

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	23 January 2023
Title:	Universal Services Capital Programme 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26
Report From:	Director of Universal Services and Director of Corporate Operations

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to set out, subject to confirmation of funding, the proposals for the Universal Services Capital programme for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, and to seek approval for their onward submission to Cabinet in February 2022.

Recommendations

2. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services recommends that the Cabinet and County Council approve the capital programme for 2023/24 and the provisional 2024/25 and 2025/26 capital programmes totalling £378.257m (£246.232m for the former ETE Department and £132.025m for the former CCBS Department), as set out in Annexes 1 and 2.
3. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the carry forward of resources of £39.233million from 2022/23 to 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 respectively as set out in Annex 2 paragraph 29.
4. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the overall changes in the LTP Integrated Transport allocation set out in Annex 1, paragraph 64.
5. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services recommends approval to the Leader and Cabinet of the revised capital programmes cash limit for 2022/23 totalling £199.281m (£130.580m for the former ETE Department as set out in Annex 1 Appendix 3 and £68.701m for the former CCBS Department as set out in Annex 2 Appendix 2).
6. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services delegates authority to the Director of Universal Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services, to make minor amendments to the split of

funding across sub-programmes within the Structural Maintenance programme as set out in Annex 1.

7. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the increase in the capital programme value of the Old Lynchford Road Active Travel scheme from £0.676million to £1.187million with the £0.511million increase to be funded by LTP (Annex 1).
8. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services recommends to Cabinet and County Council that the increase in the value of the two following School Condition Allocation (SCA) schemes be approved: Springwood Junior patent glazing upgrade scheme to be increased by £1.165million (scheme total now £1.785million) and Hiltingbury Junior SCOLA recladding scheme to be increased by £2.265 million (scheme total now £3.811million) and (Annex 2).
9. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the following four increases in the value of SCA SCOLA recladding schemes: Hart Plain Junior £0.699million (scheme total now £1.573million); Crookhorn College £0.629million (scheme total now £2.027million); Henry Beaufort £0.641million (scheme total now £2.097million) and Cranbourne School £0.710million (scheme total now £2.516million) (Annex 2).
10. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services recommends to Cabinet and County Council to increase the value of, and the expenditure approvals for, the Uplands Development Infrastructure (UDI) project by £3.837million (scheme total now £32.326million), to be funded from the Capital Inflation Risk Reserve established by Cabinet in December 2022 (Annex 2).

Executive Summary

11. This report sets out the proposals for the Universal Services Capital programme for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25, and seeks approval for their onward submission to Cabinet in February 2022.
12. This report brings together the two Capital programmes over this timeframe for the former Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) and Communities, Culture and Business Services (CCBS) Departments, which from 1 January 2023 were brought together under the new Universal Services Directorate. These two separate programmes are included as Annex 1 and Annex 2 to this report.
13. This is a transitional arrangement, whilst the organisation structure is finalised and going forwards future Capital Programme reports for Universal Services will be presented as one consolidated report.

Contextual information

14. The new Universal Services Directorate came into force from 1 January 2023 and brings together the delivery of public-facing services universally available to all as well as internal services directly supporting these and other public-facing services such as Children's and Adult social care provision. The restructure also saw the creation of the Hampshire 2050 Directorate with the intention of providing a clear separation of 'strategic functions' from the more operational service delivery and planning within the public-facing Directorates. The former

ETE and CCBS Departments have been disbanded and their functions transferred to other Directorates including Universal Services.

15. As referenced within the Budget Setting and Provisional Cash Limits report taken to Cabinet on 13 December 2022, whilst the transition into the new corporate structure takes place, the two Capital programmes for the former ETE and CCBS Departments have been brought together under the Universal Services Directorate. However, the approval to spend in line with the County Council's financial regulation thresholds will be taken through the relevant Executive Members. This will predominantly affect the advantageous land programme (Hampshire 2050).
16. It should be noted that elements within the capital guidelines may need to be moved between directorates depending upon the finalisation of the organisational restructure, however the bottom-line total allocation will not change.

Finance

17. The detailed Capital Programme proposals are included as Annexes 1 and 2, which form the main body of this report, and summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Summary of capital programmes

	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000
Former ETE Department:				
Structural Maintenance	48,416	48,816	45,316	142,548
Integrated Transport	16,614	53,252	33,500	103,366
Flood and Coastal Defence	106	106	106	318
Former ETE Total	65,136	102,174	78,922	246,232
Former CCBS Department:				
Locally resourced schemes	19,694	7,859	4,559	32,112
Government funded schemes	41,003	28,309	30,601	99,913
Former CCBS Total	60,697	36,168	35,160	132,025
Grand Total	125,833	138,342	114,082	378,257

Consultation and Equalities

18. Equalities impact assessments for the individual projects proposed in this report will be considered as part of the relevant project appraisals when seeking approval to spend.

Climate Change Impact Assessments

19. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.

Climate Change Adaptation

20. The climate change adaptation tool is not applicable because this is a financial report amending or proposing budgets for a number of individual projects or programmes, which are subject to assessment individually when project appraisals are developed.

Carbon Mitigation

21. The carbon mitigation tool is not applicable because this is a financial report amending or proposing budgets for a number of individual projects or programmes, which are subject to assessment individually when project appraisals are developed.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

This is a financial report amending or proposing budgets for programmes and individual schemes. Changes or proposals for individual schemes will undertake their own specific consideration of equalities issues. The decisions in this report are financial, and mainly relate to in-house management of accounts, and therefore have a neutral impact on groups with protected characteristics.