

Appendix 7

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (CIP) OVERVIEW BY DIRECTORATE

Please find below a summary of the Capital Programme for the 2025 -2030 period. The figures reflect the latest understanding but will be impacted by any slippage from 2024/25 depending on the progress of schemes as at 31st March 2025 and new schemes that will be approved in the future.

OPERATIONS - £112.1m 2025/26 (£184.6m 5-year plan)

Commercial Operations - £34.1m 2025/26 (£46m 5-year plan)

Seafront development:

This comprises of the ongoing delivery of the £20m Seafront 'Levelling Up Fund' grant, which was awarded to the Council in 2023/24, and is on track to be delivered within the 3 years of the scheme with an estimated completion date at the end of 2025/26. The fund aims to upgrade and improve critical seafront infrastructure, such as at Bournemouth Pier and East Cliff, as well deliver new lifeguard facilities at Joseph Steps, and improve toilets and CCTV along our coastline. It has successfully delivered seawall repairs at Hamworthy, and a new cycleway access bridge at Upton. It has also funded some feasibility studies at Boscombe and Alum Chine, which will be subject to new future funding bids.

The Council also has an ongoing development programme for our seafront facilities which fall outside the scope of the LUF funding and are aimed at improving the commercial opportunities that meet the demands of our residents and visitors. This includes refreshing our food and beverage outlets, developing new health and wellbeing facilities, and delivering the key objectives recently set out through the revised Seafront Development Strategy which was approved by Cabinet in July 2024. Each project is subject to an individual business case which will need to demonstrate a positive outcome for any funding investment and achieves prudential fiscal growth whilst also aligning with the corporate objectives of the Council.

Flood and coastal erosion risk management:

This programme is delivered in partnership with the Environment Agency (EA) and is primarily funded by government grant. The programme from 2025/26 onwards consists of two main schemes.

Poole Bay Beach Management Scheme - an ongoing scheme designed to provide long term coastal erosion protection to thousands of properties and infrastructure via cyclical beach replenishment and ongoing groyne renewal works. 2024/25 saw a significant milestone delivered through the capital replacement of the Hengistbury Head Long Groyne. This scheme currently assumes a BCP local contribution in the final years of the programme (£3.3m), funded from prudential borrowing which has been factored into the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

Poole Bridge to Hunger Hill scheme (PB2HH) approved in 2020/21 is a flood defence scheme which will provide long term tidal flood risk management for parts of Poole town and the Twin Sails regeneration area. The scheme is due to begin construction in 2025. Increases in forecast cost, primarily due to unanticipated inflation over recent years. A submission for CIL has been requested and the team is requesting additional FCERM GiA from the Environment Agency, to maintain affordability. The success of seeking additional funding should be known by summer 2025.

A number of other projects, either lower value construction, or delivery of Strategy / guidance reports have been funded via FCERM Grant in Aid (EA) or Local Levy (Regional Flood and Coastal Committee)

Leisure

This includes the final part of the National Lottery projects at both Upton Country Park and Highcliffe Castle which have now been completed and final accounting and reporting underway. Work to stabilise the front of Upton House to preserve the Grade 2* listed building is underway and on track with scaffolding complete and final graphics in design stage.

The three Poole leisure centres (Dolphin, Ashdown and Rossmore) were insourced on 1st October 2024 and this project is now largely complete and on track. All three sites have had gym refurbishments which are complete and open to the public. Other leisure capital projects include replacement of Ashdown Leisure Centre lights converting to LED and enabling the continued community sport to take place throughout the winter months.

The Bournemouth International Centre (BIC) medium term investment plan final phase is complete which focused on the Purbeck entrance, lounge & bar refurbishment.

Investment and Development - £8.6m 2025/26 (£12.7m 5-year plan)

Towns Fund:

This includes the Towns Fund investment in Boscombe supporting a range of initiatives including Events, Transport, improvements to the High Street, and a Skills and Digital hub. Current projected spend for 2025/26 is £4.9m (£8.3m 2025/26 – 2026/27) to be fully funded by MHCLG, with a further £0.2m funded through reserves.

The Hawkwood Road Community Centre and demolition projects within the Towns Fund Masterplan are awaiting the tender results, work will progress into 2025/26. Renovation and trader grants for the High Street scheme and initiating public realm design will also continue into 2025/26.

The Hawkwood Road residential housing development will continue in the Housing Revenue Account.

Housing Delivery: general fund only, acquisitions and new build

Following the launch of the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) Round 3 in March 2024, the Council has secured £2.8m to put towards the delivery of 16 new homes. This is designed to reduce pressures on the existing housing and homelessness systems and those waiting for social housing. This allocation will support the delivery of Surrey Road (New Build under HRA) with an estimated cost of £3.5m and 8 other properties with an estimated cost of £2.7m in the pipeline for 2025/26.

£1.9m is expected to be spent on the New Housing Development at Crescent Road in 2025/26, this will form part of the GF CNHAS programme supported by borrowing as approved in May 2024.

Regeneration projects:

The Council is exploring the option to enter a long-term development partnership for the Holes Bay development and Poole Dolphin leisure centre, this will continue in 2025/26 for both schemes.

The Carters Quay Housing and Regeneration Scheme is a Build to Rent Scheme designed to provide 161 new homes with an ancillary ground floor amenity and commercial space. Council in late 2021 agreed to purchase the completed scheme from Inland Partnership Limited for £44.3m.

The Council priority is to recover the land from the administrator and develop the site for residential.

The scheme is subject to challenging viability issues caused by build cost inflation and high interest rates for borrowing requirements. Discussions are ongoing with external funders to

secure additional grants to support the scheme. Once this is achieved, the scheme will return to Cabinet and Council with an updated business case.

Customer Arts and Property - £34.2m 2025/26 (£42.2m 5-year plan)

Museums:

£1.8m is expected to be spent in 2025/26 to complete delivery of the Poole Museum redevelopment programme. This ambitious project is transforming and updating Poole Museum including the conservation and restoration of the Wool Hall, development of new galleries to showcase maritime and ceramics collections, new visitor facilities and improved access. It also includes improvements to Scaplen's Court which will bring enhanced facilities and increased revenue generation.

Asset and road maintenance:

This reflects planned spend on routine and structural capital maintenance that is funded predominantly from Department for Transport (DfT) capital grant allocations for Local Transport Plan (LTP) Structural Maintenance element. The planned investment of the £7.478m 2025/26 LTP allocation for Structural Maintenance will be the subject of a Cabinet report in March. £1.2m of this will be allocated to Neighbourhood Services for planned patching and pothole investment. (£2.5m has been reprofiled from 2024/25 including an element of Highways Challenge Fund.)

Active travel and Highways improvements:

Delivery of the capital elements of the Department for Transport (DfT) Active Travel Fund (ATF), Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), Safer Roads Fund (SRF) and Local Transport Plan (LTP) related grants continues reporting to the client team in the Transport and Sustainable Travel Unit (Planning and Transport Service). £5.2m has been reprofiled from 24/25 including £2.6m BSIP investment.

Transforming Cities Fund:

The South-East Dorset (SED) Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Programme is now in the final stages of delivering the infrastructure funded from the £79.3m of Department for Transport (DfT) Capital grant funding in addition to BCP Council, Dorset Council and third-party local contributions from local Transport operators and developers. BCP Council (as Accountable Body for the TCF Grant funding) has been working closely with the DfT on the commitments, delivery and planned TCF spend profile. Because of the Council's progress to date in delivering this major programme of works during an exceptionally challenging time, the DfT has fully committed the £79.3m to the SED TCF and extended the original TCF programme end date into 2025/26 subject to delivery being committed to before the end of the 2024/25 financial year. This has been achieved and the final outstanding payment Q4 payment of £1.9m is due to be received by the council on 29 January 2025. Planned spend of £21m in 2025/26 will complete the programme.

Key risks remain within the programme in relation to the scale and nature of the works and are robustly monitored and accounted for via risk pots. This position is being closely monitored by the council's SED TCF Programme Management Board. Council officers remain in regular contact with the DfT TCF team.

Accommodation Strategy:

£0.6m in 2025/26 represents the remaining approved programme for the council's accommodation strategy. This will complete delivery of the phase 2 works to the BCP Civic Space - West Wing, refurbishment of the Kinson Hub, and ICT investment.

Estates Management:

£0.518m per annum represents the Council's ongoing contribution to asset management of the BH Live estate.

£0.26M is profiled into 25/26 for spend on Parkway House (insurance and landlord works)

Waste and Cleansing:

The use of up to £0.3m waste infrastructure capital grant was approved to fund the undertaking of a feasibility study and business case to investigate the disposing or repurposing of waste depots across the authority and the building of a single new depot to meet future demand. The remaining £0.23m is profiled to spend in 2025/26.

Planning and Transport - £12.7m 2025/26 (£46.6m 5-year plan)

Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2025/26:

A paper is in development for March 2025 Cabinet setting out the recommended investment of the council's LTP Capital Programme allocations for the 2025/26 Integrated Transport Block (ITB) and Highways Maintenance grants from the Department of Transport (DfT).

Confirmation of the ITB total for 2025/26 has not been confirmed by the DfT year to date, this is not unusual and will likely arrive just prior to the start of the 2025/26 financial year. (An assumption of £3.102m has been made based on prior years.) In Spring/Summer there is a planned spend review for the ITB element and the amount and method used to allocate funding to local highway authorities could change.

In contrast the DfT has provided clarity on the Highways Maintenance element of the LTP and in 2025/26 the council is set to receive what is described as a baseline allocation of £5.552m and a new (additional) allocation of £1.926m = £7,478m in total. The DfT has advised that the full new allocation is subject to council satisfying yet to be published incentive criteria. The DfT has currently only confirmed the baseline funding element for 2026/2027 onwards.

LTP funding of £1.3m and Safer Roads Partnership funding of £0.95m has been secured to support the infrastructure works for Ashley Road and A35 Precinct to Pokesdown Station and Safer Roads Scheme as part of the Boscombe Towns Fund Programme.

Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) 2025/26:

A paper is in development for March 2025 Cabinet setting out the recommended investment of the BCP area allocation of BSIP 2025/26 capital grant £3.257m. The conditions of this grant advise that unspent grant from 2025/26 can be carried forward into 2026/27 on the proviso that the spend is committed to before the end of March 2026.

A high proportion of the design and delivery of the projects within these programmes will be briefed by the Transport and Sustainable Travel capital programme management (acting as client) to the inhouse Engineering Unit within Customer Arts and Property Directorate.

Environment - £22.1m 2025/26 (£36.9m 5-year plan)

Strategic waste and recycling:

Planned spend in this area includes continued investment in the Council's waste bin replacement strategy represented by £0.41m per annum across the MTFP funded by borrowing. (£0.25m slippage from 24/25 currently profiled into 25/26)

The council has benefited from a £1.53m Government Grant to fund costs of Weekly Food Waste Collections. This is being utilised to support the introduction of food waste collections to Poole and all flats. It is being invested in vehicles, containers and bins across 24/25 – 25/26 (£1m in 24/25, £0.5m in 25/26.)

There remains £5.8m uncommitted Waste Infrastructure grant. The intention is to utilise this to support the redevelopment of the authority's waste sites including the Transfer Station at Hurn. Approval(s) will be sought at the appropriate time.

Green space and conservation:

The most significant scheme is the Council's recently approved Plan for Play which brings forward a strategy that sets out how play infrastructure should be managed, designed and improved. It will be funded from CIL plus various planning obligations and reserves. Apart from some initial costs in 24/25 the majority of the £3.9m approved programme is profiled across 25/26 and 26/27.

2025/26 also includes £1.2m for completion of the Channel Infrastructure Improvements (Poole Park to Poole harbour). This Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funded project will see a rebuild of the sluice channel and the provision of new gates on the Poole Park side.

The remainder of the programme relates to several smaller schemes which will see enhancements and improvements to parks and open spaces, including play areas, across the conurbation. It includes improvements to the Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre which benefits from £0.2m Lottery funding.

Fleet management:

Phase 1 of the fleet replacement programme is coming to an end with the last £2.4m of the programme profiled in 2025/26. The Fleet service management is progressing approval request to move on to phase two which is estimated to cost £19.9m being funded using £1.2m vehicle capital receipts and £18.7m borrowing over the next three years.

Operations Strategy - £0.3 m 2025/26 (£0.3 m 5-year plan)

The Council has received one further year allocation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

CHILDREN SERVICES - £16.2m 2025/26 (£19m 5-year plan)

A separate Capital Strategy report to Cabinet is scheduled in March 2025. This will include details of the planned expenditure of uncommitted carried forward amounts from 2024/25 including Basic Need of £0.4m, School Condition Allocation of £3.5m and High Needs Grant of £7.8m. The report will also include details of any new and indicative allocations received to date. In total, the updated capital strategy will present planned expenditure of £18.5m to deliver our strategic priorities for the period 2025/26 – 2027/28.

The council is estimating that the 2025/26 allocation of the school condition grant could be in the region of £0.5m. Following the government announcement of the £740 m additional capital funding for SEND nationally in 2025/26, we estimate that BCP Council could receive an allocation in the region of £3.5m based on the same % funding received in 2024/25. However, BCP allocation has not been consistent in recent years, therefore the estimated new SEND allocation has not been factored in the capital investment programme assumptions, awaiting confirmation in due course.

WELLBEING - £6.5m 2025/26 (£24.3m 5-year plan)

Housing and Communities - £3.8m 2025/26 (£10.9 m 5-year plan)

Disabled Facilities Grant:

The allocation of the Disabled Facilities Grant for the Council in 2025/26 is expected to be £4.4m. As in previous years, 59% of the grant has been allocated to Adult Social care to fund the Community equipment store and 41% has been allocated to Housing & Community for disabled adaptations. The 2025/26 budget for Housing & Communities reflects an expected slippage of £1.9m owing to Adult Social Care assessments and housing adaptations backlog.

Private Sector Renewal-warmth & wellbeing:

This is a property improvement grant to private landlords, used as an incentive to secure access to private rented accommodation. Projected spend for 2025/26 is £115k.

Care technology:

BCP Council transformed its approach to Care Technology in December 2024 to enable more people to access care technology to delay, reduce or prevent the need for long term care and support. The new service mainstreams care technology across adult social care, encouraging practitioners to consider it as the 'first offer' for a wider range of residents' needs, enabling people to live independently for longer and generating financial benefits. Capital expenditure of £0.1m in 25/26.

EXECUTIVE - £1.6m 2025/26 (£5.3m 5-year plan)

IT and Programmes - £1.6m 2025/26 (£5.3m 5-year plan)

ICT investment plan:

The main area of investment within the ICT plan is the rolling programme of laptop replacement for officers and members. This will ensure that equipment meets the needs of the organisation and remains supportable for IT & Programmes. This runs across the MTFP from 25/26 (£1.2m) to 28/29, a total investment of £4.9m across those years.