

NEW SCHEMES WITHIN THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

1. TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT

1.1. Environmental Services

1.1.1. Highways Maintenance Programme for Full Approval of £6.746m in 2018/19 and Additional Funding for Provisional Approval of £1.285m from 2019/20

Including: Existing programme entry for Highways Maintenance Block £3.034m, Highways Maintenance Block – Additional Funding £1.44m, A4 Keynsham Bypass / DfT Challenge £2m, Fund and Pothole Funding £272k.

This is predominantly funded by a combination of Government Grant amounting to £5,938m. This funding is provided from the WECA, from DfT allocations. The remaining £808k is additional programme allocation funded through Corporate Supported Borrowing.

This programme is a key component in achieving and maintaining the corporate objective of creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live. By improving the overall condition of the highway network it serves to minimise road works with associated traffic disruption and addresses poor & visually unattractive surfaces and end of life assets. Improved street lighting leads to people in communities feeling more safe and happy with where they live. The transport network is crucial in maintaining a strong local economy and is a fundamental part of the local environment allowing local communities to thrive and flourish.

This will be used to address a programme of priority works across all highway asset groups namely carriageways, footways, structures (bridges, retaining walls, embankments & culverts), drainage and electrical infrastructure as identified through on-going inspection, monitoring and evaluation.

A detailed list of schemes, attached at Annex 5 (ii), will be subject to consultation with cabinet and ward members. Any amendments to the programme will be approved by the Divisional Director for Environmental Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport.

1.1.2. Transport Improvement Programme for Full Approval of £2.982m in 2018/19 and Additional Funding for Provisional Approval of £4.057m from 2019/20

The Transport Improvement Programme budget is included at £2.982m for Full Approval funded from £1.163m of Integrated Transport Block Government Grant, £700k of Local Growth Fund to be confirmed, £614k of s106 funds, £145K of CIL funds and £360k of Corporate Supported Borrowing to enable early programme delivery.

The programme delivers highway improvement works under the general headings of road safety, safer routes to school, pedestrians, congestion and traffic management schemes.

2017/18 proposals continue a focus on supporting the five objectives identified in the West of England Joint Local Transport Plan:

- Reducing Carbon Emissions
- Supporting Economic Growth
- Promoting Accessibility
- Contributing to better safety, security and health
- Improving quality of life & a healthy natural environment.

A detailed list of schemes, attached at Annex 5 (iii), will be subject to consultation with cabinet and ward members and the general public where appropriate. Any amendments to the programme will be approved by the Divisional Director for Environmental Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport.

1.1.3. Terrace Walk for Provisional Approval of £100k – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

Bath & North East Somerset has responsibility for maintenance of the undercroft structure. This funding is to enable a feasibility study to identify the costs of repairs and budget planning but also to enable political decisions to be taken on the long term use of this space.

1.1.4. York Street Vaults – Phase 2 for Provisional Approval of £950k – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

Bath & North East Somerset has responsibility for maintenance of this structure which has funding in place to carry out the underground repairs. However, once the archway project and Bath Abbey scheme have been completed there is a need to replace the waterproofing above the vault and reconstruct the road to provide a long term solution and reduce the associated risks. This follows emergency works undertaken during 2017/18. This work will be complemented by York Street Public Realm improvements listed below in section 3.

1.1.5. Highways Schemes (CIL) for Provisional Approval of £180k

CIL funding allocation for additional highways schemes in the region. The specific schemes have yet to be identified, but once identified this funding will support works in either the Highways Maintenance Block Programme, or the Transport Improvement Programme.

1.1.6. Strategic Transportation Programme for Provisional Approval of £9.215m – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

This incorporates the East of Bath P&R funding to enable progression of alternative strategic transport solutions including;

- Liaising with neighbouring Authorities on viable schemes to reduce traffic in to the city from the east of bath;
- Potential to investigate Light Rapid Transit solutions within the region;
- Exploring the opportunity to provide out of city parking linked to existing bus services; and
- Linkages to works in the existing and emerging programme:
 - around the proposed Freezing Hill improvements to road junctions
 - supporting access to and from existing park and rides with appropriate signage; and
 - linking to the proposed Lansdown site expansion.

Business cases with full option appraisals to be developed for each stage as the programme progresses, prior to approval.

1.1.7. Lansdown Park & Ride Extension for Provisional Approval of £120k – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Low cost, quickly available extension to the Park & Ride of up to 10,000 square meters accommodating approximately 800 additional spaces. This requires a business case to show the revenue impact, including management of borrowing costs.

1.1.8. Park & Ride Alligator Teeth for Provisional Approval of £75k – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Replacement of Alligator Teeth, which prevent unauthorised access to the Park & Ride sites by restricting vehicular access at exits when the entry is locked. Due to the high level of traffic the mechanisms wear out in approximately 4-5 years.

1.1.9. Pay & Display Replacement for Provisional Approval of £300k – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

To replace the on street Pay & Display machines at end of life to ensure members of the public are able to continue to make payment for parking.

1.1.10. Parking Vehicles for Provisional Approval of £162k – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

This is a rolling replacement programme for parking vehicles. Where possible this programme will link in with the existing electric vehicle programme.

- 1.1.11. Manvers St Car Park Security for Provisional Approval** of £20k – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

To secure the lower level of Manvers Street car park.

2. DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBOURHOODS

2.1. Development Management

2.1.1. Bathscape for Provisional Approval of £2.209m

Bathscape is a partnership project led by the Council that aims to reconnect people and communities with Bath's landscape setting. This is supported predominantly through HLF funding, for which a second stage bid is in progress.

2.2. Environmental Services

2.2.1. Leisure: Keynsham Refurbishment – Additional Funding for Provisional Approval of £250k

Uplift to existing programme to cover the additional costs that have occurred as a result of the scope of the refurbishment being expanded as the floor space is now considerably bigger than originally intended. This is funded by CIL.

2.2.2. Neighbourhoods Vehicle Replacements for Provisional Approval of £2.990m – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Funding for the rolling replacement programme for fleet vehicles; including Waste, Recycling, Cleansing, Parks and Public Protection teams. Business Cases to be brought forward.

2.2.3. River Avon Park for Provisional Approval of £732k

The WaterSpace Study has defined a River Avon Park area (through the Enterprise Area in Bath) and has undertaken initial costings for five pocket park designs. S106 funding has been secured, supplemented with an allocation of CIL, which will support maintenance of the green spaces and towpath and in the 5 small park spaces; the implementation will be informed by the Maintenance and Management Plan due for completion by March 2018. The next stage of the project is to implement the capital improvements and maintenance plan.

2.2.4. Midsomer Norton Town Park for Provisional Approval of £300k

Funded through £250k of s106 this programme will support the delivery of phase 1 capital works and maintenance to the town park. A further £50k of CIL has been allocated towards a second phase of works.

2.2.5. Automated Gates for Provisional Approval of £26k – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

As part of efficiency savings, the Parks' services have identified scope to make savings through ceasing to manually lock and unlock its parks and burial grounds. This proposal includes the addition of an automated barrier to the entrance of Alexandra Park; this will help reduce vehicle access after dark and help improve the safety of the park.

2.2.6. RVP Nursery Improvements for Provisional Approval of £38k – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Nursery infrastructure improvements are required to address health and safety concerns and maintain the facility and to grow a broader range of plants. These recommendations will help to make the business more competitive, will make more efficient use of the space, and will enable the business to capitalise on new markets for plant sales.

2.2.7. Play Equipment for Provisional Approval of £125k – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

To provide for the replacement of play equipment across the Council's play areas as equipment reaches its end of life.

This programme is required to avoid play areas either becoming dilapidated and needing removal with possible site closure, or needing very significant investment to meet community demands.

2.2.8. Parks Equipment Replacements for Provisional Approval of £212k – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

Rolling replacement programme for Parks equipment, such as; mowers, trimmers, chainsaws, and wood chippers funded from Corporate Supported Borrowing. This programme ensures that the equipment is efficient and in good condition by making replacements of Parks' equipment as it reaches its end of life to enable continuation of operations. Asset lives are extended where possible.

2.2.9. Parks s106 Projects for Provisional Approval of £422k

This programme will deliver capital improvements at a number of sites and will discharge B&NES responsibilities for delivering S106 agreements associated with these sites. Projects will be developed and delivered in consultation with ward councillors and other partners. Total request is for £422k fully funded through S106 to supplement the existing programme of works.

- Improvements to Keynsham Memorial Park: £85,047, including enhancements to play and other facilities.
- Improvements to Kelston Road Open Space: £29,811.

- Improvements to slow worm habitats at Manor Road open space: £12,000.
- Currently unallocated greenspace enhancement projects in Keynsham: £30,300, projects to be confirmed.
- New allotment provision in Keynsham: £26,000. B&NES Parks' service is working with Keynsham Town Council to identify a location for a new allotment in the town.
- Improvements to Abbots Wood: £169,000 for the enhancement of natural green space in the area of Abbots Wood.

2.2.10. Neighbourhoods CCTV for Provisional Approval of £44k – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

New CCTV equipment is needed to ensure full compliance with legislation and regulations. This will require a business case to show revenue impact.

2.2.11. Cherry Grove Garden (Haycombe) for Provisional Approval of £125k – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

This will provide new landscaped garden area, including paths, cherry trees and bases for the 'Sanctums' (memorial containers for ashes), to expand the available space for the interment of ashes at Haycombe Cemetery. This will require a business case to show revenue impact.

2.2.12. Parks & Bereavement Infrastructure for Provisional Approval of £144k – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

This is for maintenance and improvements to Parks & Bereavement Infrastructure to ensure good and safe condition and to protect site security.

Each element requires business case to be prepared, but this funding will focus on:

- Improvements to access at allotment sites to facilitate more efficient larger machinery;
- Facilitation of green waste composting, to help reduce the costs to the service of disposing of green waste.
- Improvements to electricity supplies at Parade Gardens to enhance capacity to hold events
- Progression of repairs at Royal Victoria Park (security measures); and
- Other small repairs and maintenance at allotment sites.

2.2.13. Whitchurch Parks (CIL) for Provisional Approval of £50k

CIL Funding allocation to support the development of a new park to meet needs of increased population resulting from the implementation of the Core Strategy.

2.2.14. Air Quality Monitors for Provisional Approval of £54k – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Rolling replacement of 'end of life' air quality analysers funded through service supported borrowing. A network of monitors help inform where the Air Quality Management Areas are required, this replacement programme enables end of life asset replacement to enable continued operations in line with statutory requirements.

2.2.15. Litter Bins for Provisional Approval of £75k – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

This project will continue improvements to the street scene within Bath & North East Somerset Council by upgrading and replacing old litter bin stock. The new litter bins are of a uniform style and standard and bring a consistent approach to the street furniture.

2.2.16. Relocation of Bath Recycling Centre Facility (CIL) for Provisional Approval of £550k

This allocation of CIL supports the feasibility study to determine longer term plans for the Midland Road site. The Depot review has considered the relocation of the Bath Household Recycling Centre, as part of a wider review of depots held by the Council, due to its poor condition and the inability to improve the centre for the public. The relocation also fits with the longer term plans for the site to be vacated once the waste transfer station relocates from the site to Pixash Lane, Keynsham.

3. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY REGENERATION

3.1. Community Regeneration

3.1.1. Museums Acquisitions for Provisional Approval of £5k

This item enables application of the Heritage Acquisition Reserve to the purchase of Arts Assets, ensuring continuing refreshment of the Arts offered as part of the Heritage Services portfolio. This can drive substantial match funding from external organisations or through fundraising.

3.1.2. West Baths Environment for Provisional Approval of £200k – funded by Service Supported Borrowing through the Heritage Business Plan.

Introduce environmental control to the West Baths area of the Roman Baths to minimise the degradation of in-situ Roman remains due to fluctuating temperature and relative humidity. This is to stabilise the ancient monument and fulfil the Council's statutory obligation to care for a scheduled ancient monument.

3.1.3. Energy Reclaim for Provisional Approval of £100k – funded by Service Supported Borrowing through the Heritage Business Plan.

This investment will allow reclaiming of energy from the thermal water to heat the Pump Room and Roman Baths complex using the latest heat-exchange technology. The project replaces equipment installed in the 1990s that is now inefficient and out-dated.

3.1.4. Roman Baths Development for Provisional Approval of £1m – funded by Service Supported Borrowing through the Heritage Business Plan.

Managed through Heritage Business Plan this continues the rolling 5-year programme of projects to invest in the Roman Baths and Pump Room buildings, facilities and ‘visitor experience’ is reviewed by Cabinet each year as part of the integrated Heritage Services 5-year business and investment plan.

This programme reflects the highly successful strategy of continual investment in the site to remain competitive with other leading UK visitor attractions, which has resulted in increased visitor numbers, greater profit returned to the Council and a string of awards.

These projects are initially included within the provisional capital programme as a “block” of works for that year. Inclusion of each block of projects in the approved capital programme is subject to the normal capital approval process.

This is to extend the programme for the length of the capital programme.

3.1.5. Victoria Art Gallery Air-Con for Provisional Approval of £50k – funded by Service Supported Borrowing through the Heritage Business Plan.

The display and storage of works of art requires a reliable, stable level of humidity. However, the air conditioning system in the lower gallery of the Victoria Art Gallery has been unreliable for some time and the Property Services technical specialists have advised that the system is old and needs to be replaced. This item extends the existing programme begun during 2017/18.

3.1.6. Refurbishment of the Roman Baths Shop for Provisional Approval of £150k – funded by Service Supported Borrowing through the Heritage Business Plan.

Major refurbishment of the main shop at the Roman Baths - this shop was last refitted in 2010 so will be 10 years old by 2021. To maintain our position as a highly successful shop in a top UK visitor attraction and our fortunate frontage siting in Bath it is good practice to refurbish the shop at least every 10 years. The refit will include a major improvement to the West Baths visitor entrance to aid circulation, the opening up of the York St windows, the repositioning of the cash desk and associated cabling and communication as well as the replacement of the flooring, all shop display fixtures and a review of the lighting scheme.

3.1.7. Disabled Facilities Grant for Full Approval of £1.15m in 2018/19 and **Additional Funding for Provisional Approval** of £1.3m over 2019/20 – 2022/23

The Housing Grants, Construction & Regeneration Act 1996 places a duty on Local Housing Authorities to fund certain types of adaptations for disabled householders, subject to a financial means test. Eligible adaptations are those designed to enable freedom of movement into and around the applicant's home. They encourage, promote and enable well-being within the home and reduce down-stream costs of acute service provision. This funding will support a demand led programme of around 200-250 p.a. Disabled Facilities Grants in accordance with above legislation, statutory guidance and best practice.

This is for full approval of the 2018/19 allocations and provisional approval to align the future years programme with funding expectations.

3.1.8. Affordable Housing – Additional Funding for Provisional Approval of £917k

Funded by Right to Buy receipts, this capital supports the Council's strategic aim of delivering Affordable Housing and where required the recovery of Empty Properties.

- Key projects include:
- Extracare housing at Ensleigh;
- Shared housing initiative for young people;
- Specialist LD scheme;
- A sheltered scheme redevelopment; and
- Rural affordable housing schemes.

However, important to note that opportunities to develop bespoke affordable housing solutions or secure delivery where there are viability issues can arise at any time. The ability to react quickly through capital intervention is key to being a responsive Housing Enabling Service.

As schemes come forward they will be subject to business case and approved, along with the application of funding, by the Divisional Director Community Regeneration in consultation with Portfolio Holder for Economic & Community Regeneration.

3.1.9. Match Borrowing to Enable Large WECA/HIF Grant Bids for Provisional Approval of £900k – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

This is borrowing to match large WECA/HIF grant bids currently underway for team costs and business case development. Particular bids include BWR phase 2, Keynsham & Whitchurch Infrastructure and Somer Valley Enterprise Zone: Site Access detailed in the grants application **Error! Reference source not found.****Error! Reference source not found.****Error! Reference source not found.**section below.

3.1.10. Midsomer Norton Public Realm for Provisional Approval of £200k – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing & CIL.

This capital programme entry seeks provisional approval of funding for the Public Realm element of the programme around transformation of Midsomer Norton (MSN) Town Hall. The community building is used by 42 community groups and the project seeks to expand and develop facilities for the benefit of MSN & the Somer Valley (including housing a heritage collection). Grant funding helped achieve planning permission (in 2013) & initial feasibility investigations plus cost estimates.

3.1.11. York Street & Swallow Street Public Realm for Provisional Approval of £589k – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing, CIL and Service Supported Borrowing through the Heritage Business Plan.

The project applies the public realm 'pattern book' to Swallow Street and York Street in Bath. The purpose is to make safe the public highway in the vicinity of the Archway Project and, in particular, in the approaches to the Roman Baths Learning Centre whose main entrance will be in Swallow Street.

The works compliment further highways improvements identified in section 1 above. This proposal reinstates the funding previously identified for this project but which was transferred to Highways to contribute to the unforeseen and unrelated project to strengthen the western end of York Street.

3.1.12. City Centre Streetscape for Provisional Approval of £300k

SouthGate Shopping Centre has committed £250k capital to support City Centre Public Realm Improvements in the SouthGate area on Council owned land, as part of their programme of public realm enhancements. In particular they are keen to support pedestrianisation and further restrictions on vehicle accessibility in the town centre. This is complimented by a £50k allocation of CIL funding.

3.1.13. Union Street Public Realm for Provisional Approval of £150k

A CIL allocation to support the improvement of the public realm on and around Union Street. Programme scheme and business case required.

3.1.14. 5G Technologies for Provisional Approval of £67k

Grant funding bid focused around building a Testbed for 5G technologies, including project management. The testing is to connect leading tourist destinations across Bristol and Bath, in order to support a larger nation-wide trialling the new technology. This is the Bath element of a wider area of trial works proposed across the West of England.

3.1.15. Keynsham High Street Public Realm for Provisional Approval of £100k

A CIL allocation to support the improvement of the public realm on and around Keynsham High Street. Programme scheme and business case required.

3.1.16. Whitchurch Public Realm (CIL) for Provisional Approval of £50k

A CIL allocation to support the improvement of the public realm at Whitchurch. Programme scheme and business case required.

4. CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**4.1. Children & Young People****4.1.1. Schools Programme - Overview**

The Council retains responsibility for capital funding of existing schools (excluding academies and free schools) and for the expansion of school places at all schools including academies and free schools.

Schools capital grant funding of £5.758m in 2018/19 and £2.148m in 2019/20 has been confirmed by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for Basic Need to support the provision of additional pupil places where there is population growth, of which £6.466m remains unallocated and is included in the approvals sought below. An allocation for Capital Maintenance funding has yet to be announced, but an indicative figure of £500k is assumed.

4.1.2. Basic Need Feasibility Works for Full Approval of £150k – funded through the basic need grant.

The Council has a statutory duty to ensure there is sufficient provision of school places in the right areas to meet need. Development work is required to inform detailed project plans for future capital schemes. It is proposed that delegated authority for approval of individual feasibility study budgets within the totals above is given to the Strategic Director, People & Communities.

4.1.3. St Nicholas School for Full Approval of £290k

Expansion of the school from 280 places to 420 places for September 2019, to meet demand from housing development.

Basic Need (BN) has already been allocated and fully approved for this scheme, including; 2017/18 for £1.473m from 2017/18 (BN & CIL) and £1m BN in 2018/19.

An additional allocation of CIL funding is proposed within this budget of £290k, which it is proposed to fully approve and align with the existing programme.

4.1.4. Schools Capital Maintenance Programme 2018/19 for Full Approval of £500k

In recent years allocations from the Department for Education (DfE) for Capital Maintenance funding have been made on the basis of one year allocations. This funding is non ring-fenced grant funding to address the worst building condition issues at schools. To date the funding allocations have not been announced for 2018/19 but are expected to be made by the DfE sometime between April and July 2018. In 2018/19 it is proposed to allocate funding to the following items:-

- A budget for minor works and Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) works of £250k to address smaller condition issues such as replacement heating controls and obsolete distribution boards. This funding will be used to address ad hoc condition and health and safety issues as they arise throughout the year. Additionally, this budget can be accessed to address small future DDA adaptations at schools sites.
- It is recommended that a £250k emergency works budget is allocated to meet unforeseen issues as they occur throughout the year. This may include items such as emergency roof or boiler repairs to ensure schools remain open.
- It is proposed that delegated authority for approval of individual Minor Works/DDA and Emergency Works schemes within the totals above is given to the Strategic Director, People & Communities.

4.1.5. Basic Need Funding for Provisional Approval of £7.336m of which £6.466m relates to Basic Need Grant with the addition of £870k CIL.

The School Organisation Plan and annual School Places Return (SCAP) identify there is still an ongoing need to provide additional places in a number of areas across the Council. The funding is to provide the projected number of places that will be needed by September 2020. The allocation is non ring-fenced to enable the Council to fulfil its statutory duties in ensuring sufficient school places. There are no revenue implications for the Council arising from the expansion of schools as these will be met by the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

The Council has a statutory duty to provide sufficient school places for every child resident in the Local Authority who requires a place with projects identified in line with these responsibilities. The key priority for investment is the need to provide additional primary pupil places driven both by underlying population growth and new housing. Funding has been provided for places required within the next two years and a number of schools have been identified where capacity will be required.

This list is not exhaustive as factors such as the need to revise projections as a result of updated information on births and resident population particularly when most primary schools are full or filling, may mean even a small number of additional pupils can trigger the need for additional classrooms. Other factors such as changes to the timescales of new housing delivery or a free school being approved can increase or reduce the need to add capacity.

4.1.6. Peasedown St John Primary School is included for **Provisional Approval** of £200k CIL funding.

In addition to £2.75m of Basic Need Grant a £200k allocation of CIL has been identified to support the expansion of the school from 525 places to 630 places as a result of housing development and basic need pressures in the area. As further S106 contributions become available they would be incorporated.

4.1.7. Healthy Pupils Capital Fund for **Provisional Approval** of £75k

The Healthy Pupils Capital Fund was recently announced by the EFSA. At this time the only details available are that £100m of funding will be available across all organisations (including local authorities and academies) for the promotion of sports and healthy eating. No detail has been provided on how much each organisation will receive or when it will be allocated. It is therefore proposed that no projects are identified until such time as the amount of grant has been confirmed. The total allocation is likely to be less than £75k and would be used for a number of small-scale projects. For that reason it is requested that delegated authority is given to the Strategic Director People & Communities for approval against this grant once the funding is confirmed.

4.1.8. Alternative Education – Refurbishment & Equipment for **Provisional Approval** of £170k – funded through application of Direct Schools Grant as a contribution from Revenue.

Local authorities are responsible for arranging suitable education for permanently excluded pupils, and for other pupils who – because of illness or other reasons – would not receive suitable education without such arrangements being made (Section 19 of the Education Act 1996).

The Council discharges this duty by commissioning education providers to deliver alternative education provision and is in the process of commissioning a new contract to deliver secondary provision from September 2018.

New premises are currently being sourced, as the premises used by the current contract holder will no longer be available. One-off capital funding will be required to furnish and equip any premises and potentially to refurbish and modify premises once identified, including an outside play area.

In addition the Hospital Education Service, currently delivered by the Council, is also being externally commissioned at the same time and one off-funding will be required to purchase furniture and equipment.

4.1.9. SEND Provision for **Provisional Approval** of £577k

To support the establishment of further school places for pupils with Special Educational Needs within the Bath & North East Somerset area through delivery of an additional 107 special school and post 16 places in B&NES.

This is funded through borrowing in advance of receipt of DfE Capital Grant, receivable in 3 instalments from 2018/19 to 2020/21.

5. FINANCE & EFFICIENCY

5.1. Business Support

5.1.1. Flexible Use of Capital Receipts for Full Approval of £13.5m

The proposals for the flexible use of capital receipts are included within the Efficiency Strategy attached at Annex 4.

5.2. Property

5.2.1. Capital Estate Planned Maintenance for Full Approval of £1.357m – funded by Capital Receipts and Additional Funding to Extend the Programme for Provisional Approval of £4.2m over 2020/21 – 2022/23 – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

Capital Planned maintenance works will be undertaken on the Council Corporate Estate. Annex 5 (iv) provides the detailed plan of priority works for 2018/2019. Any amendments to the programme will be approved by the Strategic Director for Resources in consultation with the Cabinet member for Resources.

5.2.2. Council Property Company Development: ADL Loan Finance for Full Approval of £13.2m (for income generation) – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Financing arrangements to the Council owned local housing delivery vehicle to: deliver the development of market housing / to hold, manage and operate market housing / to sell market housing / to provide other market housing related activity / to deliver and manage other property development. Allocation of this funding will be in accordance with the specific process and delegations included within the report to Cabinet dated 3 December 2015.

5.2.3. Lewis House Refurbishment for Provisional Approval of £1.5m – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Internal re-configuration and refurbishment as required to externally let space in Lewis House as the workforce decreases. Business case is required to show revenue impact, including meeting anticipated incomes and management of borrowing costs.

5.2.4. Commercial Estate Investment Fund for Provisional Approval of £1.5m – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

To ensure that key properties within the commercial estate reach their maximum income potential and to reduce voids.

Each scheme requires a sound business case. Funding could be through the potential of increased revenue streams or shorter rent free periods, which will be borrowed over a minimal time period.

5.2.5. Commercial Estate Acquisitions for Provisional Approval of £47.508m – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Acquisition of appropriate commercial property to increase the financial return of the Council's property portfolio and enable revenue savings to be achieved.

All projects will be brought forward on an individual business case basis demonstrating either a very short payback period or long term income stream generation. This level of investment is estimated to reach a debt to asset value of around 30% (gearing ratio) for the commercial estate portfolio.

Each investment will require appropriate due diligence work plus will need to reflect the property investment strategy published as a background document to this budget.

5.2.6. Disposals for Provisional Approval of £1.5m

Properties may be brought forward for disposal during the course of the financial year which were not previously identified for disposal through the Council's asset management process.

This allocation uplifts the existing budget for the 5 year period of the capital programme, enabling the Council to cover the in-house and external costs of bringing each property to market. As disposals progress, some asset enhancement costs may also be incurred. These costs are funded through the Capital Receipts generated.

5.2.7. City Centre Security for Provisional Approval of £300k – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

To extend the existing programme of works implementing proportionate safety measures to keep members of the public safe. Like many other authorities across the UK, the Council routinely works with partner organisations, such as the Police, to assess safety precautions. There is no indication of any imminent threat to Bath in particular and no specific intelligence to suggest that Bath is at any more risk than any other busy urban area in the UK.

5.3. IT

5.3.1. IT Asset Refresh Programme for Provisional Approval of £473k – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

The Asset Refresh programme is a rolling programme which covers all aspects of the Council's IT Infrastructure assets including virtual Servers hosting systems as well as multiple in-depth firewalls and security hardware to protect the Council's data, network routers enabling approximately 100 Council offices to inter connect, and backup systems.

Depending on the hardware, each kit requires replacing every 5 to 7 years subject to the associated out of warranty revenue costs, where practicable this programme incorporates a rebased 7 year life for most items.

5.4. Project Delivery

5.4.1. Measurement Surveying for Provisional Approval of £75 – funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Purchase of equipment to enable in-sourcing topographic and measurement surveying functions for project delivery.

5.4.2. Project Inception Fund for Provisional Approval of £1m – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

Capital Project inception fund to enable improvement to the inception stage evaluation of capital projects and the resultant budget setting process.

This will be used to fund the preparation of a considered feasibility reports on projects including surveys, legal review and feasibility design and resultant cost plans and programmes.

6. TRANSFORMATION & CUSTOMER SERVICES

6.1. Strategy & Performance

6.1.1. Bath Area Forum – CIL Funded Schemes for Provisional Approval of £523k

The Council is required to pass 15% of CIL funds to the relevant Parish or Town Council. If there is no Parish or Town Council, the charging authority will retain the levy receipts but should engage with the communities where development has taken place, and agree with them how best to spend the local funding. The Bath City Forum has established a process for working with local elected members and communities to agree recommendations on using the local portion of CIL in Bath. As the Forum has no delegated powers or budgets, any Forum recommendations would need to be determined through an appropriate Executive Council decision.

6.1.2. **Corporate Capital Contingency Addition for Provisional Approval** of £50k – funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

To replenish contingency funds to the £2m required following draw-down during the financial year 2017/18.

7. **EMERGING CAPITAL SCHEMES**

The following schemes are not yet fully developed and outline business cases have not been produced at this stage so it is not possible to identify an appropriate provision for them within the proposed Capital Programme.

These schemes may require significant capital expenditure some or all of which may be met through external sources or the related service provider. As the specific business cases are more developed and the capital requirements are more fully understood these schemes will come forward for Council consideration and decision at that point.

The business cases will need to identify suitable capital and, if necessary, revenue funding provision at this time.

7.1. **Additional WECA / Government Schemes**

Further schemes may be taken forward for consideration as a result of new government initiatives with available funding sources, emerging schemes that have been successful in securing external funding will be incorporated into the Capital programme in line with the Councils Budget Management Scheme.

This could include, but is not limited to, any potential projects that may emerge as part of the key route network and the following grant bids either pending submission or awaiting confirmations:

- Digital BNES: Open Programmable City Region – Expansion of Bristol Scheme to areas of BANES
Funding Stage: Provisionally programmed, confirmation will require final full business case submission;
- Digital BNES: Connecting Devon & Somerset – Expansion of existing scheme
Funding Stage: Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission;
- Digital BNES: Local Full Fibre Networks – Encouraging commercial investment, including expansion of the existing voucher scheme
Funding Stage: Pipeline only, bid progression anticipated March 2018;
- Foxhill Equity Loan Scheme – Enabling housing regeneration
Funding Stage: Bid submitted, feedback anticipated before end 2017/18;
- BWR Phase 2 – Enabling Infrastructure for Housing Viability
Funding Stage: Bid submitted, feedback anticipated spring / summer 2018;

- Keynsham & Whitchurch Infrastructure – Enabling infrastructure for housing viability
Funding Stage: Expression of Interest submitted, business case and formal bid to follow;
- Somer Valley Business Centre – Office Space Development
Funding Stage: Bid in progress with outline business case submitted and full business case to follow;
- Somer Valley Enterprise Zone: Site Access – Deliver Access and Related Improvements
Funding Stage: Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission;
- A37 to Somer Valley Enterprise Zone – Deliver Route Improvements to Facilitate Enterprise Zone Development
Funding Stage: Business case development funding confirmed, delivery bid to follow;
- Freezing Hill - Junction Improvements
Funding Stage: Feasibility and business case development funding confirmed, delivery bid to follow;
- Hicks Gate Roundabout - Improvement Works
Funding Stage: Business case development funding confirmed, delivery bid to follow.

7.2. Metro West

The Metrowest Programme is a key component of the West of England Transport Strategy and will build upon the Metrobus Programme to continue to drive modal shift in the WoE, ameliorate existing highway congestion, facilitate housing growth and expand the local economy.

MetroWest Phase 1 and 2 are jointly promoted schemes between the four Councils in the West of England. The aim of the MetroWest Programme is to deliver a 'Metro' local rail network, similar to comparable sized city regions, through targeted investments, making use of strategic rail corridors, including freight only lines and dis-used lines.

Officers have started to look at what the next phase or local rail improvements (Metrowest Phase 3) could incorporate and in a wider context have been discussing with Network Rail their progress and proposals for rail investment in the West of England to understand interdependencies opportunities for efficiencies and co-investment.

Design and preparation fees are covered by LGF funding through capitalisation of fees through the existing LGF budget of £56m of which £10m has been spent to date. Remaining fees (estimated at £4m) are already allocated through the existing LGF budget. Revenue reversion will be avoided by implementation of elements of the programme.

Revenue Operating Costs – Current total exposure is £5m per annum to the West of England Authorities. It is proposed to potentially mitigate this risk through the new franchise and a programme approach being adopted for all existing and future rail schemes

7.3. Schools Emerging Capital Schemes

Initial conversations have taken place with Cameley Primary School regarding potential future expansion. Timescales for delivery of additional accommodation suggest possible expansion may be required for 2021 but for now this will continue to be monitored.

In 2017/18 provisional approval was given for £300k to provide bulge class accommodation in the Midsomer Norton Area. Phase 1 of these works has completed at Longvernal Primary School and £230k remains within the budget for Phase 2. The feasibility study is ongoing and it is anticipated that these works will be in excess of the original budget and will require further funding. To date the Council has received approximately £1.2m of S106 contributions for the expansion or enhancement of school facilities in the area. It is proposed that any additional costs are met from this funding, or future CIL allocations.

Beyond 2020, it may be necessary to provide funding for additional secondary school places in the Bath & Midsomer Norton areas.

The following table provides information on development sites where agreement has been reached or discussions are ongoing to deliver new schools or expand existing schools.

Development Name	Developer	Provision to be Delivered	Anticipated Opening/ Completion Date	Approximate Funding Shortfall
Keynsham East & South	To be confirmed	A new 420 place free school has been approved	Sept 2019	Nil – Funded by the ESFA
Odd Down/Sulis Down	To be confirmed	Expansion of St Martin's Garden Primary	Not yet determined	Unknown
Bath Western Riverside - Crest	Crest	A new one form entry primary school to be delivered on site	Not yet determined	To be delivered by the developer

7.4. SEND Further Investment

The considerable capacity and financial pressures on the local education system, in respect of delivering appropriate support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, require a whole system response that includes:

- the promotion and support for inclusion in mainstream settings wherever appropriate;
- addressing local specialist school capacity to tackle gaps in our provision to meet particular needs; and
- a partnership approach to look more widely at staff training and skills as well as support for young people to develop independent living skills.

We believe there is scope to develop a business case for further capital investment on an 'invest to save' basis for specialist provision as part of this wider strategy. (Potentially at least a further £1m on top of a similar sum already identified in 2017-19). This could deliver service improvements and financial savings to the local system by ensuring that children can be suitably placed in more local settings.