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Dear Councillor Collingham,

Thank you for your question at the last Council in relation to the percentage of the capital programme delivered on an annual basis.

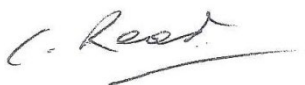
I have attached for your information the most recent financial years. As you will see the Council has delivered well over the period you requested and consistently above the average for Metropolitan Council's which was 61.3% in 2020/21. Whilst the Council continued to deliver above the benchmark for 2020/21 at 64.3%, this was a reduction from the years prior to the pandemic.

Delivery of the Capital Programme was impacted upon by Covid-19 for a number of reasons such as delays with Covid restrictions on site, accessing contractors due to the demand caused by Covid restrictions and the increased demand as Covid restrictions eased.

Performance of the Capital Programme is continually reviewed with a drive to return to the pre-pandemic levels of performance. The current challenges facing all Council's in this regard is inflation and energy costs and particularly their impact on the previously agreed funding streams agreed with Government such as the Towns Deal, Future High Street and Levelling Up Fund. We are working constructively with Government and other Councils to manage these challenges. Given our success at securing funding and multi-year projects coming to fruition the size of the programme has and will continue to change more than in previous years.

I hope this provides assurance that the Council's performance on the capital programme continues to compare favourably with other Council's, and that said, there is no complacency in continuing to drive the delivery of important projects despite the continuing challenging circumstances.

Yours sincerely



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	£m	£m	£m	%
Financial Year	Budget	Actuals	Variance	% Delivered
2021/22	144.3	104.9	-39.4	72.70%
2020/21	125.3	80.6	-44.6	64.37%

Pre-Covid Impacts	Budget	Actuals	Variance	% Delivered
2019/20	99.9	97.0	-2.9	97.13%
2018/19	99.8	91.6	-8.1	91.87%
2017/18	66.1	52.7	-13.4	79.78%
2016/17	66.3	56.5	-9.9	85.15%