



**Title: Public Realm Works within Wigston and Oadby Town Centres  
Spend Update**

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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Borough Council is working in partnership with Leicestershire County Council to regenerate the public realm within Oadby and Wigston town centres, specifically along The Parade and Bell Street.
- 1.2 On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014, the Policy Finance and Development Committee approved the spending of approximately £20-21,000 of the remaining £32,000 left in the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Schemes Reserve on display screens in Oadby and Wigston town centres, bus shelters in Oadby and the public art in Wigston to be funded from the remaining money in the ERDF Schemes Reserve.
- 1.3 It was requested at the Policy Finance and Development Committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 that a further report be brought back to this Committee to update on the spend.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members note the report.

## **3. Information**

- 3.1 To date the following spend has been committed:

Bus Shelters	£3,570	To enable improved design standard for two replacement bus shelters on The Parade, Oadby
Digital Media Signs	£10,364.08	Replacement of multi-cultural sign in Oadby and new sign in Wigston
Public Art	£1,326	Related to provision of a 'Pocket Park' on Bell Street, Wigston
<b>Total</b>	<b>£15,260.08</b>	

- 3.2 The following estimated costs are still to be committed:

Digital Media Signs	£1,100	Infrastructure and software provision
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- 3.3 Taking account of the estimated spend costs that are yet to be committed, the total spend is likely to be in the region of £16,400. This figure shows a saving of circa £3,600 - 4,600 on the figure agreed by this Committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 and will leave in the region of £15,600 remaining unspent in the ERDF Schemes Reserve.

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<b>Implications</b>	
Legal (KR)	It is imperative that the appropriate land ownership queries are carried out at the outset before any street furniture is placed upon it to avoid liability issues. Where land ownership is private appropriate consents and indemnities require consideration.
Financial (PL)	The necessary funding is available within the ERDF Schemes Reserve.
Equalities (KR)	Continuing Equalities Impact Assessments will be carried out.
Risk (AT)	None