

APPENDIX 2

COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

COMMENTS ON THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2003/04 - 2005/06

The Community Services Scrutiny Committee met on Monday 20th January 2003. The following members of the Cabinet attended the meeting to respond to questions by the Committee:

Prof M E Preston CC – Deputy Leader of the Council
Mr E F White CC – Cabinet Lead Member for Libraries

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Comments

The proposed provision for replacing libraries at Measham and Broughton Astley was welcomed.

It was noted that the total cost of the Redevelopment of Bosworth Battlefield was estimated at £1.5 million. The project was dependent on significant external funding, the County Council's contribution being £380,000. A bid for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund was being prepared.

The Committee noted that there were no schemes identified for inclusion in the Capital Programme for 2004/05 and 2005/06. This reflected the likely change to a new prudential system for capital from 2004/05 that would leave the County Council free to borrow to finance capital so long as the resulting financing and running costs were affordable in terms of the revenue budget. The Capital Programme for 2005/06 and future years would be addressed as part of the consideration of the Medium Term Financial Strategy

Decisions

That the Scrutiny Commission be recommended to note the Capital Programme for 2003/04.

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