Capital Programme for 2023/24

a) Reliance Street HWRC Redevelopment

A new Household Recycling Centre (HWRC) is required at Reliance Street in North Manchester due to the existing facility being beyond its economic life span and a restricted layout which does not encourage recycling of commodities within the household waste stream. The existing layout is restrictive for operational needs often resulting in significant queueing at Reliance Street during busy periods. The intention is to provide a new larger facility in place of the existing layout, an increase in size of approximately 0.6 acres will be gained by demolishing an adjacent Anaerobic Digestion (AD) plant.

Benefits to be gained by the new layout include:

- Reduced traffic impacts on Reliance Street at busy periods, provided by a double lane wrapping around the HWRC;
- Separate operational entrance to reduce traffic disruption and provide safer access for operational plant and vehicles;
- Increase in waste recovery and recycling by the introduction of 16 separate containerised bays for individual waste streams;
- Introduction of a re-use shop to support a circular economy, providing a direct benefit to the local community; and
- Improved welfare provisions for HWRC staff.

A planning application for the proposed scheme was submitted to Manchester City Council (MCC) earlier this year and we are expecting a decision by the end of January 2023. Subject to a successful decision we are forecasting commencement of construction in Summer 2023 and completion in Spring-Summer 2024.

b) Environment Agency Changes at Raikes Lane EfW

This proposed capital spend is required for adaptations that need to be made to Raikes Lane EfW facility to be able to comply with the tightening of EA emission standards.

c) Rail Wagons

The purchase of the rail wagons is covered in further detail at point 5 the Contracts Report Part B.

d) Mobile Plant and Equipment

This proposed capital spend is required for the purchase of general plant and equipment at sites which have exceeded their forecast lifespans and are beyond economical repair.