

NEW SCHEMES WITHIN THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

1. TRANSPORT SERVICES

1.1. Environmental Services

1.1.1. Highways Maintenance Programme for Full Approval of £3.666m in 2020/21 and Additional Funding for Full Approval of £2.0m for 2020/21.

This is funded by Department for Transport (DfT) Section 31 Capital Grants amounting to £3.666m, provided through WECA from DfT allocations. An additional £2m to supplement this is proposed, funded by Council borrowing.

This programme is a key component in achieving and maintaining our overriding purpose of improving people's lives. Improving the overall condition of the highways network serves to minimise road works with associated traffic disruption and addresses poor & visually unattractive surfaces and end of life assets. Improved street lighting in communities makes people feel more safe and happy with where they live. The transport network is crucial in achieving our principle of delivering for local residents.

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 Services.

A DfT Pothole Action Fund grant, to be confirmed, will further extend the planned patching within the maintenance programme described above.

1.1.2. Transport Improvement Programme for Full Approval of £2.133m from 2020/21.

The Transport Improvement Programme budget is included for Full Approval and is funded from £1.163m of Integrated Transport Block Government Grant and £709K Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), £211K S106 Developer Contributions and Camera £50K Safety contribution.

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

2020/21 proposals continue to 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 Services.

1.1.3. Transportation Delivery Programme for Provisional Approval of £600K in 2020/21 and £1.5m in future years - Funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

Developing sustainable transport solutions to address the Climate Emergency will meet the new Corporate Strategy Principle of Preparing for the Future. This funding will enhance the Transport Improvement Programme, seeking to reduce car usage and increasing use of sustainable transport.

A Member led Transportation Programme Board will oversee a number of work streams including rail, JLTP/local plan studies, public and passenger transport, road safety, home to school, low traffic neighbourhoods, resident parking zones, parking strategy review, East of Bath, Wiltshire Whippit, Bath Transport Plan, Infrastructure (Major) and communications.

1.1.4. Highways - Additional Gritting Vehicle for Provisional Approval of £150K in 2020/21 – Funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

An additional vehicle will be added to the new specialist gritting fleet of eight vehicles following a review of priority winter service gritting routes.

1.1.5. Highways Road Salt Storage for Provisional Approval of £675k in 2020/21 – Funded by Corporately Supported Borrowing.

The Council has assessed that it requires a further 1,000 tonnes of undercover salt storage in addition to the Salt Barn at the Clutton Highways Depot which has a capacity of 1,300 tonnes.

1.1.6. City Centre Protection Measures for Provisional Approval of £640k in 2020/21 and £1.466m in 2021/22 – Funded by Corporate Service Supported Borrowing.

To install security-rated vehicle access restrictions in York Street, Lower Borough Walls and Hot Bath Street. Sliding and rising bollards, to be operated by CCTV, along with fixed bollards at various locations.

1.1.7. Cleveland Bridge Refurbishment for Provisional Approval of £3.9m in 2020/21 – Funded by Government Grant.

A grant bid has been made to the DfT in respect of this scheme which is subject to confirmation. Cleveland Bridge crosses the River Avon east of the City Centre, linking the A4 London Road with the A36. A structural assessment has confirmed the need for repairs to avoid the risks of weight limits and closure.

1.1.8. Chew Valley Lake Recreational Trail for Provisional Approval of £1.0m in 2020/21 – Funded by government grant.

A grant bid has been made to the Rural Payments Agency for this scheme. The Chew Valley Trail will provide a walking and cycling route around part of the Chew Valley Lake linking existing sections to provide a continuous route around approximately two thirds of the lake.

1.1.9. Highways - On Street Electric Vehicle (Cars & Taxis) Charging for Provisional Approval of £80k in 2020/21 – Funded by Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

As the need for on-street charging grows, a study is underway to develop best practice for the needs of all users including pedestrians. This CIL funding will implement test sites and support further funding bids.

1.1.10. Parking Radio System Replacement for Provisional Approval of £50k in 2023/24 – Funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Radios ensure the Civil Enforcement Officers have a reliable & secure method of communication with each other and the control room, in line with Operational Guidance.

1.1.11. Replacement Mopeds for Outer Area Parking Enforcement for Provisional Approval to move £35K from 2020/21 to 2023/24 and increase by £10K – Funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Amend the existing replacement programme for mopeds which allow the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers to be more mobile, patrol outer areas of Bath and the rural areas that cannot receive a regular patrol on foot.

1.1.12. Securing of Sports and Leisure Centre car park for Provisional Approval of £30K in 2020/21 – Funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Works to secure the covered areas of the Bath Sports and Leisure Centre car park to prevent unauthorised access and anti-social behaviour within these areas.

2. **CLIMATE EMERGENCY & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICE**

2.1 **Environmental Services**

2.1.1. **Neighbourhood Services Vehicle Replacement Programme for Provisional Approval** of £222k in 2020/21, £2.966m in future years – Funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

Replacement of end of life vehicles and additions to accommodate housing growth for the Waste, Recycling, Cleansing, Parks and Public Protection teams, subject to annual review of vehicle conditions.

2.1.2. **Clean Air Zone Works for Provisional Approval** of £18.320m in 2020/21 – Funded by Government Grant.

Core scheme investment in infrastructure and equipment, along with mitigation measures which include financial support for bus upgrades and commercial vehicles. For full details, refer to Cabinet Decision E3175 of 16th January 2020 on the Bath Clean Air Plan.

2.1.3. **Air Quality Management Area – Inception Work for Provisional Approval** of £50k for 2020/21- Funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

Air Quality Management Areas have been declared in Temple Cloud and Farrington Gurney under the Environment Act 1995. The Council is developing plans to mitigate the levels of nitrogen dioxide.

3. **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

3.1. **Environmental Services**

3.1.1. **Parks Foundation for Provisional Approval** of £38k for 2020/21 and £547k in future years – Funded by donations to the Foundation.

Following the award of funding from the National Endowment for Science Technology and the Arts (NESTA) Bristol Council has 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 both 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.

3.1.2. Heritage Collections Centre for Provisional Approval of £250k for 2020/21 and £500K in future years - Funded by Service Supported Borrowing.

A permanent location is required to house the Council's extensive and internationally significant museum and archive collections, which are currently stored in a range of locations around the district. The creation of a Collections Centre, either in a new or refurbished building in a single location, will enable the collections to be better cared for and allow study facilities to access the items currently not on display.

3.1.3. Parks Play Area Refurbishment & Equipment for Provisional Approval of £100k for 2020/21 and £832k in future years - Funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

To ensure that the Council continues to provide safe and high quality public spaces for its residents and meets its responsibilities to ensure that play areas remain safe as play equipment reaches its end of life.

3.1.4. Parks S106 / CIL Projects for Provisional Approval of £565k for 2020/21 and £2.238m in future years - Funded by Developer Contributions.

Adjustments to ongoing programme to ensure green spaces are safe and maintainable. Capital investment is required to replace and renew infrastructure (paths, benches, noticeboards etc) and to re-landscape spaces to make them more cost effective to maintain. A strategic Tree and Woodland Strategy will identify locations for tree planting across the district's parks and green spaces.

4. HOUSING, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

4.1. Economy & Growth

4.1.1. Affordable Housing for Provisional Approval of £865k for 2020/21 – Funded by Corporate Support Borrowing (additional to existing programme).

To support the Council's strategic aim of delivering Affordable Housing and, where required, the recovery of empty properties.

4.1.2. Disabled Facilities Grant for Full Approval of £1.15m in 2020/21 and for **Provisional Approval** of £1.15m for 2024/25 – 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 250. Disabled Facilities Grants every year in accordance with above legislation, statutory guidance and best practice.

This is for full approval of the 2020/21 allocations and provisional approval to align the future years programme with funding expectations.

This funding may be uplifted following confirmation of the 2020/21 grant allocation.

4.1.3. Keynsham High Street for Provisional Approval of £245k for 2020/21 and £855k for future years. Funded by Historic England Grant.

A new phase will extend the existing public realm works to enhance the historic environment, subject to approval of future grant award. The improvements package includes: footpath decluttering, widening and resurfacing, better signage, cycling and bus stop facilities and new seating, street lights and landscape and trees.

4.1.4. Somer Valley Enterprise Zone – Development for Provisional Approval of £2.742m for 2020/21 and £8.025m for future years. Funded by WECA Grant.

Subject to further WECA grant awards, this project will make an investment in infrastructure to improve viability at this strategic employment location, to include site preparation, service roads, utilities, drainage and landscaping.

4.1.5. Radstock Healthy Living Centre for Full Approval of £150k for 2020/21 and £75k for future years. Funded by CIL and Corporate Supported Borrowing.

A proposal to run the library by the Radstock Town Council from its current location rather than relocating to the new building requires a funding change to replace the previously anticipated capital receipt of the library sale. £50K is also added to the project contingency.

5. **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

5.1. **Education Transformation**

5.1.1. **Basic Need Programme for Provisional Approval** of £15.366m in 2020/21 – Funded by Grant.

The Council receives Basic Needs (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 and secondary schools.

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 required to determine the most suitable and cost-effective way to deliver the additional places required.

5.1.2. **Schools Capital Maintenance Programme and Devolved Schools Capital for Provisional Approval** of £400k & £60K respectively for 2020/21 – Funded by grant.

A non-ring-fenced funding allocation by Central Government to address the highest priority condition issues at schools maintained by the Council. Allocations are made by the DfE on an annual basis.

5.1.3. **Schools CIL Allocation for Provisional Approval** of £1.1m for 2020/21– funded by Community Infrastructure Levy.

Provision of sufficient school places from new developments to allow the Council to meet its statutory duties.

5.1.4. **SEND Capital – Bath Studio Schools / Aspire for Provisional Approval** of £2.0m 2020/21– Funded by Corporate Support Borrowing.

This project is to support the redevelopment of the Bath Studio School into specialist educational provision for children with autism and complex social, emotional and mental health needs. This type of provision is currently not available in the local area.

5.1.5. **SEND Capital – Oldfield School Resources Base for Provisional Approval** of £350k 2020/21– Funded by Grant.

This project reflects grant funding towards a Resource Base for children with Autism at Oldfield School in Bath.

5.1.6. IT Improvement at Children’s Centres for Provisional Approval of £30K 2020/21– Funded by Corporate Support Borrowing.

The installation of display screens in buildings to improve information sharing and provision of key public health messages with service users and reduce the need for printing to paper.

6. LEADER / DEPUTY LEADER & RESOURCES

6.1. Finance

6.1.1. Bath Area Forum – CIL Funded Schemes for Provisional Approval of £500k for 2020/21 – 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 the best way to spend the local funding. The Bath City Forum has established a process for working with the 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 Full Approval of £900k for 2020/21 – Funded by Capital Receipts and Corporate Supported Borrowing.

To replenish and increase contingency funds to £2.4m which is required following draw-down during the financial year 2020/2021 and revised assessment of risks on the overall programme.

6.2. Economy & Growth

6.2.1. Corporate Estate Planned Maintenance Programme for Full Approval of £3.150m (with £1.750m added to existing programme in 2020/21) and Provisional Approval of £250k in 2021/22 – Funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

Capital planned maintenance works will be undertaken on the Council’s Corporate Estate. A detailed plan of priority works is shown at Annex 5 (iv). Any future amendments for 2020/2021 will be confirmed by the Director for Economy & Growth in consultation with the Cabinet member for Resources.

6.2.2. Property Improvement – Haycombe Crematorium for Provisional Approval of £60K for 2020/21– Funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

To make improvements to the entrance on the lower level for direct access into the crematorium.

6.2.3. Property Improvement – Bath Library for Provisional Approval of £300K for 2020/21 – Funded by Capital Receipts.

The refurbishment of Bath Library to include improvements to lighting and fixtures and fittings.

6.2.4. Property Improvement – Youth Centres for Provisional Approval of £325K for 2020/21 & £215K for 2021/22 – Funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

Property Improvements to Youth Centres as required to support ongoing delivery of positive activities for young people across the area.

6.2.5. Property Improvement – Orange Grove Structural Works for Provisional Approval of £750K for 2020/21 & £150K for 2021/22 – Funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

To address progressive structural decay to this centrally located Grade 2 listed building.

6.2.6. York Street Vaults for Full Approval of £200K – Funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

Further funding for works to underground vault improvement and reconstruction of the road above.

6.3. Partnership & Corporate Services

6.3.1. IT Asset Refresh Desktop and Homeworking for Provisional Approval of £500k for 2020/21 and £1.5m for 2021/22. Funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

Current hardware used across Council Offices is 6 years old and general technology has moved on with more suitable alternatives on the market. Improvements to home-working solution will enhance ability of staff to work flexibly, collaboratively and efficiently.

6.3.2. IT Asset Refresh Network Equipment for Provisional Approval of £80k for 2020/2021. Funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

Refresh network switch equipment in the four main sites to ensure continued support by the manufacturer for reliability and security.

6.3.3. IT Asset Refresh Voicemail for Provisional Approval of £50k for 2020/2021. Funded by Corporate Supported Borrowing.

An upgrade to the Council's voicemail and subsequent upgrade to the Council's telephony network for continued support for both systems.

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 West of England Combined Authority (WECA) Funded Schemes

Further schemes may be taken forward for consideration as a result of new government initiatives with available funding sources. Emerging schemes which have been successful in securing external funding will be incorporated into the Capital Programme in line with the Council's Budget Management Scheme.

This will 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:

- **Housing Infrastructure Fund** – This is a joint West of England project to deliver early infrastructure and enable and accelerate increased housing delivery between Bristol Temple Meads and Bath. This supports the Authority's focus on key and critical infrastructure, including the redevelopment of the Pixash Waste site and sustainable travel improvements. *Funding Stage: Outline Business case submitted to Homes England for approval, Full business case development in 2020/21.*

- **Somer Valley Enterprise Zone (SVEZ):**

- **Enabling transport improvements A362 to A37**

Transport improvements required in order to enable the development of the Somer Valley Enterprise Zone, which at completion will support c.1,300 jobs. More than 70% of Somer Valley residents currently commute out of the area for work (Somer Valley Transport Strategy) and development of the SVEZ aims to address this issue in part by providing more localised employment. The scope of transport improvements required to facilitate the SVEZ will be defined as part of a Local Development Order process. The LDO will promote sustainable development of the site. *Funding stage: Feasibility & Development Capital Funding received from WECA. Somer Valley Enterprise Zone Development Full Business Case Development is in progress (including on site and highways enabling works).*

- **Workspace**

Feasibility study to determine demand for workspace on the SVEZ. The workspace could form an early phase of sustainable delivery at SVEZ subject to demand and business case development. *Funding stage: B&NES/revenue reserves funding feasibility stage. Outline Business Case being developed for submission in 19/20, with Full Business Case Development taking place in 2020/21.*

- **A4 Transport Corridor, Hicks Gate** – Investment in sustainable transport infrastructure to reallocate road space in order to deliver high capacity public transport, walking and cycling improvements connecting major destinations. It will provide integration with sustainable modes such as MetroBus and Park & Ride to transform public transport across the area. *Funding Stage: Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission.*
- **Bath Riverline** – seeks to create a continuous cycling and walking connection between Batheaston (the eastern urban edge), Bath City Centre and Newbridge (western urban edge). It provides improved public access and green infrastructure *Funding Stage: Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission.*
- **Local Centres Public Realm** – ‘Love High Street’ project focussing on Twerton Local centre as a pilot but also developing programme for local centres. *Funding Stage: Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission.*
- **Midsomer Norton Public Realm** – Public Realm investment from ‘Love High Street’ and Historic England for Heritage funding. *Funding Stage: Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission.*

- **START** (formerly Working Well) – START (Science, Technology, Arts, Research, Training) is collaboration between Bath & North East Somerset Council, Bath College, University of Bath and Bath Spa University. It will support people and businesses to rapidly develop the skills needed to generate and access good jobs, increasing productivity in a digital world. *Funding stage: Outline Business Case being developed for submission in 2019/20, with Full Business Case Development taking place in 2020/21.*
- **Riverside Court and Manvers St / Weston Island** – These projects will deliver Place Making Plan objectives, including new homes, public realm and mixed development to improve the economic prosperity of the city and achieve sustainable outcomes in line with the Council's climate emergency commitments. *Funding Stage: Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission.*

7.2 Other Potential Schemes

- **Waste Depots.** Grant submissions are proposed to meet additional costs to existing provisional budgets in the capital programme. *Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission.*
- **Fashion Museum.** The Fashion Museum Bath is one of the world's top 10 fashion museums. The project aims to allow greater public access to the collection and to protect the revenue it generates. *Pipeline only, bid progression will require business case submission.*
- **Two Rivers Primary** – A new sustainable school for Keynsham. Additional funding from CIL/S106 will ensure that the DfE funded school can achieve the Passivhaus standard which will create significant environmental benefits.