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### Summary of New Capital Proposals considered by Officer Capital Strategy Group

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**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Richard Wearmouth, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services

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#### 1. Purpose of Report

The following report summarises proposed amendments to the Capital Programme considered by the officer Capital Strategy Group (CSG) via email on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022.

#### 2. Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to:

##### 2.1 Ashington High Street Innovation Programme:

- Establish the Ashington High Street Innovation Programme (HSIP) in the Capital Programme with a capital budget of £1,263,766 and funding profile as set out in the table in para 5.9 and accept an NTCA grant of £828,766 towards the capital element of the project to be added into the Council's budget and £1,068,842 to cover the full revenue costs associated with the project.
- Allocate a sum of £435,000 as per the profile in para 5.9 from the Council's Strategic Regeneration Project to acquire 2-4 Woodhorn Road and contribute to the public realm capital works associated with establishing the Grand Corner Gateway.

## **2.2 Berwick Culture and Creative Zone:**

Establish the Berwick Culture and Creative Zone Project (CCZ) in the Capital Programme at a cost of £100,000 and accept a grant from NTCA of £100,000 into the Council's budget to fully cover this project cost which is to be invested during 2022/23.

## **2.3 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure (LCWIP):**

- Approve the inclusion of the Ponteland to Callerton Cycle Route into the Capital Programme as per the profile detailed below in para 7.4, accept the Transforming Cities Fund grant for the sum of £816,000 to be added into the Council's budget and approve an allocation of £50,000 from the LCWIP budget to the project.
- Approve the inclusion of the Blyth Town Centre to South Beach Route into the Capital Programme as per the profile detailed in para 7.4 and accept the Active Travel Fund Tranche 3 grant for the sum of £1,965,744 to be added to the Council's budget.
- Approve the inclusion of the Ashington Town Centre to North Seaton Route into the Capital Programme as per the profile detailed in para 7.4, accept the Active Travel Fund Tranche 3 grant for the sum of £1,496,500 to be added to the Council's budget and approve an allocation of £500,000 from the LCWIP budget to the project.

## **2.4 The Reivers Trails:**

Approve an allocation of £150,000 in 2022/23 from the Strategic Regeneration Projects budget to be awarded as a grant to the Kielder Water and Forest Park Trust to deliver the first phase of The Reivers Trail initiative, noting that NCC will be recognised as a key partner in this project.

## **2.5 Wooler Visitor Infrastructure:**

Approve a request to allocate £220,000 from earmarked funds in the Strategic Regeneration Projects Budget to cover the cost of a number of visitor infrastructure improvement projects in Wooler as detailed in para 9.4 below.

## **2.6 Blyth Relief Road:**

Approve an allocation of £640,000 of NCC Funds from the existing Blyth Relief Road budget to enable design work to progress in 2022/23.

## **2.7 Sealodge Wet-room, Cresswell**

Approve capital expenditure of £30,870 to create a new wet-room within the Sealodge Care Facility at Cresswell to be funded through the Adult Care Community Capacity Grant in 2022/23.

## **3. Links to Corporate Plan**

The Council's Capital Programme is consistent with the priorities in the Corporate Plan in particular the 'Living', 'Enjoying' and 'Thriving' priorities.

## **4. Background**

This paper summarises reports considered by the officer Capital Strategy Group on the allocation of funding within the Medium Term Plan to specific projects.

## **SUMMARY OF NEW CAPITAL PROPOSALS CONSIDERED BY OFFICER CAPITAL STRATEGY GROUP VIA EMAIL ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **5. Ashington High Street Innovation Programme**

- 5.1 CSG was asked to consider a request to establish the Ashington High Street Innovation Programme (HSIP) in the Capital Programme funded by an NTCA grant of £828,766 and a sum of £435,000 from the Council's Strategic Regeneration Project Budget.

#### **Background**

- 5.2 North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA) identified Ashington as one of three centres that would benefit from targeted funding to support innovative projects aimed at revitalising the town centre and high street. As such the Council was invited to bid for up to £1,900,000 (capital & revenue) for a package of projects that could be implemented by March 2024. Accordingly, a Delivery Plan was submitted in May 2022 and approved by the NTCA in July 2022 with a grant funding agreement expected to be issued shortly.
- 5.3 There are three key projects to be funded and delivered through the Ashington High Street Innovation Programme (HSIP). Details of each are set out below.

#### **Public Realm Improvements and Connectivity**

- 5.4 This element of the HSIP will improve pedestrian movements in the town centre by removing physical barriers and creating attractive, greener public gateways and routes to key destinations as the first stage of large-scale investments in and around the town centre. There are 2 elements to this scheme:
- *Grand Corner Gateway* – This project involves the demolition of 2 units on Woodhorn Road to create a visually attractive access that entices visitors through to Portland Park and connects this important area of investment with the high street. Investment is required to acquire the properties from Advance Northumberland with the price of this transfer to be finalised, and not exceeding an independent market valuation prepared in June 2022. Once acquired, the two units will be demolished and site works completed including drainage, treatment to existing gable wall, paving, raised tables and planters, lighting and signage to create an attractive boulevard.
  - *Station Road West/Town Centre Waymarking and public realm enhancements* – This project involves providing new planting and street furniture, improved waymarking, signage and inclusion of

small-scale infrastructure to support events and animation. These investments focus on supporting easy and attractive pedestrian access from multiple gateways to end destinations that encourage movement and dwell time throughout the town centre.

### **Animating Ashington**

- 5.5 This project will deliver a distinct programme of intergenerational cultural and heritage inspired events and responses that activate, animate and mobilise the town centre, with an overall programme theme based on colour and animation. This will generate increased activity to the town's current offer including activation of existing and proposed new sites to demonstrate potential; a fringe programme of event concentrated throughout the year; expanded activities could include festivals, makers, craft and lifestyle markets. These could include projections in empty retail units, lighting events etc. in the town centre.
- 5.6 A Creative Team will be procured to support critical audience development, establish and nurture connections to residents, schools and local businesses and develop and deliver the cultural programme.

### **Business Support Programme**

- 5.7 The Accelerate Ashington Business Support Programme will be delivered by Advance Northumberland providing a support service to a range of businesses and individuals looking to grow or create new businesses within the town and in particular the centre. The new activity delivered will provide a mechanism to develop an increased sense of pride and community across the town, demonstrating to local business owners how they can, and do, positively contribute to the overall success of Ashington and can continue to develop positive outcomes for the future.
- 5.8 The project will focus on keys streams of activity based on Digital and Start-up:
- Supporting the resilience and growth of existing businesses by providing access to digital tools and support to grow their business online as well as providing a view of the digital landscape of Ashington businesses as a whole.
  - Encouraging the birth of new businesses or business opportunities within the town by providing individuals with the skills and knowledge that they require to set up, establish and run successful businesses, social enterprises or community organisations.
  - Delivering a series of engagement workshops, providing a platform from which local businesses and individuals are able to share and discuss their vision for the future of Ashington so that

tangible ideas and plans may be brought forward through a collaborative approach.

## Costs and Funding

5.9 The combined costs for the 3 project elements and staff to manage delivery is £2,332,608. This is split between £1,263,766 capital and £1,068,842 revenue as set out below and includes an NCC capital contribution of £435,000 from the Strategic Regeneration Project for site acquisition and the delivery of the Grand Corner Gateway project. All revenue costs are externally funded through the NTCA Grant.

Capital	2022/23			2023/24			2024/25			Total Programme		
	Cost	NTCA Grant	NCC Capital	Cost	NTCA Grant	NCC Capital	Cost	NTCA Grant	NCC Capital	Total Costs	Total NTCA Grant	Total NCC Capital
Public Realm & Connectivity	54,783	54,783	0	841,794	773,983	67,811	157,189	0	157,189	1,053,766	828,766	225,000
Grand Corner Site Acquisition	210,000	0	210,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	210,000	0	210,000
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>264,783</b>	<b>54,783</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>841,794</b>	<b>773,983</b>	<b>67,811</b>	<b>157,189</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>157,189</b>	<b>1,263,766</b>	<b>828,766</b>	<b>435,000</b>

Revenue	2022/23			2023/24			2024/25			Total Programme		
	Cost	NTCA Grant	NCC	Cost	NTCA Grant	NCC	Cost	NTCA Grant	NCC	Total Costs	Total NTCA Grant	Total NCC
Animating Ashington	70,000	70,000	0	455,000	455,000	0				525,000	525,000	0
Business Support (Advance)	149,448	149,448	0	249,576	249,576	0				399,024	399,024	0
Programme Staff	47,521	47,521	0	97,297	97,297	0				144,818	144,818	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>266,969</b>	<b>266,969</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>801,873</b>	<b>801,873</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,068,842</b>	<b>1,068,842</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Capital + Revenue</b>	<b>531,752</b>	<b>321,752</b>	<b>210,000</b>	<b>1,643,667</b>	<b>1,575,856</b>	<b>67,811</b>	<b>157,189</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>157,189</b>	<b>2,332,608</b>	<b>1,897,608</b>	<b>435,000</b>

## 6. Berwick Culture and Creative Zone

6.1 CSG was asked to consider a proposal to establish the Berwick Culture and Creative Zone Project (CCZ) in the Capital Programme at a cost of £100,000 to be funded by a grant from NTCA.

## **Background**

- 6.2 In October 2021, Cabinet welcomed the North of Tyne Combined Authority intent to co-develop a Culture and Creative Zone (CCZ) pilot within each of the constituent local authority areas and agreed that the initial pilot Zone for the county should focus on the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed.
- 6.3 Since then, the NTCA has worked with and supported each of the Councils to produce a 5-year business case for their respective CCZs. This process followed four distinct phases: evidence base and making the case; solution design; detailed proposal and business case development; and development and submission of final package proposal.

## **Proposal**

- 6.4 The CCZ for Berwick is an opportunity to co-ordinate and scale up the town's many cultural and creative assets and activities, creating significant impact and meaningful growth of the sector. It also offers the opportunity to build on and amplify the impacts of planned strategic investments in the town, including the developments of The Maltings Theatre, Cinema and Arts Centre and Berwick Barracks.
- 6.5 The Berwick CCZ will deliver:
- A focal point for strategic co-ordination and collaboration, bringing together the wide range of existing and planned cultural and creative projects and activities.
  - Increased access to existing and planned creative and cultural activities and support.
  - Improved visibility of Berwick's cultural and creative sector and offer.
  - A 2027 Cultural Vision for Berwick, delivering transformational change.
- 6.6 The first year of the project will be largely developmental, in which the focus will be on establishing awareness and building a strong foundation for the CCZ. This will be achieved by delivering activities that create visibility and incentivise engagement. It is expected that the majority of outputs will be achieved from 2023/24 onwards within the following work packages:
- Workspace and Place
  - Business Support
  - Skills Development
  - Profile Raising
  - Community and Audiences
  - Project Management
- 6.7 A capital provision of £100,000 has been secured to support the provision of meanwhile spaces during 2022/23. This will bring vacant buildings into use

for creatives, artists, and others thereby building initial momentum behind collaborative workspaces in the town, while capitalising on the autumn / winter visitor market. Costs would include basic improvement and refurbishment works to make meanwhile spaces attractive and safe, and purchase of small items of equipment (e.g., digital displays, lighting).

- 6.8 The development and delivery of the CCZ will be overseen by a newly appointed CCZ Project Manager, who will be responsible for leading the development of CCZ programmes:

**7. Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure (LCWIP)**

- 7.1 CSG was asked to consider a proposal to improve local cycling and walking infrastructure across a number of locations.

**Background**

- 7.2 A number of walking and cycling infrastructure projects have successfully secured external funding to supplement the allocation of £3,000,000 within the Council's capital programme.

- 7.3 These are as follows:

- *Ponteland to Callerton Cycle Route* – The provision of a cycle route between the town centre and the Newcastle boundary to allow access to Callerton Metro Station and onwards journeys with funding from the Transforming Cities Fund.
- *Waterloo Road, Blyth* – The installation of a new Toucan crossing on Renwick Road to the south of Waterloo Road, linking Lynn St on the West side to Bondicar Terrace on the East side together with the provision of a new 3-metre-wide shared use footway / cycleway from Bondicar Terrace up Waterloo Road and a new parallel crossing on Waterloo Road with funding from Active Travel Fund Tranche 2.
- *Blyth Town Centre to South Beach* – Improvements to a north-south corridor linking a proposed town centre 'gateway' at Waterloo Road/ Renwick Road roundabout, to make a comprehensive, direct and high-quality route across Blyth to South Beach with funding from Active Travel Fund Tranche 3.
- *Ashington Town Centre to North Seaton* – Improvements to a corridor that links the town centre to existing infrastructure via industrial, residential sites, Northumberland Line station, Northumberland College and existing infrastructure in North Seaton with connectivity with NCN1 and other local routes with funding from Active Travel Fund Tranche 3



7.4 The funding breakdown for these schemes is as follows:

	2022/23			2023/24			Total		
	External	NCC	Total	External	NCC	Total	External	NCC	Total
Ponteland to Callerton Cycle Route	816,000	50,000	866,000	0	0	0	816,000	50,000	866,000
Waterloo Road, Blyth (Previously approved Jan 22 for Information)	336,000	86,000	422,000	0	0	0	336,000	86,000	422,000
Blyth town centre to South Beach	0	0	0	1,965,744	0	1,965,744	1,965,744	0	1,965,744
Ashington town centre to North Seaton	0	0	0	1,496,500	500,000	1,996,500	1,496,500	500,000	1,996,500
Total	1,152,000	136,000	1,288,000	3,462,244	500,000	3,962,244	4,614,244	636,000	5,250,244
Residual balance							0	2,364,000	2,364,000
Revised Total							4,614,244	3,000,000	7,614,244

7.5 It should be noted that a significant element of the residual Council allocation within the Capital Programme (£2,000,000) has been pledged as part of a bid to Round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund (LUF), which if successful will secure the delivery of two further proposals as follows:

- **Bedlington Active Travel Corridor:** The provision of mostly segregated cycle infrastructure in line with LTN 1/20, at an estimated cost of £7,716,000. The route will connect the west of the town with Bedlington railway station (part of the Northumberland Line) and the Britishvolt Gigaplant on the Northumberland coast.
- **Hexham to Corbridge:** The provision of a mostly segregated route from Hexham town centre to Corbridge, at an estimated cost of £8,997,000. The route will improve access to key tourism attractions and the realignment of a section of NCN 72, as well as providing a connection to Hexham railway station.

A further report to highlight the implications for the Council's capital programme will be presented to CSG if this application to the LUF is successful.

## 8. The Reivers Trails

- 8.1 CSG was asked to consider a proposal to allocate £150,000 in 2022/23 from the Strategic Regeneration Projects budget to be awarded as a grant to the Kielder Water and Forest Park Trust to deliver the first phase of The Reivers Trail initiative.

### Proposal

- 8.2 The Council has received a proposal from Kielder Water and Forest Park Trust to contribute to the creation of the first phase of an extensive traffic free network of trails that will enable greater access to the Hadrian's Wall and Kielder Forest area by all, particularly cyclists, walkers, horse riders and ultimately those less able.
- 8.3 Working in partnership with Northumberland Council and the Northumberland National Park Authority, Forestry England and a number of local cycling enthusiasts, The Reivers Trails initiative aims to:
- progressively create a network of approximately 350km traffic free trails accessible from gateways at the Sill National Landscape Discovery Centre, Walltown Country Park and Cawfields on Hadrian's Wall – with access gateways also created at Kielder Castle, Waterside, Tower Knowe, Stonehaugh, Bellingham and Byrness.
  - enable authentic visitor experiences for all, including cyclists, walkers, horse riders and less able people by providing the appropriate infrastructure and transport.
  - explore options for the creation of a short 2 to 5km traffic free loop from Walltown Country Park and identify opportunities to replicate this at other sites where feasible.
  - create a child orientated cycling experience at Walltown Country Park, subject to alignment with NNPA plans for creating a wellbeing park.
  - improve cycling infrastructure at the identified gateways including parking, cycle stations, mapping and ebike charging.
  - improve and or create walking and cycling paths linking key Hadrian's Wall attractions between Walltown Country Park and Housesteads.
  - engage schools across Northumberland to promote opportunities for cycle and walking adventures using the Reiver Trails

- 8.4 The first phase will establish the basic infrastructure of waymarked routes, gateway infrastructure and promotional materials. The total cost of defined works is £215,000, with £45,000 having already been secured from partners and £20,000 in kind support coming from volunteers. This leaves a residual of £150,000 which the Council is being asked to fund. It should be noted that Forest England and Northumberland National Park have committed to maintenance of the trails and infrastructure for a minimum of 25 years. No liability for maintenance is required from initial funders.
- 8.5 This investment will instantly realise significant benefits as it is essentially unlocking the potential of the existing network of forest trails, quiet roads, and rights of way. Such benefits are already being realised in similar locations across the country, such as Galloway Forest Park and Aberfoyle in the Trossachs. The quality and scale of landscapes in Kielder and Hadrian's Wall is such that it has potential to become the premiere location for easy gravel and off-road riding in the UK. More importantly, if the network is designed to benefit people of every ability and confidence, it can make a significant contribution to the economic prosperity of west Northumberland and to the health and well-being of local people.
- 8.6 Subject to securing the required funding, the first phase would be delivered over two years commencing in autumn 2022. The first trails and up to 5 gateways would be open by spring 2023 with further trails being signed though the remainder of 2023. Promotional activities would commence in spring of 2023 and would continue as more trails are implemented.
- 8.7 Northumberland Council and Kielder Water and Forest Park Trust will sponsor the project with the main delivery undertaken by Forestry England, Northumberland National Park Authority and Visit Northumberland. A steering group will be created with officer representation from the County Council to ensure timely delivery of the proposed works.
- 8.8 Once the basic infrastructure of waymarked routes and gateways has been established the later phases will focus on promoting the use of the network by new users through engaging schools, youth groups and those less able. Events and multi day holidays will also be developed with established partners. Opportunities to extend the network using quiet roads, such as around Bellingham; and to create new infrastructure such as a balance bike track at Walltown will be pursued subject to further agreements with key partners and funding availability.

## **9. Wooler Visitor Infrastructure**

- 9.1 CSG was asked to consider a request to allocate £220,000 from earmarked funds in the Strategic Regeneration Projects Budget to cover the cost of a number of visitor infrastructure improvement projects in Wooler.

## **Background**

- 9.2 In January 2022, Cabinet approved, in principle, an allocation of up to £650,000 in 2022/23 from the Strategic Regeneration Projects budget for an initial phase of visitor infrastructure improvements in and around the town of Wooler, in advance of the opening of the Ad Gefrin Visitor Centre and Distillery.
- 9.3 This was subject to further consideration being given to the delivery of the following proposals:
- Refurbishment of the public toilets at Wooler bus station
  - Provision of an “overflow” car parking facility close to the town centre to accommodate demand at peak times
  - Creation, in partnership with the National Park and AD Gefrin Trust, of a new “country park” car park adjacent to the Ad Gefrin archaeological site which the National Park would subsequently maintain
- 9.4 Over the past six months, extensive feasibility and costing work has been undertaken with the following investment now proposed:
- A comprehensive refurbishment and upgrade of the public toilets at the bus station at a cost of £100,000.
  - The creation of a temporary long stay car park for a minimum period of 12 months to allow monitoring of traffic flows at the former Wooler first school near the town centre which will involve the demolition of the school buildings and the “stoning up” of the resultant space at a cost of £60,000. This will be supplemented with an amendment to the maximum stay time at the Padgepool car park from all day to 3 or 4 hours per day.
  - The relocation of the Northeast Ambulance Service to the fire station site via the provision of a new double garage and modest internal alterations to the fire station building at a cost of £60,000. This proposal will free up a couple of car parking spaces and consolidate the public sector services in the town into a shared location.
- 9.5 The scope to provide a “country park” car park at the Ad Gefrin archaeological site is still being explored by the National Park Authority. This is subject to a detailed pre-application planning process and a further update on the conclusion of this will be presented to Capital Strategy Group and Cabinet in due course.

## **10 Blyth Relief Road**

- 10.1 CSG was asked to consider a request to release £640,000 of Council Funds from the existing Blyth Relief Road budget to enable design work to progress.

## **Background**

- 10.2 In July 2022, Council considered a report on Blyth Relief Road which gave an overview of progress to date on the development of the business case for a new relief road for Blyth. Members agreed to:
- Note the decision of Cabinet to confirm the revised Route 5 as the preferred option to take forward to a public engagement exercise.
  - Endorse the sign off by the s151 Officer of the Outline Business Case noting the required County Council match funding commitment.
- 10.3 The Outline Business Case (OBC) has now been submitted and the project team are currently responding to a number of detailed comments from the Department for Transport (DfT).
- 10.4 Given the above, the project now needs to move forward with a range of activities including site investigations, design, environmental appraisal and preparation for the planning application. The cost for these activities is estimated at £640,000 for 2022/23.
- 10.5 It should be noted that there have been initial discussions with the DfT around securing a contribution from the National Roads Fund to support scheme development although this is unlikely to be agreed in this financial year.

## **11 Sealodge Wet-room, Cresswell**

- 11.1 CSG was asked to consider a proposal to create a new wet-room within the Sealodge Care Facility at Cresswell at a cost of £30,870.

### **Background**

- 11.2 Good quality, specialist properties that allow adults with behaviours that can challenge to live good and active lives within their community are difficult to find. Maintaining and improving these properties together with offering a high-quality support team safeguards and protects vulnerable adults from requiring clinical interventions or hospital admission. This Sealodge service which is staffed by council nurses and care workers has consistently been seen by fellow professionals as a flagship service for adults who would have previously lived in long stay secure institutions. Investing in improved bathroom and toilet facilities on this site future proofs this property for its current and any future clients, provides a dignified and person-centred accessibility in their own home and improves workplace safety to the staff team.
- 11.3 Sealodge opened in 2006 and is a specialised supportive living service in Cresswell, it is staffed and funded by NCC. It provides high levels of support on a 2:1 and 3:1 ratio basis for two men who are on the autistic spectrum,

have behaviours of concern and previously lived in secure, long-stay institutions. There are no alternative placements for these 2 men and this service is likely to be a home for life for both men and they have a shared tenancy with Bernicia Housing.

- 11.4 The building is effectively split into 2 x living areas where both clients can live independently of one another. Doors within the building are secured either with thumb locks or electronic pads that keep each client and staff safe if clients have any heightened and potentially aggressive behaviour.
- 11.5 One of the living areas however does not meet the needs of one of the clients who moved into the service in 2019. His bathroom is sited in the opposite side of the building to his other living areas and staff have to open the secure doors for him to access his bathroom. This increases the risk to both staff and the other client and there is evidence that the client asks to use the bathroom so he can then get access to staff when in a heightened state.
- 11.6 The current arrangement sees the client use a urine bottle if the risks are too great to allow him greater access to the building. This is not a dignified, hygienic, or safe arrangement as the bottle and its contents can be thrown at staff or fixtures whilst in a heightened state.
- 11.7 Providing a bathroom in the client's own and secure part of the building gives him dignified access to bathing and toilet facilities when he needs them, as well as significantly reducing or removing the risks associated with him moving through the building to both staff and the other client who lives there.
- 11.8 This would future proof the service for any client coming into this service, as they would have the same high levels of need. This service is and will remain a specialised service for adults who have behaviours of concern, are on the autistic spectrum and require an environment that is safe, homely, within the community but secure. Such properties are difficult to find and with some investment this one does become a much healthier space for both the client and the staff that support him 24/7.

### **Proposal**

- 11.9 Create a bathroom in the existing office, which is adjacent to the client's bedroom and living room and move the office to the current bathroom space and relocate electronic/internet into a secure cupboard. There will be some impact to the client due to the noise and 5-week work schedule, but a significant benefit in the long term.

## Implications

<b>Policy</b>	The capital programme is part of the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2022-26. The plan supports the Corporate Plan.
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	The report outlines proposed project allocations and amendments to the approved Capital programme. The financial implications of these proposals are outlined in the main body of the report. The projects will be funded from the existing capital programme or external funding.
<b>Legal</b>	Subject to any contractual implications arising from the receipt of grant funding, there are no direct legal implications.
<b>Procurement</b>	In line with all other capital expenditure, the additional spend will be subject to the Council's recognised procurement procedures.
<b>Human Resources</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Property</b>	The properties affected by the proposals are identified in the main body of the report.
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Not applicable.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The risks associated with the proposals are regarded as acceptable but these risks will continue to be reviewed up to and during implementation of the proposals.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	There are no Crime and Disorder implications.
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	There are no Customer Considerations.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	Carbon Reduction measures have been considered within each project and Carbon Impact Assessments have been completed for the relevant projects.
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>	There are no Health and Wellbeing implications.
<b>Wards</b>	All wards.

## Background Papers:

Medium Term Financial Plan 2022-26

## Report sign off:

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