

## **NEW SCHEMES WITHIN THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

### **1. TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT**

#### **1.1. Environmental Services**

##### **1.1.1. Highways Maintenance Programme for Full Approval of £3.938m in 2019/20 and Additional Funding for Full Approval of £1m from 2019/20**

This is funded by Department for Transport (DfT) Section 31 Capital Grants amounting to £4.938m, this funding is provided through WECA, from DfT allocations.

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 Director for Environmental Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment.

##### **1.1.2. Transport Improvement Programme for Provisional Approval of £1.16m from 2020/21.**

The Transport Improvement Programme budget is included for Provisional Approval funded from £1.16m of Integrated Transport Block Government Grant.

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

2018/19 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 Director for Environmental Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment.

**1.1.3. Highways and Traffic Fleet Vehicle Renewal for Provisional Approval of £325k in 2022/23 – Funded by Service Supported Borrowing.**

This is a rolling replacement programme for highways and traffic fleet, the allocation is for inspection vehicles.

**1.1.4. Parking Services Vehicle Replacement for Provisional Approval of £60k for 2019/20 – 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.

**1.1.5. Whitchurch Highways (CIL) for Provisional Approval of £200k for 2019/20 – Funded by CIL.**

CIL funding allocation for additional highways schemes in the region is planned to be utilised to improve the A37 / Staunton Lane at Whitchurch traffic signal junction. This funding will support works in either the Highways Maintenance Block Programme, or the Transport Improvement Programme.

**1.1.6. Somerdale Bridge for Provisional Approval of £200k for 2019/20 and £2m for 2020/21+ Funded by s106 and Grant.**

A Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge in Keynsham at the Somerdale development linked to planning requirements. The bridge will provide a commuter and leisure route from Keynsham into South Gloucestershire and Bristol. This is funded through s106 and in addition a grant bid will be made to WECA.

## **2. DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBOURHOODS**

### **2.1. Environmental Services**

**2.1.1. Parks Foundation for Provisional Approval of £50k for 2019/20 – Funded by donations to the Foundation.**

Following award of funding from the National Endowment for Science Technology and the Arts (NESTA) Bristol Council have been working in partnership with

B&NES to set up a Parks Foundation to serve communities in Bath and Bristol. The Foundation is tasked with promoting volunteering and raising funds for capital projects in parks. This allocation is to enable the Council to progress capital works in parks funded through the Foundation as they are brought forward.

**2.1.2. Air Quality Monitoring Equipment for Provisional Approval** of £40k for 2022/23+ Funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Numerous locations in Bath exceed the national air quality objectives for nitrogen dioxide and in addition to the existing Air Quality Management Area in Bath. Continued assessment of the air quality in the region is necessary to establish whether we meet the national air quality objectives.

The equipment enables a network of monitors to meet this obligation, this replacement programme enables end of life asset replacement to enable continued operations in line with statutory requirements.

**2.1.3. Neighbourhoods Vehicle Replacements for Provisional Approval** of £484k for 2019/20 and **Provisional Approval** of £244k for 2020/21+ Funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Funding for the rolling replacement programme for fleet vehicles; including Waste, Recycling, Cleansing, Parks and Public Protection teams.

**2.1.4. Air Quality Study in Temple Cloud and Farrington Gurney for Provisional Approval** of £50k for 2019/20 – Funded by CIL

In response to the exceedances of the national air quality objective for nitrogen dioxide, Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in both Temple Cloud and Farrington Gurney under the Environment Act 1995. The Council must develop Air Quality Action Plans under this Act to mitigate the levels of nitrogen dioxide. The bid is for CiL funding to fund feasibility studies to assess potential actions involving infrastructure/infrastructure changes that may improve air quality in the areas. This study will inform the measures that may be incorporated in the Air Quality Action Plans.

**2.1.5. Public Tennis Improvements in Bath for Provisional Approval** of £715k for 2019/20 – Funded by Grant and CIL.

To create a network of tennis facilities offering pay and play opportunities, membership packages and coaching programmes for the community to drive up participation in tennis in a sustainable way. The funding will be used to refurbish the current tennis courts that are in a poor state of repair. They would then operate on a business model that allows them to run on a cost neutral basis to the Council with a share in any surplus made. Capital improvements earmarked at Sydney Gardens, RVP and Alice Park.

**2.1.6. Tennis Provision Chew Valley for Provisional Approval** of £120k for 2019/20 – Funded by CIL and Grant.

To support public tennis improvements in the Chew Valley.

**2.1.7. Waste Baler Replacement for Provisional Approval** of £350k for 2019/20 – Funded by Service Supported Borrowing

To replace the existing baler to help manage the packing of increased recycling volumes.

**2.1.8. Bath Spa Water Monitoring for Provisional Approval** of £77k for 2019/20 – Funded by Service Supported Borrowing

To replace the water monitoring equipment, this equipment will ensure the safe use of the spa water supply.

**2.1.9. Bathscape for Provisional Approval** of £407k, funded by Grant & CIL / **Provisional Approval** of £50k – Funded by CIL for 2019/20

Bathscape is a partnership project led by the council that aims to reconnect people and communities with Bath's landscape setting benefitting people, communities and heritage. This is supported predominantly through HLF funding, for which a second stage bid is in progress. This item adds CIL allocation toward match for the grant bid and seeks approval of the first year of the grant spend.

**3. ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY REGENERATION**

**3.1. Economy & Growth**

**3.1.1. Affordable Housing for Provisional Approval** of £635k for 2023/24.

Funded by a combination of Right to Buy receipts, s106 and Corporately Supported Borrowing, 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.

**3.1.2. Disabled Facilities Grant for Full Approval** of £1.15m in 2019/20 and for **Provisional Approval** of £1.15m for 2023/24 – Funded by Grant and External Contributions.

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 2019/20 allocations and provisional approval to align the future years programme with funding expectations.

This funding will be uplifted following confirmation of the 2019/20 additional grant allocation.

**3.1.3. BWR Phase 2 for Provisional Approval** of £13.5m for 2019/20 to 2021/22 – funded by Grant. **Provisional Approval** of £150k of match for the grant for each of the years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 – Funded by Corporately Supported Borrowing.

To address viability issues relating to land assembly infrastructure costs rendering the site undevelopable in its current state. The objective is to enable policy compliant comprehensive regeneration in line with planning permission granted.

**3.1.4. Bath Quays – Further Economic Development Feasibility Studies** for **Provisional Approval** of £100k for 2019/20 – Funded by Corporately Supported Borrowing.

There are key City centre sites that if acquired enable comprehensive redevelopment to come forward promoting the aims and objectives of the Enterprise Zone in terms of rates income, housing delivery, job delivery and income growth which could lead to comprehensive development. This project enables staff time to facilitate and to assess opportunities around strategic land acquisition.

**3.1.5. Bath City Centre Security** for **Full Approval** of £495k for 2019/20 – Funded by CIL and Corporate Borrowing.

This project involves coordinating public realm investment in Bath City Centre related to increased security for residents and visitors, it includes partnership

working with South Gate, Bath Tourism Plus, Bath BID and event organisers in the city centre.

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.

**3.1.6. Housing Infrastructure Fund & Housing Deal for Provisional Approval of £2m for 2019/20 – Funded by Grant.**

The Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) is Governments flagship national funding stream to enable and accelerate increased housing delivery in order to deliver the commitments made in the Housing White Paper.

Combined Authorities were asked to prioritise one bid, and due to its strong case WECA have prioritised the A4 Corridor/South East Quadrant. This funding is grant to enable the development of the Full Business Case to be developed during 2019/20.

The total bid for is £250m, to enable and accelerate over 11,500 homes including North Keynsham, Whitchurch, Temple Meads, Hengrove and Brislington. If successful the B&NES direct funding would total at least £60m, with another £150m of indirect benefits through improvements to Temple Meads station and an A4 Corridor transport package.

The WoE Housing Deal is a £250m proposal being negotiated with MHCLG which if successful would enable additional housing growth and affordable housing beyond JSP growth outside the A4 Corridor/SE Quadrant (i.e. Bath and Somer Valley within B&NES).

**3.1.7. Town & Local Centres Public Realm (CIL) for Provisional Approval of £50k for 2019/20 – Funded by CIL.**

A CIL allocation to support the improvement of the public realm in town and local centres across B&NES, including Midsomer Norton and Keynsham. Programme scheme and business case required.

**4. CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

**4.1. Children & Young People**

**4.1.1. SEND Provision for Provisional Approval of £134k over 2019/20 and 2020/21 – Funded by Grant.**

To support the establishment of further educational provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disability within the Bath & North East Somerset area.

## **4.2. Education Transformation**

### **4.2.1. Basic Need Programme for Provisional Approval of £6.428m over 2019/20 & 2020/21 – Funded by Grant.**

The Council receive Basic Need (BN) grant funding from the Department for Education (DfE) on an annual basis. The funding is allocated to support the provision of sufficient school places which is a statutory responsibility of the Council.

Following a review of the pupil number projections and assessment of future priorities for provision of sufficient places, the funding will be used to support emerging expansion schemes at primary or secondary schools.

Funding for future projects at Peasedown St John Primary School and additional secondary school places in Bath will be required in the short to medium term. Beyond 2020/21 the Council's School Organisation Plan will highlight any areas of basic need where additional school places may be required. At the appropriate time, feasibility studies will be instructed to determine the most suitable and cost effective way to deliver the additional places required.

### **4.2.2. Basic Need Feasibility Works for Full Approval of £150k for 2019/20 – 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.

### **4.2.3. Schools Capital Maintenance Programme for Provisional Approval of £2.79m for 2019/20 – Funded by Grant.**

Grant is non ring-fenced funding allocated by central government to address the worst condition issues at schools maintained by the Council. Allocations are made by the DfE on an annual basis.

### **4.2.4. Schools DDA & Minor Works for Full Approval of £250k for 2019/20 – Funded by SCPM Grant.**

The Minor Works & Accessibility (DDA) budget is allocated from SCPM grant to address smaller condition issues such as renewal of heating controls and replacement of obsolete distribution boards etc, the budget is used to address ad hoc issues as they arise throughout the year.

**4.2.5. Schools Emergency Works for Full Approval** of £250k for 2019/20 – Funded by SCPM Grant.

The Emergency works budget is allocated from SCPM to meet larger unforeseen condition issues as they occur throughout the year. This might include issues such as the replacement of a failing temporary building or some major roof works.

Schemes 4.2.5 to 4.2.6 are funded within the Schools' Capital Maintenance programme item.

**4.2.6. Schools CIL Allocation for Provisional Approval** of £950k for 2019/20 – Funded by CIL.

CIL Allocation to support the provision of sufficient school places to allow the Council to meet its statutory duties.

**4.3. Integrated Commissioning**

**4.3.1. Alternative Education Provision for Provisional Approval** of £1.234m for 2019/20 – Funded by CIL and Corporately Supported Borrowing.

This project is the refurbishment and renovation of a premises that was previously a council run primary school (St Johns, Lower Bristol Road), into alternative education provision for secondary age pupils in B&NES.

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to arrange 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.

**5. FINANCE & EFFICIENCY**

**5.1. Finance**

**5.1.1. Customer Payments Security and Channel Shift for Provisional Approval** of £68k for each of the years 2019/20 to 2021/22 – Funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

System and infrastructure developments to ensure compliance with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCIDSS), security measures & associated channel shift.

**5.1.2. Bath Area Forum – CIL Funded Schemes for Provisional Approval** of £434k – Funded by Bath Parish Area CIL.



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.

**5.1.3. Corporate Capital Contingency Addition for Provisional Approval of £5k – Funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.**

To replenish contingency funds to £1.9m required following draw-down during the financial year 2018/19.

**5.2. Economy & Growth**

**5.2.1. Corporate Estate Planned Maintenance for Full Approval of £3.357m (note £2m added to existing programme) – 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 Director for Economy & Growth in consultation with the Cabinet member for Finance & Efficiency.

**5.2.2. Commercial Estate Refurbishment Programme for Provisional Approval of £400k for 2019/20 – Funded by Corporately Supported Borrowing.**

The Commercial Estate provides a significant income to the authority through rental income for a broad range of properties. This sum allows for some additional refurbishment work to attract new tenants.

**6. TRANSFORMATION & CUSTOMER SERVICES**

**6.1. Partnership & Corporate Services**

**6.1.1. IT Asset Refresh for Provisional Approval of £821k for 2019/20 and Provisional Approval of £372k for 2020/21+ Funded by Corporate and Service 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.

During 19/20 the delivery will focus on a secure supported Windows 10/Office 2016 desktop environment and ensure continued PSN accreditation, including both software and hardware upgrades as well as buyout of licenses.

**6.1.2. Digital Programme for Provisional Approval of £1m for 2019/20 – Funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.**

The project will give the organisation the tools to work differently with reduced capacity, modernise its processes to reduce manual intervention and potential error. Citizens will be able to engage with the Authority in a way that it expects aligned to how it communicates with other organisations it does business with day to day.

**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 are either pending submission or awaiting confirmations:

- **Digital BNES: Local Full Fibre Networks** – Enabling viability and encouraging commercial deployment of full fibre networks in areas that are commercially unviable.

*Funding State: Scheme still to be launched; bid anticipated as one from joint WoE Authorities.*

- **Housing Infrastructure Fund & Housing Deal** – Enable and accelerate increased housing delivery in the A4 Corridor/South East Quadrant of the West of England.  
*Funding Stage: Outline Business Case Bid submission due March 2019. Full business case development to follow during 19/20.*
- **Park & Ride Packages** – Enable expansion of Park & Ride facilities servicing Bath.  
*Funding Stage: Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission.*
- **Avon Mill Roundabout** – Provide key infrastructure required to meet existing and future highway needs.  
*Funding Stage: Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission.*
- **Batheaston Roundabout Bus Lane A46** – Enable buses to more effectively link into the London Road bus lane and encouraging strategic aim for modal shift on transport.  
*Funding Stage: Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission.*
- **Clean Air Zone** – enable improvements to air quality and reduction in pollution in order to achieve compliance with the legislative requirements for 2021.  
*Funding Stage: Bid and business case in development for submission.*
- **Cleveland Bridge Refurbishment** – enable refurbishment to extend the strategic historic asset life.  
*Funding Stage: Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission.*
- **Chew Valley Trail** – support sustainable transport links for communities around the Chew Valley lake.  
*Funding Stage: Following planning approval a grant bid will be progressed to DEFRA.*
- **A37 to A362 Transport Improvements** – support the aims in the Transport Strategy by promoting alternative sustainable travel modes and support and promote the development of the Enterprise Zone.  
*Funding Stage: Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission.*

- **Hicks Gate** – deliver improvement that will accommodate future growth and will reduce delays for vehicles using the Keynsham Bypass to ring road link.  
*Funding Stage: Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission.*