

General Fund Capital Investment Programme (CIP) budget position by service area
Quarter 2 - end of September 2025.

Capital budget Virements

1. There are no budget virements requiring approval this quarter.

Capital investment Programme Summary

2. The tables below show the summary position for capital investment programme (CIP) in the general fund as of 30 September 2025.
3. Summary budget movements are shown in table 1 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 £152 million to nearly £173 million reflecting additional funding approved for major schemes like Poole Bridge to Hunger Hill flood defence and Port of Poole Bridges programme funded from Environment Agency grants and approved use of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Other capital programme growth includes smaller grant funded flood and coastal erosion schemes, approved increase for the Poole Museums and confirmed funding for the Russell Cotes MEND4 project, use of CIL heathlands funding as approved in the CIL strategy and new schemes from the CIL neighbourhood 6 awards. The full allocation of the 2025/26 SEND capital grant is also reflected in the capital programme.
4. The total spend to date is relatively low at 13%, the spend of some schemes is planned to happen during the second half of the financial year. During quarter three there will be a reprofiling exercise for current schemes estimated slippage which will be reflected in the 2026/27 medium term financial plan.

Table 1 – Summary of budget movement

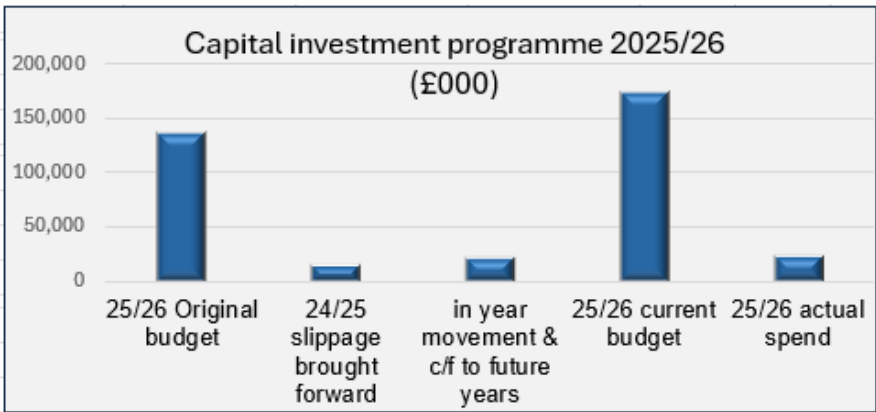


Table 2 – Summary movement and current position by Directorate

Capital Investment Programme	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	Actual 25/26 £000	% budget consumed
25/26 Monitoring						
Operations						
Commercial Operations	34,111	838	11,645	46,594	1,562	3%
Investment and Development	8,644	479	(815)	8,308	275	3%
Customer Arts and Property	34,242	6,322	11,804	52,368	13,422	26%
Planning and Transport	12,667	2,334	(6,644)	8,357	696	8%
Environment	22,189	2,053	1,098	25,340	2,052	8%
Operations Strategy	253	16	(75)	194	3	2%
	112,106	12,042	17,013	141,161	18,010	13%
Children Services						
Education and Skills	16,169	3,214	4,275	23,658	1,509	6%
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Wellbeing						
Housing and Community	3,790	(475)	75	3,390	1,542	45%
Adults Commissioning	2,685	92	0	2,777	1,228	44%
	6,475	(383)	75	6,167	2,770	45%
Executive						
IT and Programmes	1,588	202	0	1,790	25	1%
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	136,338	15,075	21,363	172,776	22,314	13%

Table 3 – Capital Investment programme funding profile

Capital Investment Programme 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)	(2,640)	(1,615)	(24,342)
Capital Receipts (General Fund)	(1,165)	(23)	(99)	(1,287)
Reserve Funding (General Fund Capital)	(557)	(88)	(74)	(719)
Reserve Funding (General fund revenue)	(920)	(70)	(213)	(1,203)
RCCO	0	(1)	(28)	(29)
BCP Funding Requirement	(22,729)	(2,822)	(2,029)	(27,580)
S106	(458)	(494)	(302)	(1,254)
CIL	(4,110)	(340)	(7,887)	(12,337)
Non-government grants	(1,053)	(622)	(787)	(2,462)
Government Grants	(107,357)	(9,886)	(11,005)	(128,248)
Third party contributions	(631)	(911)	647	(895)
External Funding Contributions	(113,609)	(12,253)	(19,334)	(145,196)
	(136,338)	(15,075)	(21,363)	(172,776)

OPERATIONS (£141.2m)**Commercial Operations - £46.6m**

- The Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) current budget for 2025/26 is £24.8 million funded mainly from Environment Agency grant and Community Infrastructure Levy. The largest scheme Poole Bridge to Hunger Hill flood defence (£18.8 million for 2025/26 with £0.8 million expenditure) will need reprogramming to comply with environmental and compliance licences. It is estimated that approximately £7.7 million will be spent over the winter months with the remaining budget being reprofiled to future years. The majority of the expenditure for Poole Bay Beach management (£4.3 million for 25/26 with £0.8 million expenditure) is programmed over the winter months, approximately £1 million will likely be reprofiled to future years.
- Seafront Development projects have a planned expenditure budget of £21.1 million for 2025/26 of which £16 million relates to projects funded from the Levelling Up Infrastructure Fund (MHCLG grant) with £0.6 million expenditure to date. 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.

7. The majority of the remaining budget, £4.7 million (with no expenditure to date) is for Canford Cliffs pavilion and beach huts and Mudeford beach house café. 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 - £8.3m (excluding HRA)

8. The overall Towns Fund (MHCLG grant) is £21.7 million of which £7.6 million has been utilised up to September 2025 with £14.1 million remaining for the next two years. Of the £4.3 million profiled for 2025/26 £0.5 million has been spent to date.
9. 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 spent by March 2028.
10. The council housing acquisition programme is almost complete – there is still £0.5 million of invoices to cover works carried out in 2024/25 which have not yet been finalised, it is estimated that these will be processed through quarter three therefore the final expenditure of the programme is not yet certain.
11. Poole Dolphin Leisure Centre development options on refurbishment are being explored with the £0.6 million budget carried into 2025/26 of which £39,000 has been spent to the end of quarter two.
12. Holes Bay delivery route is being explored to seek a development partner to take the project forward with £0.3 million budget carried into 2025/26 of which £63,000 has been spent to end of quarter two.
13. Wessex Fields Infrastructure: The link road is nearing completion with £0.4 million slippage reprofiled to 2025/26, of which £51,000 has been spent.

Customer Arts and Property - £52.4m

14. The in-house engineering unit manages nearly £46 million of the highway's asset management, improvement and travel programme on behalf of the planning and transport directorate with nearly £11 million spent to date (24%), a higher level of expenditure is planned over the winter months. A review of the schemes profiled budgets will take place during quarter three.
15. The Poole Museum programme of £3.7 million for 2025/26 reached practical completion in September with a small number of post contract works being finalised. The final accounts are being negotiated, therefore the final financial position is not yet known, however there is no further information available to change previous estimates. There have been further delays in the delivery of the project, the effect of this will not be known until the accounts are finalised.
16. Approximately £1.8 million estates management and accommodation strategy expenditure is planned for 2025/26 of which £0.6 million is spent to date.

Planning and Transport - £8.4m

17. 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 Arts and Property Directorate.
18. 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. The expenditure incurred during the first half of the financial year was £0.7 million. A review of the schemes profiled budgets will take place during quarter three considering the expenditure planned during the winter months.

Environment - £25.3m

19. The fleet and equipment budget profiled for 2025/26 is £11.9 million of this £0.5 million was spent to end of September. Vehicles are replaced, when necessary, therefore the replacement

programme may be delayed due to longer vehicle lifecycle. Unused budget will be reprofiled to future years to continue the replacement programme.

20. Sustainable waste and green infrastructure account for £13.4 million, of which £1.7 million was spent in the first half of 2025/26. The plan for play programme initial work has been around planning and procurement activities with more contractual expenditure to take place in the second part of the financial year with likely slippage into 2026/27. New schemes were added to the capital programme following the allocation of the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy round 6, these will also require initial planning and procurement activities before contractual expenditure. The remaining £5.8 million waste infrastructure grant will be considered for future requirements.

CHILDREN SERVICES (£23.7m)

21. The 2025/26 capital programme has begun to deliver the 3-year children's Services Capital Strategy approved by council in March 2025.
22. The £23.7 million budget represents the total funding available including brought forward grant from previous years. The total spend up to the end of September of the £8.5 million committed to specific schemes, is £1.5 million (18%). The remaining £15.1 million funding will be considered as part of the three-year children services strategy. The costs of individual schemes are being developed in line with RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) best practice and BCP Financial Regulations.

WELLBEING (£6.2m)

Housing and Communities - £3.4m

23. The Disabled facilities Grant usage for disabled adaptations profiled for 25/26 is £2.6 million of which 53% has been expended to the end of quarter two. The service is catching up with backlog of property adaptations and using prior year grant carried forward.
24. The remaining expenditure of £0.8 million relates to CCTV systems, community related activity and tenancy services. £0.1 million has been spent to end of quarter two.

Adults Commissioning £2.8m

25. The majority of spend within this programme relates to the Integrated Community Equipment Store (ICES) funded by the Disabled Facilities Grant. 47% has been expended to the end of quarter two. 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.

EXECUTIVE & RESOURCES (£1.8m)

IT and Programmes Capital - £1.8m

26. The councils ICT investment programme planned spend for 2025/26 is £1.8 million mainly on desktop replacement. Approximately £0.8 million is estimated to be spent in the second half of the financial year with the remaining budget being reprofiled to 2026/27.