

General Fund Capital Investment Programme (CIP) budget position by service area as at end of December 2024/25.

1. This paper provides an overview of the General Fund Capital Investment Programme (CIP) budget position by service area as of the end of December 2024/25, including acceptance of a new grant, budget movements, and detailed financial positions for each directorate.

Acceptance of new grant

2. The acceptance of the following grant requires approval of Cabinet as it is greater than £100,000 and less than £1m:

Directorate – Operations

Purpose: Accept £0.650m grant from the Environment Agency

The current Poole Bay, Poole Harbour & Wareham Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy was adopted in 2014. This scheme requires reviewing and updating to ensure ongoing sustainable coastal risk management considering more recent climate change guidance and other evidence. Funding has been granted to carry out this work.

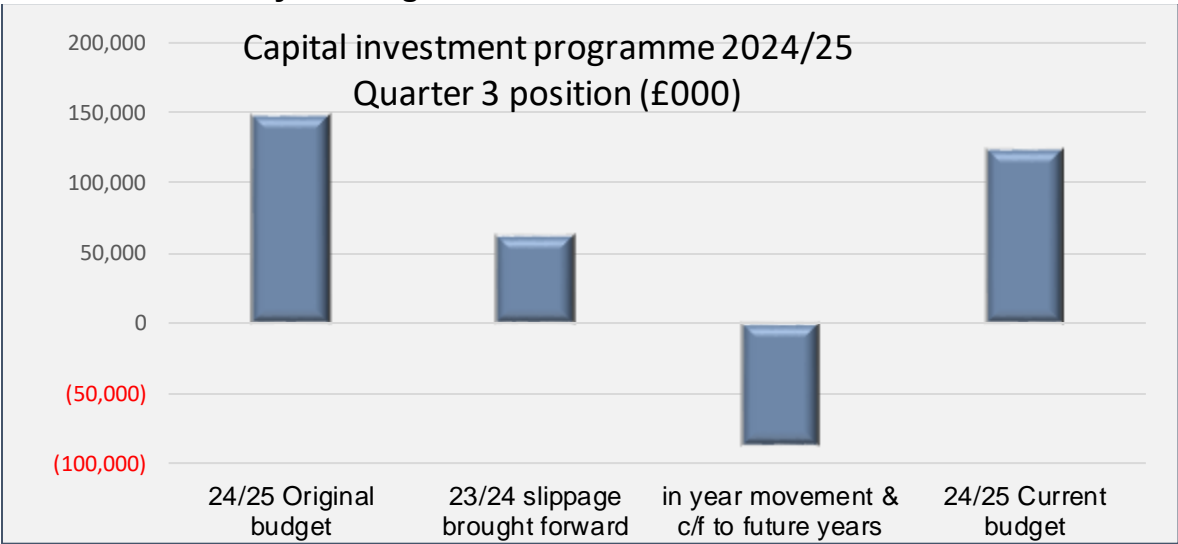
Purpose: Accept £0.175m grant from the Environment Agency

The Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) scheme “Durlston to Hurst Sediment Resource Management” programme has been granted additional funds to undertake further work.

Capital Investment Plan Summary

3. The table below show the summary position for CIP in the general fund at end of December 2024.

Table 1 – Summary of budget movement



4. The main changes between the original CIP and the current budget are a net result of reprofiled slippage from 2023/24, further reprofiling into 2025/26, new schemes introduced during 2024/25, and some schemes being removed from the capital programme because new business cases are being considered, or they are no longer viable in the current climate.

5. Summary monitoring at the end of December 2024 for each Directorate is below. Table 2 provides a summary by Directorate with the financial position for the underlying schemes scheduled in Appendix C2. A summary of the funding profile is provided in Table 3.

Table 2 – Summary movement and current position by Directorate

Capital Investment Programme 24/25 Monitoring (Q3)	24/25 Original budget £000	23/24 slippage brought forward £000	in year movement & c/f to future years £000	24/25 Current budget £000	Actual to date (Dec '24) £000	% budget consumed
Operations						
Commercial Operations	47,207	2,740	(31,641)	18,306	13,109	72%
Investment and Development	47,321	5,220	(10,039)	42,502	31,639	74%
Customer Arts and Property	30,918	17,517	(15,913)	32,522	16,544	51%
Planning and Transport	9,650	2,701	(7,205)	5,146	936	18%
Environment	8,073	11,596	(9,369)	10,300	6,836	66%
Operations Strategy	0	130	438	568	177	31%
	143,169	39,904	(73,729)	109,344	69,241	63%
Children Services						
Education and Skills	800	19,065	(11,449)	8,416	2,880	34%
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Wellbeing						
Housing and Community	1,424	2,453	(1,564)	2,313	2,140	93%
Adults Commissioning	2,172	0	575	2,747	1,549	56%
	3,596	2,453	(989)	5,060	3,689	73%
Executive						
IT and Programmes	682	509	(629)	562	238	42%
Marketing Comms & Policy	0	26	0	26	25	96%
Finance	0	582	(582)	0	0	
	682	1,117	(1,211)	588	263	45%
	148,247	62,539	(87,378)	123,408	76,073	62%

Table 3 – Capital investment programme funding profile

Capital Investment Programme Funding	24/25 Original budget £000	23/24 slippage brought forward £000	in year movement & c/f into future years £000	24/25 Current budget £000
Prudential Borrowing	(64,985)	(10,850)	27,495	(48,340)
Capital Receipts (General Fund)	(667)	0	644	(23)
Reserve Funding (general fund Capital)	(618)	(148)	557	(209)
Reserve Funding (General fund revenue)	(518)	(574)	351	(741)
RCCO	(25)	(30)	(6)	(61)
BCP Funding Requirement	(66,813)	(11,602)	29,041	(49,374)
S106	0	(1,629)	294	(1,335)
CIL	(1,558)	(2,636)	1,636	(2,558)
Non-government grants	0	(3,056)	514	(2,542)
Government Grants	(77,143)	(44,721)	55,616	(66,248)
Third party contributions	(2,733)	1,105	277	(1,351)
External Funding Contributions	(81,434)	(50,937)	58,337	(74,034)
	(148,247)	(62,539)	87,378	(123,408)

OPERATIONS

Commercial Operations – £18.3m

6. The Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) has planned programme for 2024/25 of £11.3m of which £9m (80%) has so far been spent. £5m has been reprofiled to 2025/26.
7. Seafront Development of which £19.1m is funded from the Seafront Levelling Up Infrastructure Fund (MHCLG grant) and a community infrastructure levy (CIL) contribution of £0.2m. £2.2m has been spent on the programme and there is £16.9m levelling up fund (LUF) remaining which, due to the natural weighting of contractual payments towards the end of the programme, means that a further £1m is due to be spent in 2024/25, with the balance of £16.1m reprofiled into 2025/26.
8. For the remaining non-grant funded projects, the 2024/25 available budget is £16.4m. £1.9m was spent to end of quarter three and a further £4.8m has been reprofiled in 25/26. Projects that are no longer viable in their original form have been either reduced in value or removed from the programme i.e. Bistro re-development (Southbourne) £6m.

Investment & Development - £42.5m (excluding HRA)

9. The total Towns Fund (MHCLG grant) approved is £21.7m with £4.6m spent up to March 2024. The current profiled expenditure for 2024/25 is £2.4m. Of this, £1.5m has been spent to date, representing 61% of the budget and £8.4m remains for the following two years. The grant allocation for Hawkwood Road housing development will be spent within the Housing Revenue Account (see Appendix D). The service is in discussions with MHCLG to determine if the grant expenditure can be extended out to 2026/27.
10. Carter's Quay - £15.4m has been spent on this scheme so far, including purchasing the land. The scheme is on hold awaiting legal resolution of the failed partnership and a re-appraisal of the scheme.
11. The business case for Crescent Road is subject to review, therefore it is being removed from the capital investment programme and will be represented when a new business case is completed in the Housing Revenue Account.
12. Council New build Housing and Acquisition Strategy (CNHAS) Acquisitions - £27.9m has been spent in year, bringing the total spend to £68.4m, nearing the total budget approved of £68.8m.
13. The Council is exploring the option to enter into a long-term development partnership for the Holes Bay development and Poole Dolphin leisure centre, this will continue in 2025/26 for both schemes.
14. Wessex Fields Infrastructure - £1.1m had been spent in 2023/24, a further £2.0m has been spent this year to bring the build of the new link road to near completion.

Customer, Arts and Property – £32.5 million

15. The South-East Dorset (SED) Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) programme is in the latter stages of delivery. Profiled spend this year is £11m. Actuals to the end of quarter three are £5.1m (46%). The Department of Transport (DfT) has remained fully committed to the total £79.3m of grant funding and is due to release the final payment in January 2025. The end date for final delivery of this programme has been extended into 2025/26 as agreed by the DfT. Approximately £4m TCF grant is set aside as contingency to manage risk.

16. A high proportion of the highways asset management, improvement and sustainable travel programme is managed within the planning and transport service. This service acts as client to the inhouse engineering unit within the customer arts and property service. Planned spend is £15.3m for 2024/25 of which £8.2m (54%) has been spent to quarter three. The programme is funded primarily by DfT government grants including Local Transport Plan (LTP), Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), Highways Challenge Fund, Safer Roads Partnership and Active Travel Fund.
17. The Poole museum programme which includes Scaplen's Court as well as the main museum, has £4.2m planned expenditure in 2024/25 with £2.1m (50%) spent up to quarter three. Completion and re-opening are expected for the Summer of 2025.
18. A budget of £0.38m remained from the original approved investment in Mallard Road. As there is no specific commitment in place this has been removed from the CIP.
19. There is £0.4m for further planned spend on the council's accommodation strategy including refurbishment of the Kinson Hub and remodelling of the BCP Civic Space – West Wing. These works will be completed in 2025/26.
20. Planned spend on estates management in 2024/25 is £1m including the BH Live estate. £0.57m (56%) has been spent up to quarter three.

Planning and Transport – £5.1m

21. Within the Planning and Transport service direct reporting sits £4.3m planned spend in 2024/25 of which £0.9m (21%) has been spent to quarter 3. It is anticipated that the final quarter will see an uptake in spend.

Environment - £10.3m

22. Of the £21.8m budget available in 2024/25, £11.5m has been reprofiled to 2025/26, this includes £2.4m for the fleet replacement, £5.8m waste infrastructure grant, £1.2m sluice channel infrastructure and other smaller scale schemes leaving £10.3m expected spend in 2024/25.
23. This budget includes the weekly food waste collections, (grant funded), profiled to spend £1m on vehicles in 2024/25 (currently in procurement phase). It also includes £0.9m spend on the insourcing of the Christchurch recycling and Hurn waste transfer sites (fully spent.)
24. £0.8m (predominantly funded by CIL and S106) is planned spend on several schemes which will see enhancements and improvements to parks and open spaces, including play areas, across the conurbation. Spend to quarter three is £0.2m (25%).
25. The fleet replacement programme is anticipating spending £6.5m in this financial year with £5.2m spent up to end of December 2024. The final £2.4m of phase 1 is rolled forward to 2025/26.

WELLBEING

Adults Commissioning £2.7m

26. The majority of spend within this programme relates to the integrated community equipment store (ICES) funded by the disabled facilities grant (DFG) 2024/25 allocation. The council continues to provide support to the community through this means from an annual allocation from the better care fund pooled budget with the NHS. The ICES will benefit by £0.3m from the early release of the additional £86m nationally announced in the Chancellor's autumn budget. There is an expectation that this additional funding will be spent in the current year.

Housing and Communities - £2.3m

27. The DFG funding for this financial year for housing adaptations of £3.38m has increased by £0.215m which represents the share of the additional £0.5m (£86m national increase for 2024/25). Expenditure of £1.9m has been reprofiled into 2025/26 due to the backlog of housing adaptations work. Therefore, the current anticipated use of DFG in 2024/25 is £1.7m.
28. The remaining expenditure of £0.6m is incurred on CCTV systems and community related activity.

CHILDREN SERVICES

29. The 2024/25 capital programme includes investment in SEND and school condition and maintenance schemes. Expenditure across all schemes for 2024/25 totals £2.9m up to the end of December 2024, which provides a total of 164 specialist places across 6 schools. Given the mechanism for delivery of schemes, which involves the reimbursement of costs to our local academy trusts and schemes that are both underway and completed. Expenditure is also planned and profiled in the next financial year. These schemes are to be presented in the 2025/26 Capital Strategy report to Cabinet in March 2025.
30. During the next quarter, it is expected that the council will refund Old Town First and Baden Powel & St Peters schools for the receipts from the sale of the caretakers' bungalows in each respective school. Each school has submitted an agreement with planned reinvestment of the proceeds of £0.5m in total as required by the DfE.

EXECUTIVE & RESOURCES

IT and Programmes Capital £0.5m

31. The councils ICT investment programme has planned spend of £0.57m in 2024/25 with £0.24m (42%) spent up to quarter three and £0.4m reprofiled to 2025/26.