGE/RE-PHASING:

E&T 5 – Bridges (Slippage of £98k between 2014/15 and 2015/16)

Silver Scheme – £3,795k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

There has been some rephasing of bridge improvement projects.

Some retention and final contract payments on large bridge improvement projects will not be released until 2015/16.

E&T 6 – MSCP 10 Year Maintenance Programme (Slippage of £86k between 2014/15 and 2015/16)

Bronze Scheme – £157k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status AMBER

Budget RAG Status GREEN

Some repair work has been delayed.

Some of the planned repairs to Multi Storey Car Parks have been subject to a contractual delay. No further work is expected in the current year but there will still be a requirement to address emergency repairs in the future.

E&T 7 – Principal Roads (Slippage of £156k between 2014/15 and 2015/16)

Silver Scheme – £3,346k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status **GREEN**

Budget RAG Status **GREEN**

There have been some delays in the delivery of works.

Across the City, the waterproofing project suffered a setback due to the extreme wet weather and the programme was unable to be delivered in full. This scheme is essential to bring resilience into the highway network and prevent further deterioration. Some other work was postponed, due to development issues at the Solent University, and on Northam Road there were issues to resolve with Network Rail over a conflict with the Bridges to Prosperity project.

E&T 8 – Unclassified Roads (Slippage of £122k between 2014/15 and 2015/16)

Silver Scheme – £4,079k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status **GREEN**

Schedule RAG Status **GREEN**

Budget RAG Status **GREEN**

The Pedestrian Enhancements programme is being reviewed.

The Pedestrian Enhancements programme had previously identified some sites, which became part of the wider Woolston Development. As the programme has specific Government funding to deliver footway improvements, replacement projects are currently being identified. This is an essential scheme that will support the reduction in personal injury claims.

E&T 9 – Highways Drainage (Slippage of £80k between 2014/15 and 2015/16)

Silver Scheme – £134k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status **GREEN**

Schedule RAG Status **GREEN**

Budget RAG Status **GREEN**

There were delays in this scheme due to wet weather.

Extreme wet weather has prevented the programme from progressing as planned. Some work will be rescheduled for delivery in 2015/16.

E&T 10 – Public Transport (Slippage of £409k between 2014/15 and 2015/16)

Gold Scheme – £3,437k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status **GREEN**

Schedule RAG Status **AMBER**

Budget RAG Status **GREEN**

Works intended for delivery this year were undeliverable.

A pre-feasibility study found much of the work intended for this financial year was undeliverable. A new programme of works has been established and will be part delivered

in the current financial year. However, there is not enough time to deliver all of this work by the end of March 2015 and the work will roll over into the 2015/16 programme.

E&T 11 – Cycling Improvements (Slippage of £770k between 2014/15 and 2015/16)

Gold Scheme – £1,941k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status **GREEN**

Schedule RAG Status **AMBER**

Budget RAG Status **GREEN**

There are delays and re-phasing of works.

The Eastern Cycle Route scheme is currently experiencing a delay as the developer for the new store at East Street has not yet commenced on site. The Second Avenue cycle route design has progressed as planned and the budget has been re-phased to match the delivery of works. Several minor cycle projects were put on hold earlier in the year. However, these are all now currently active and planned for completion in 2015/16.

E&T 12 – Improved Safety (Slippage of £134k between 2014/15 and 2015/16)

Bronze Scheme – £443k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status **GREEN**

Schedule RAG Status **AMBER**

Budget RAG Status **GREEN**

There have been delays in delivery on this scheme.

The current year's programme started late due to a change in Project Manager. It has not been possible to make this time up and, although schemes will be fully designed, the delivery will be undertaken in the 2015/16 programme.

E&T 13 – Intelligent Transport Systems (Slippage of £203k between 14/15 and 15/16)

Silver Scheme – £2,375k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status **GREEN**

Schedule RAG Status **AMBER**

Budget RAG Status **GREEN**

There have been delays in delivery on this scheme.

Due to a lack of available project management, the Congestion Reduction programme was put on hold. However, the schemes are to be designed in the near future and delivery will be undertaken in the 2015/16 programme.

The minor schemes are near to completion in the current year and the remaining works are being programmed for future years.

SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL & PROJECT ISSUES:

There are no significant FINANCIAL ISSUES for the Portfolio relating to significant over or under spends.

There are no significant PROJECT ISSUES for the Portfolio.

City Services

The proposed February 2015 programme update totals **£1,008k**. This can be compared to the previous September update total of **£998k** resulting in an increase of **£10k**, which represents a percentage variance of **1.0%**.

The changes to the programme are shown in the following summarised table:

	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	Later £000	Total £000
Proposed	708	300	0	0	0	1,008
Previous	971	27	0	0	0	998
Variance	(263)	273	0	0	0	10

PROGRAMME CHANGES:**CS 1 – Play Area Improvements (Total budget change £10k increase)****Bronze Scheme - £188k Scheme Budget**

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

An additional £10k has been included for the development of Play Areas.

An additional £10k of S106 developer contributions was approved to be added to the City Services Capital Programme by the Director, Place in December 2014 for the development of the Play Area at Bitterne Precinct.

MAJOR ITEMS OF SLIPPAGE/REPHASING**CS 2 – Minor Parks Development Works (Slippage of £184k between 2014/15 and 2015/16)****Bronze Scheme – £231k Scheme Budget**

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

More time has been allocated to work up proposals to deliver this scheme.

There is slippage across various Minor Parks Development Works schemes, funded from Section 106 Developer Contributions, due to ongoing works with Friends groups to agree appropriate improvements and match funding bids to progress projects.

CS 3 - Play Area Improvements (Slippage of £31k between 2014/15 and 2015/16)

Bronze Scheme – £188k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

Secretary of State Approval for the change of use of the land is awaited.

There is slippage on two play area projects within this scheme, due to the need to wait for Secretary of State Approval for the change of use of the land.

CS 4 – Weekly Collection Support Scheme (Slippage of £50k between 2014/15 and 2015/16)

Gold Scheme – £2,165k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

There has been slippage in the purchase of home composters and digesters.

Residents' uptake of home composters and digesters has been slower than was originally anticipated in the Weekly Collection Support Scheme bid. Therefore, the scheme will continue into 2015/16.

SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL & PROJECT ISSUES:

There are no significant FINANCIAL ISSUES for the Portfolio relating to significant over and under spends.

There are no significant PROJECT ISSUES for the Portfolio.

HEALTH & ADULT SOCIAL CARE PORTFOLIO

The proposed February 2015 programme update totals **£959k**. This can be compared to the previous September update total of **£1,035k** resulting in a decrease of **£76k** which represents a percentage variance of **7.3%**.

The changes to the programme are shown in the following summarised table:

	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	Later £000	Total £000
Proposed	456	503	0	0	959
Previous	1,035	0	0	0	1,035
Variance	(579)	503	0	0	(76)

PROGRAMME CHANGES:

H&ASC 1 –Modernisation Woolston Community Centre – (Total budget change £86k reduction)

Bronze Scheme – £86k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

Impact of completion of project

This project is complete and all retention payments have been made. The remaining budget of £86k has, therefore, been removed from this project, and £10k has been transferred to Sembal House Refurbishment.

H&ASC 2 –Sembal House Refurbishment.- (Total budget change £10k increase)

Bronze Scheme – £3k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

Budget increase to meet outstanding retention fees

This project has been increased by £10k to cover the remaining outstanding retention payments that are due. The funding has been transferred from the capital project for the Modernisation of Woolston Community Centre.

MAJOR ITEMS OF SLIPPAGE/RE-PHASING:

H&ASC 1 – Paris 5.1 Project (Slippage of £170k between 14/15 and 15/16)

Bronze Scheme – £300k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status **GREEN**

Schedule RAG Status **GREEN**

Budget RAG Status **GREEN**

Delay in Work Programme

The work is now due to be completed in early 2015/16 leading to slippage of £170k on this project.

H&ASC 2 – Common Assessment Framework (Slippage of £148k between 14/15 and 15/16)

Gold Scheme – £1,278k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status **GREEN**

Schedule RAG Status **GREEN**

Budget RAG Status **GREEN**

Rescheduling of the Common Assessment Framework Project

This project is on the People Directorate Transformation programme and has a dependency to the PARIS 5.1 project. Although much work will take place between now and the end of the financial year (testing of new software and smartcards preparation), work will begin in earnest after the PARIS 5.1 project hence the slippage. Detailed scoping of the rollout is underway and once completed a spending plan will be offered including any residual funding against this work and that offered from the Transformation programme.

H&ASC 3 – National Care Standards and H&S Work (Slippage of £162k between 14/15 and 15/16)

Silver Scheme – £1,491k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status **GREEN**

Schedule RAG Status **GREEN**

Budget RAG Status **GREEN**

Delays in work and overall reassessment of requirements

Delays in work programmed at Kentish Road of £148k and a reassessment of the level of work required within the residential establishments going forward has resulted in slippage of £14k.

SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL & PROJECT ISSUES:

There are no significant FINANCIAL ISSUES for the Portfolio relating to significant over or under spends.

There are no significant PROJECT ISSUES for the Portfolio.

HOUSING & SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO

The proposed February 2015 programme update totals **£5,547k**. This can be compared to the previous September update total of **£12,159k** resulting in a decrease of **£6,612k**, which represents a percentage variance of **54.4%**.

The changes to the programme are shown in the following summarised table:

	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	Later £000	Total £000
Proposed	2,471	2,776	300	0	0	5,547
Previous	9,083	2,776	300	0	0	12,159
Variance	(6,612)	0	0	0	0	(6,612)

PROGRAMME CHANGES:

H&S 1 – Thornhill District Energy Scheme (Total budget change £6,712k decrease)

A report on this scheme was considered by Council on 19 November 2014. It was agreed to remove the approved budget from the General Fund Capital Programme, originally to be funded by ECO grant, as the revised Housing Revenue Account scheme does not contain any General Fund component.

MAJOR ITEMS OF SLIPPAGE/RE-PHASING:

There are no MAJOR ITEMS OF SLIPPAGE / RE-PHASING for the Portfolio.

SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL & PROJECT ISSUES:

There are no significant FINANCIAL ISSUES for the Portfolio relating to significant over or under spends.

There are no significant PROJECT ISSUES for the Portfolio.

LEADERS PORTFOLIO

The proposed February 2015 programme update totals **£26,441k**. This can be compared to the previous September update total of **£24,097k** resulting in an increase of **£2,344k**, which represents a percentage variance of **9.7%**.

The changes to the programme are shown in the following summarised table:

	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	Later £000	Total £000
Proposed	6,055	16,815	3,301	170	100	26,441
Previous	6,674	14,106	3,217	0	100	24,097
Variance	(619)	2,709	84	170	0	2,344

PROGRAMME CHANGES:

LD 1 – Scheme details as per Confidential Appendix 5.

MAJOR ITEMS OF SLIPPAGE/RE-PHASING:

LD 2 – West Quay Phase 3 WWQ (Slippage of £170k from 2014/15 to 2015/16)

Silver Scheme – £2,044k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

There is a delay in the commencement of the programme.

The contractors, appointed by Hammerson (Watermark) Ltd, commenced work on site later in the year than originally anticipated.

SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL & PROJECT ISSUES:

There are no significant FINANCIAL ISSUES for the Portfolio relating to significant over or under spend.

There are no Significant PROJECT ISSUES for the Portfolio.

RESOURCES & LEISURE PORTFOLIO

Resources

The proposed February programme update totals **£4,925k**. This can be compared to the previous September update total of **£5,470k** resulting in a decrease of **£545k**, which represents a percentage variance of **10.0%**.

The changes to the programme are shown in the following summarised table:

	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	Later £000	Total £000
Proposed	2025	2303	312	285	0	4,925
Previous	4,001	872	312	285	0	5,470
Variance	(1,976)	1,431	0	0	0	(545)

PROGRAMME CHANGES:

RES 1 - P5020 Art Gallery Roof Repairs and AHU Replacement (Total budget change £545k decrease)

Gold Scheme – £1,936k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status On Hold

Schedule RAG Status On Hold

Budget RAG Status On Hold

The works approved under the original scheme budget were split into 2 phases, with phase 1 completed during the last financial year. At that time phase 2 works were put on hold following a review of increased costs anticipated to complete the scheme together with other accommodation priorities. The budget was therefore slipped to 2015/16 as part of the February 2014 Capital Update pending any further decision. As a result of ongoing transformational activity around the future of Leisure provision and increased pressure on capital resources it is anticipated that this budget will be removed from the programme to enable a reprioritisation of funding to take place. Any urgent works will therefore need to be managed as part of the Central R&M planned programme, or be the subject of a separate capital bid if required.

MAJOR ITEMS OF SLIPPAGE/RE-PHASING:

RES 2 - Accommodation Strategy Action Programme (slippage of £359k between 14/15 and 15/16)

Gold Scheme – £23,407k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

The original ASAP scheme is drawing to a close following the completion of the Civic Centre refurbishment and related accommodation changes over a 6 year period. The remaining budget is still anticipated to be required to enable fit-out works for the former Fountains café area and for the conclusion of all other works committed to within the scope of the project. It is therefore proposed that a sum of £359k be slipped into 15/16 to enable these works to be completed as necessary

RES 3 - Works to Enable Accommodation Strategy (slippage of £1,564k between 14/15 and 15/16)

Gold Scheme – £1,837k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

The creation of this scheme was approved by Cabinet on 15th July 2014 to enable further accommodation changes to be implemented within the overall accommodation strategy. The initial spend in the current financial year has arisen to enable the vacation of OGS, in addition to which phase 2 works to enable new ways of working are expected to be completed by the end of this financial year leaving a balance of £1,564k to be slipped into future years to cover further accommodation changes as required e.g. the impact of the current service property review and potential vacation of additional buildings.

RES 4 - Desktop Refresh Programme (slippage of £53k between 14/15 and 15/16)

Gold Scheme – £1,194k Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status GREEN

As a result of the recent accommodation moves required to enable the vacation of Marland House, One Guildhall Square and Castle Way, the required resources from Capita to undertake the 2014/15 refresh programme have been reprioritised, resulting in a small level of slippage into 2015/16.

SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL & PROJECT ISSUES:

There are no significant FINANCIAL ISSUES for the Portfolio relating to significant over or under spend.

There are no Significant PROJECT ISSUES for the Portfolio.

Leisure

The proposed February 2015 programme update totals **£3,964,000**. This can be compared to the previous September update total of **£3,413,000** resulting in an increase of **£551,000**, which represents a percentage variance of **16.1%**.

The changes to the programme are shown in the following summarised table:

	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	Later £000	Total £000
Proposed	2,560	1,276	50	78	0	3,964
Previous	2,860	425	50	0	78	3,413
Variance	(300)	851	0	78	(78)	551

PROGRAMME CHANGES:

LS 1 – Lordshill Community Hall (Total budget change £361,000 increase)

Bronze Scheme - £361,000 Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status N/A

Schedule RAG Status N/A

Budget RAG Status N/A

A budget has been added for the relocation of Lordshill Community Hall.

The Director, Place approved the addition of £341,000 to the Leisure Capital Programme in August 2014 to relocate Lordshill Community Association from their current site at Andromeda Road to the former Oaklands Nursery to allow the sale of the current site. A further virement of £20,000 from the Potential Tourist Information Centre Relocation project was approved by the Director, Place in December 2014 for additional ventilation that was required.

LS 2 – Bargate Monument Repairs (Total budget change £240,000 increase)

Bronze Scheme - £240,000 Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status N/A

Schedule RAG Status N/A

Budget RAG Status N/A

A budget has been added for repairs to the Bargate Monument.

It is recommended that £240,000 is added to the Leisure Capital Programme for repairs to the Bargate Monument. As it had been identified that the stone structure on the North Façade of the Bargate was eroding due to water ingress, a Condition Survey was commissioned to assess the extent and cause of the damp staining that was affecting the building. The survey found that the repair work required is significantly more extensive than originally envisaged and that the extent of the stone erosion and the associated loss of the historic fabric of the building is accelerating at an increasing rate. If work is not carried out, there is the potential risk of stonework becoming detached from the wall, creating a health and safety hazard.

LS 3 – Potential Tourist Information Centre Relocation (Total budget change £50,000 decrease)

Bronze Scheme - £50,000 Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status N/A

Schedule RAG Status N/A

Budget RAG Status N/A

The budget for the relocation of the Tourist Information Centre is no longer required.

The funding for the relocation of the Tourist Information Centre is no longer required following its closure. The Director, Place approved a virement of £20,000 from this project to Lordshill Community Hall.

MAJOR ITEMS OF SLIPPAGE/RE-PHASING:

LS 4 – Woolston Library (Slippage of £500,000 between 2014/15 and 2015/16)

Silver Scheme – £982,000 Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status AMBER

Schedule RAG Status AMBER

Budget RAG Status GREEN

There has been a delay in the delivery of the core shell of the library building.

There has been a delay, due to the Centenary Quay developer not yet having delivered a shell and core building, which would enable a lease to be signed by the Council. It is expected that this situation will be resolved shortly and that work can start on fitting out the library as early as March 2015

SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL & PROJECT ISSUES:

The significant FINANCIAL ISSUE for the Portfolio relating to significant over or under spends is:

LS 5 – Sea City Phase 2 (£358,000 Adverse Scheme Variance)

Gold Scheme – £16,759,000 Scheme Budget

Overall RAG Status GREEN

Schedule RAG Status GREEN

Budget RAG Status AMBER

Negotiations with the contractor on the final account are continuing.

The Council is currently in negotiation with the contractor to settle the final account for the construction of the museum and it is anticipated that after much delay this will be finalised in the coming months. The current forecast over spend is largely down to additional work required with regards to asbestos and the associated additional work and delays that this caused. Council approved a provision in July 2012 for additional Direct Revenue Financing of up to £300,000 as a response towards this likely pressure.

There are no Significant PROJECT ISSUES for the Portfolio.