

Appendix 7

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (CIP) OVERVIEW BY DIRECTORATE

Please find below a summary of the Capital Programme for the 2026-2030 period. The figures reflect the latest understanding but will be impacted by any slippage from 2025/26 depending on the progress of schemes in the run up to 31st March 2026 and new schemes that will be approved in the future.

The MTFP capital investment programme of £239.6 million over 4 years is broken down as follows:

OPERATIONS - £86.2m 2026/27 (£184m 4-year plan)

Commercial Operations - £27m 2025/26 (£42.6m 4-year plan)

Seafront development:

This comprises of the ongoing delivery of the £20m Seafront 'Levelling Up Fund', which was awarded to the Council in 2023/24. This grant has been consolidated with the Towns Deals Fund into one simplified fund called Local Regeneration Fund. This is intended to give local authorities more control and flexibility. There has been no change in the allocation of the funding to BCP Council. The usage period has been extended to March 2028 with £14 million remaining to be used by this deadline. The fund aims to upgrade and improve critical seafront infrastructure, such as at Bournemouth Pier and East Cliff stabilisation planned to be delivered during 2026/27 as well as some repair and upgrades to seafront beach huts and promenade infrastructure.

The seafront service is committed to 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. Capital investment is currently planned for Mudeford Beach House café improvements and sea cliff and chine management.

Flood and coastal erosion risk management (FCERM):

This programme is delivered in partnership with the Environment Agency (EA) and is primarily funded by government grant. The programme from 2026/27 onwards consists of currently approved funding over £27 million mainly for 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. More than £8 million is planned over the next two years for this scheme.

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. Additional CIL funding of £7.3 million was approved during 2025/26 for this scheme, as well as additional £6.2 million from the Environment Agency, to maintain affordability. The total scheme funding since 2021 is now above £29 million of which the remaining £17.6 million is planned for 2026/28.

Leisure

The work to stabilise the front of Upton House to preserve the Grade 2* listed building is underway, the 3G artificial Pitch at Rossmore Leisure centre is also progressing. The Service is now working on the next leisure centres investment strategy which will include options for sustaining the leisure centres offer in BCP Council and new proposal will come forward for approval in due course.

Investment and Development - £3.3m 2026/27 (£6m 4-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 2026/28 is £5.9m funded by MHCLG. This grant has been consolidated with the Towns Deals Fund into one simplified fund called Local Regeneration Fund. This is intended to give local authorities more control and flexibility. There has been no change in the allocation of the funding to BCP Council. The spending timeline has been extended to March 2028.

The Hawkwood Road Community Centre project within the Towns Fund Masterplan is progressing into 2026/27.

The Hawkwood Road residential housing development in the Housing Revenue Account and the ground floor commercial unit in the general fund are subject to further approvals to continue following the withdrawal of occupancy support by the NHS.

Housing Delivery: The housing delivery team will concentrate on delivery of HRA schemes covered in the HRA capital appendix.

Regeneration projects: There is no approved capital investment for regeneration projects in the current MTFP. Below is an update for the schemes where work continues to bring forward full business:

Carters Quay: Legal advisors are considering the action needed to recover the land if this cannot be resolved. As the acquisition price was based on a private rented scheme the viability of the scheme will be predicated on what the preferred tenure is going forward. Based on current build costs, the project as designed is not viable and therefore a new planning and investment strategy will be needed.

Holes Bay: The delivery of the former Power Station site remains a priority and the ongoing dialogue will enable the Council to deliver on that commitment to residents. This is a site which has many environmental benefits and any project will need to be designed around the ecological diversity. Homes England are demonstrating their support by engaging consultants who can design solutions which address the BNG and flood risk constraints as well as working with us to develop our wider place making vision. Work is underway to develop a phasing and place-based vision with adjacent landowners to understand the scale of delivery of the next few years and this will feed into the emerging Local Plan. Options will be prepared in early Spring 2026 once Homes England have confirmed what role they would be looking to have – funder, enabler or delivery partner. The Council could consider a sale or a joint venture to complement any funding package to prepare the site for development.

Winter Gardens: The project is currently in the process of completing concept design for redevelopment of the Winter Gardens site. A cabinet report will be prepared for submission in 2026/2027 to seek approval for the Site Development Plan, the project viability and, if agreed, seek consent to proceed to the planning application stage. In addition, the Site Development Plan will need to demonstrate there is a funded strategy for the Winter Gardens development. To support this, Muse are exploring a forward funded model for affordable housing, the build to rent and keeping a flexible tenure approach to open market sale given the volatility in the housing market.

Poole Dolphin Leisure Centre: Currently the development options do not provide a sufficient return, to fund the refurbishment or replacement of the leisure centre. The size and shape of the available development site limits design options. Available grant funding options are

insufficient to bridge the viability gap and other local authorities delivering leisure centres, have seen costs double at build from concept stage. The Leisure team are reviewing the whole BCP Leisure portfolio to establish an investment strategy which will include options for sustaining the three leisure centres. This reflects the priority in balancing the Council's budget for 2026/27, whilst supporting the ongoing operations of this facility.

Customer Arts and Property - £18.3m 2026/27 (£26m 4-year plan)

Museums:

The Poole Museum redevelopment programme is now complete. Further development of £1.5 million is planned for the Russell Cotes MEND4 project mainly funded with Arts Council grant and CIL contributions.

Engineering services:

The Port of Poole bridges programme is profiled to be delivered over the next two years using £6 million CIL contributions.

The department for Transport has announced a new local transport funding system for Local Transport Authorities and confirmed the capital funding allocations for the next spending review period (2026/27 to 2029/30) of £77.7 million to be spent on local transport delivery including active travel, highways maintenance, local authority bus grant and local transport grant. This funding is initially shown under Planning and Transport services as the lead commissioner for the local transport delivery plan (LTDP). Once the details of individual schemes and interventions have been through the approval process, budgets will be allocated to the Engineering team for the relevant projects.

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 to BCP Council. The remaining grant estimated to be spent during 2026/27 is £10.9 million. The largest scheme planned to be completed is Ringwood Road Seaview to Manning Heath.

Estates Management:

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

Planning and Transport - £18.7m 2026/27 (£81.7m 4-year plan)

Local Transport Delivery Plan (LTDP) 2025/26:

The Department for Transport has announced a new local transport funding system for Local Transport Authorities and confirmed the capital funding allocations for the next spending review period (2026/27 to 2029/30). The table below shows the £77.7 million to be spent on local transport delivery. This represents 34% of the current capital programme over the next 4 years. The funding comes with a new accountability and reporting system. The settlement letter commissions each local transport authority to produce a local transport delivery plan (LTDP) with details of schemes and interventions or programmes and packages of spend to be submitted in draft by 20 March 2026 with the final LTDP submitted by 18 September 2026.

Once the details of individual schemes have gone through the approval process, budgets will be allocated accordingly. It is estimated that the majority of the works will be delivered by the Engineering teams.

	2026/27 £000	2027/28 £000	2028/29 £000	2029/30 £000	Total £000
Active Travel	2,249.7	2,249.7	2,249.7	2,249.7	8,998.8
Highways Maintenance	7,763.0	9,144.0	9,860.0	11,273.0	38,040.0
LA Bus Grant (LABG)	3,018.8	3,079.5	3,140.2	3,200.9	12,439.4
Local transport Grant (LTG)	3,345.9	3,620.3	4,961.2	6,302.0	18,229.4
Total	16,377.4	18,093.5	20,211.1	23,025.6	77,707.6

Environment - £18.9m 2025/26 (£27.6m 4-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.

There remains £5.7m 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 implementation of the Plan for Play strategy is the most significant scheme with £1.5 million profiled in 2026/27 with likelihood of slippage from 2025/26 which will be carried forward. This scheme is mainly funded from CIL plus various planning obligations and reserves.

Other schemes in the programme relates to several smaller investments mainly funded from CIL and Section 106 contributions which will see enhancements and improvements to parks and open spaces, including Hengistbury Head visitor centre, Milhams Mead, Bourne Valley and Bernard Mead and Mudeford Woods infrastructure improvements.

Transport and operating centre:

The Fleet service management is progressing phase two replacement strategy. There is approximately £4.7 million expected slippage from year one (2025/26) which is being reprofiled to 2026/27 increasing the expected spend for 2026/27 to £9.1 million.

There is also approximately £290,000 investment in countryside vehicles which will take place during 2026/27 mainly funded from reserves and Section 106 contributions.

CHILDREN SERVICES - £14.4m 2026/27 (£33m 4-year plan)

The Department for Education has indicated that BCP Council will receive in the region of £9 million over the next 3 years for Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) above the normal annual allocation. Estimating the normal annual allocation is not easy as there is no real trend in prior years allocations. For the purpose of the MTFP we have assumed £4 million SEND grant for the first 3 years and £1million normal annual allocation for 2029/30. The Education capital programme will be updated in the spring when the grants allocations will be announced.

The MTFP also includes over £11 million High Needs grant reprofiled from prior years bringing the estimated total funding available for SEND to approximately £25m over the next 4 years. The estimated available funding for children services capital expenditure over the

MTFP period is a total of nearly £33 million including the schools conditions grant. This represents 14% of the capital MTFP.

Children services are working on the children capital strategy to prioritise the use of available funding.

WELLBEING - £4.4m 2026/27 (£17.8m 4-year plan)

Disabled Facilities Grant:

The allocation of the Disabled Facilities Grant is maintained at £4.4 million, the 20205/26 level for the MTFP period. The grant is used by Adults Social Care on community equipment to meet social care needs and by Housing and Community for housing adaptations. We understand that the national formula for the allocation of the DFG is being revised, the MTFP will be updated when the new allocation is received.

EXECUTIVE - £2.4m 2026/27 (£4.9m 4-year plan)

IT and Programmes - £2.4m 2026/27 (£4.9m 4-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 period to 28/29. Additional funding of £764,000 is required for critical hardware and core wide areas networking equipment which will reach its end of life in 2026/27. Cabinet is requested to approve the additional £195,000 borrowing per annum over the next 5 years ahead of a 4-year IT infrastructure replacement plan.