

General Fund Capital Investment Programme (CIP) budget position by service area
Quarter 1 - end of June 2025.

Capital budget Virements

1. In accordance with the council's financial regulations the following rules associated with capital virements apply (after advice from the Chief Finance Officer):
 - Virements over £1 million require prior Council approval.
 - Virements over £500,000 and up to £1 million require prior Cabinet approval.
 - Corporate Directors can approve virements over £100,000 up to £500,000.
 - Service Directors can approve virements up to £100,000.
2. According to the above financial regulations, the following decisions for changes within the capital programme are required of **Cabinet**:

a. **Virements between bus service improvement schemes (BSIS)**

The projects that make up the BSIP programme, which were indicative at the outset, have now been developed to a stage whereby they have been costed and either increased or decreased in scope because of more detailed work and/or public engagement or are complete. In other instances, some projects have been reduced in scope or deferred now that the council has been informed there will be further BSIP settlements in future years.

The table below shows the list of the affected schemes.

Bus service improvement plan proposed scheme virements	25/26 current budget £	Proposed virement £	25/26 revised budget £
BSIP High street and Bargates Christchurch (LTP)	555,100	(375,000)	180,100
BSIP Bmth station to Town centre bus priority (LTP b/f)	3,501,600	375,000	3,876,600
BSIP Westbourne bus priority	716,500	(430,000)	286,500
BSIP Bus priority at 65 signalised junctions	130,800	(130,800)	0
BSIP Branksome roundabout	38,600	(38,600)	0
BSIP New RTI Displays	6,500	560,800	567,300
BSIP unallocated	42,000	(42,000)	0
BSIP Branksome Roundabout	50,000	38,600	88,600
Raised kerbing and extended bus stop clearways at 35 stops	350,000	42,000	392,000
	5,391,100	0	5,391,100

- BSIP High Street and Bargates Christchurch (LTP) – now complete, LTP contribution to be allocated to BSIP Bmth station to Town centre bus priority (LTP b/f), due to increased scope and costs.
- BSIP Westbourne bus priority - scope now decreased.
- BSIP Bus priority at 65 signalised junctions - funded from Transforming Cities Fund.
- BSIP Branksome roundabout - BSIP1 underspend vired to BSIP2 scheme.
- BSIP New RTI Displays - additional sites to be delivered.
- BSIP unallocated - vired to deliver additional BSIP Raised kerbing and extended bus stop clearways.

b. Virements to allocate the 2024/25 Local Transport Plan (LTP) funding brought forward.

The table below shows the allocation of the 2024/25 Local Transport Plan funding brought forward.

Allocation of Local Transport Plan funding brought forward	Current budget £	Proposed virement £	25/26 revised budget £
STB, DfT, LCWIP, OBC Development & Bidding	394,000	105,000	499,000
Ferndown, Wallisdown, Poole (FWP) Corridors Phase 3	450,000	200,000	650,000
Thames Street public realm	-	145,000	145,000
DLEP Lansdowne Business District	120,200	80,000	200,200
Local Transport Plan - 24/25 Unallocated	580,380	(530,000)	50,380
	1,544,580	-	1,544,580

The LTP funding brought forward will be used to fund the following schemes:

- development of business cases for BCP priority projects identified in the Western Gateway Sub-National Transport Body Strategic Transport Plan.
- increased costs following demobilisation to minimise disruption on the network.
- Construction of new pedestrian crossing and roundabout improvement works at Lansdowne Road/Madeira Roundabout
- Budget correction for Thames Street public realm

Capital investment Programme Summary

3. The council has received notification from MHCLG that the Seafront Levelling UP Fund and the Towns Deals Fund have been consolidated into one simplified fund called Local Regeneration Fund. This is intended to give local authorities more control and flexibility. There is no change in the allocation of the funding to BCP Council.
4. The tables below show the summary position for capital investment programme (CIP) in the general fund as of 30 June 2025.
5. Summary budget movements are shown in table 1 below with the detail by directorate included in table 2. How the programme is funded is included in table 3 followed by narrative detail. The total resources for the 2025/26 capital investment programme have increased from £136 million to £152 million following £15 million slippage reprofiled after 2024/25 accounts closure and £0.52 million net in year movement.
6. The total spend to date at quarter one is relatively low at 5%, but it is important to note that the actual spend is distorted by uncleared credit entries representing expenditure relating to the financial year 2024/25 which has not yet been paid as well as accrued retentions which will be held until due. The reading of the expenditure to date will become more accurate as the 2024/25 invoices are paid.

Table 1 – Summary of budget movement

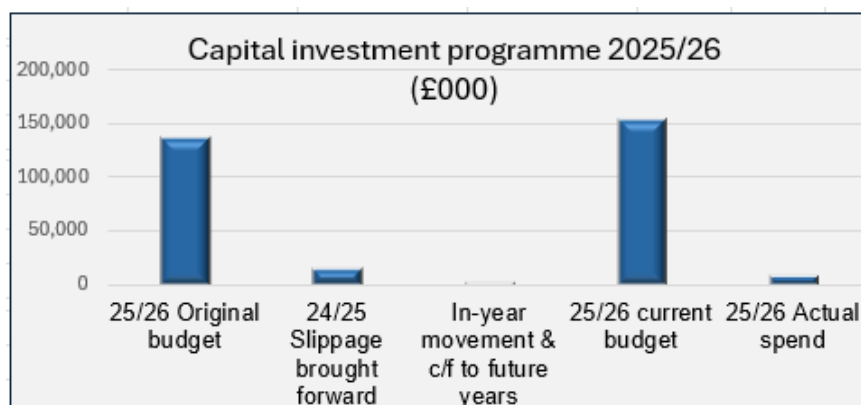


Table 2 – Summary movement and current position by Directorate

Capital Investment Programme 25/26 Monitoring	25/26 Original budget £000	24/25 Slippage brought forward £000	In-year movement & c/f to future years £000	25/26 Current budget £000	25/26 Actual spend £000	% Budget consumed %
Operations						
Commercial Operations	34,111	839	341	35,291	202	1%
Investment and Development	8,644	899	(832)	8,711	(180)	-2%
Customer Arts and Property	34,242	6,322	7,548	48,112	5,849	12%
Planning and Transport	12,667	2,334	(6,677)	8,324	180	2%
Environment	22,189	2,034	369	24,592	401	2%
Operations Strategy	253	16	0	269	3	1%
	112,106	12,444	749	125,299	6,455	5%
Children Services						
Education and Skills	16,169	3,214	(221)	19,162	877	5%
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Wellbeing						
Housing and Community	3,790	(896)	0	2,894	637	22%
Adults Commissioning	2,685	92	0	2,777	0	0%
	6,475	(804)	0	5,671	637	11%
Executive						
IT and Programmes	1,588	202	0	1,790	6	0%
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	136,338	15,056	528	151,922	7,975	5%

Table 3 – Capital Investment programme funding profile

Capital Investment Programme 25/26 Funding	25/26 Original budget £000	24/25 Slippage brought forward £000	In-year movement & c/f into future years £000	25/26 Current budget £000
Prudential Borrowing	(20,087)	(2,638)	(241)	(22,966)
Capital Receipts (General Fund)	(1,165)	(23)	0	(1,188)
Reserve Funding (general fund Ca	(557)	(87)	0	(644)
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RCCO	0	(1)	0	(1)
BCP Funding Requirement	(22,729)	(2,819)	(454)	(26,002)
S106	(458)	(494)	(263)	(1,215)
CIL	(4,110)	(320)	52	(4,378)
Non-government grants	(1,053)	(622)	0	(1,675)
Government Grants	(107,357)	(9,886)	172	(117,071)
Third party contributions	(631)	(910)	(35)	(1,576)
External Funding Contributions	(113,609)	(12,232)	(74)	(125,915)
	(136,338)	(15,051)	(528)	(151,917)

OPERATIONS (£125.7m)**Commercial Operations - £35.3m**

7. The Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) had a planned programme for 2025/26 of £13.8 million funded from Environment Agency grant. Additional funding of £7.3 million Community Infrastructure Levy and further £6 million from the Environment Agency has recently been approved for Poole Bay to Hunger Hill flood defence. Other additional schemes include debris screen health and safety works £95,000, southwest storms analysis £68,000, Jurassic coast mitigation study £173,000 and Avon Beach to Highcliffe beach management works £300,000.
8. Seafront Development projects have a planned expenditure budget of £20.1 million for 2025/26 of which £15.7 million relates to projects funded from the Levelling Up Infrastructure Fund (MHCLG grant). BCP council has received confirmation of an extension to the spending deadline to March 2028. The largest project (Bournemouth Pier works) is currently out to tender; works are expected to start in March 2026 for an 18 month programme. The budget will be reprofiled accordingly.
9. A review is underway revising the business cases for the pavilion and the beach huts at Canford Cliffs, to deliver the original agreed funding outcomes whilst also a more affordable and efficient pavilion and beach hut offer, driving future income growth and job creation at the site.

Investment & Development - £8.7m (excluding HRA)

10. The net credit reading of £108,000 actual spend is due to uncleared credit entries representing expenditure relating to the financial year 2024/25 which has not yet been paid as well as accrued contractor retentions which will be held until due.
11. The total Towns Fund (MHCLG grant) is £21.7 million of which £7.2 million has been utilised up to March 2025 with £14.6 million remaining for the next two years.
12. The MHCLG grant allocation of £7.7 million earmarked for Hawkwood Road residential development will be spent within the Housing Revenue Account. The grant needs to be contractually committed in full by the end of March 2026 with £2.4 million spent in year of which £0.5 million relates to revenue
13. Council New build Housing and Acquisition Strategy (CNHAS) - total spend at end of quarter one is £70.7 million. Quarter one includes £0.5 million of accruals to cover works carried out in 2024/25 yet to be billed with the ledger reading a net credit.
14. Poole Dolphin Leisure Centre development options on refurbishment being explored with the £0.6 million budget carried into 2025/26 of which £35,000 has been spent to the end of quarter.
15. Holes Bay delivery route being explored to seek a development partner to take the project forward with £0.3 million budget carried into 2025/26 of which £54,000 has been spent to end of quarter one.
16. Wessex Fields Infrastructure: The link road is nearing completion with £0.4 million slippage reprofiled to 2025/26, of which £32,000 has been spent.

Customer and Property - £48.1m

17. The in-house engineering unit manages nearly £43 million of the highways asset management, improvement and travel programme on behalf of the planning and transport directorate.
18. The South-East Dorset (SED) Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) programme is in the latter stages of delivery. The remaining funding profiled this year is £22.4 million
19. Further £21million is profiled for 2025/26, funded primarily by DfT grants including Highway Maintenance and Integrated Transport block part of the LTP, BSIP, Highways Challenge Fund, Safer Roads Partnership and Active Travel Fund.
20. The Poole museum programme, which includes Scaplen's Court as well as the main museum, has £4.2 million profiled expenditure in 2025/26. Additional budget of £0.55 million was agreed at July 2025 Cabinet with approval for additional borrowing of £1.2 million. Scaplen's Court and Poole

Museum shop opened in July. The practical completion for the exhibition building fit out is anticipated during September with the museum reopening early October. The forecast reported to Cabinet in July still applies, however the final accounts have not yet been negotiated and agreed.

21. Approximately £0.9 million estates management and accommodation strategy expenditure is planned for 2025/26.

Planning and Transport - £8.3m

22. This service leads on the Highways asset management, improvement and sustainable travel programme and transport capital programme management acting as client to the in-house engineering unit within the Customer and Property Directorate.
23. Within the Planning and Transport service direct reporting is £8.3 million profiled spend in 2025/26 including £3.6 million bus service improvement plan and £3.6 million on network management, sustainable travel and transport improvements funded from the Local Transport Plan. The remaining schemes include traffic signals and the first year of the local electric vehicle infrastructure.

Environment - £24.6m

24. The capital programme for this area covers green spaces and conservation, sustainable waste and recycling and fleet, fleet being the largest scheme in this service, with £5.8m expenditure in-year.
25. The profile for 2025/26 for the first year of a 3-year fleet replacement strategy is £11.2 million fully funded from borrowing.
26. The main budget for green spaces and conservation is the first year of Plan for Play strategy with a profiled expenditure for 2025/26 of £2.3 million funded mainly from Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 contributions.

WELLBEING (£5.7m)

Adults Commissioning £2.8m

27. The majority of spend within this programme relates to the Integrated Community Equipment Store (ICES) funded by the Disabled Facilities Grant. The council continues to provide support to the community through this means from an annual allocation from the Better Care Fund pooled budget with Health.

28. Housing and Communities - £2.9m

29. The Disabled facilities Grant usage for disabled adaptations profiled for 25/26 is £2.6 million. The service is catching up with backlog of property adaptations and using prior year grant carried forward.
30. The remaining expenditure of £0.3 million relates CCTV systems, community related activity and tenancy services.

CHILDREN SERVICES (£19.2m)

31. The 2025/26 capital programme has begun to deliver the 3-year children's Services Capital Strategy approved by council in March 2025. For 2025/26, the strategy identified an additional £4.3 million school condition work which is underway and £8.3 million on specialist provision and inclusion models in line with the SEND Sufficiency Strategy. The costs of individual schemes will be developed during the year in line with RIBA best practice and BCP Financial Regulations.
32. The 2025/26 High Needs Grant allocation has recently been confirmed at £4 million and will be included in the children capital budget available next quarter.

EXECUTIVE & RESOURCES (£1.8m)

IT and Programmes Capital - £1.8m

33. The councils ICT investment programme planned spend for 2025/26 is £1.8m mainly on desktop replacement.