

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Date:	15 January 2024
Title:	Universal Services Proposed Capital Programme 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27
Report From:	Director of Universal Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services recommends that the Cabinet and County Council approve the capital programme for 2024/25 and the provisional 2025/26 and 2026/27 capital programmes totalling £329.597 million, as set out in Appendix 5.
- 1.2. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the carry forward of resources of £4.32 million from 2023/24 to 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 respectively as set out in Appendix 4.
- 1.3. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services recommends approval to the Leader and Cabinet of the revised capital programmes cash limit for 2023/24 totalling £207.075 million as set out in Appendix 1.
- 1.4. 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 Tables 7 and 8.
- 1.5. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services recommends to Cabinet and County Council to increase the capital programme value of the Bishopstoke Road scheme from £5.3 million to £8.1 million to be funded by Section 106 contributions, DfT LTP Integrated Transport Block grant and Concessionary Fares budget.
- 1.6. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the addition of the Southampton and South West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Bluestar 2 Corridor Bus Improvements scheme into the 2023/24 capital programme at a value of £530,000 to be funded by reallocated TCF grant, subject to DfT approval of a change control.
- 1.7. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the £948,000 increase in the capital programme value of the Southampton and

South West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund A27 Providence Hill cycle route from £3.076 million to £4.024 million with the increase to be funded by reallocated TCF grant, subject to DfT approval of a change control.

- 1.8. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the £0.280 million increase to the value of, and expenditure approvals for, the Southampton and South West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund Marchwood Bypass bus priority scheme from £2.382 million to £2.662 million, entered in the 2022/23 capital programme year, with the increase to be funded by additional TCF grant from Southampton City Council.
- 1.9. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the £0.890 million decrease of the Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund Bedhampton Hill Bus Roundabout signalisation scheme from £1.2 million to £0.310 million, entered in the 2021/22 capital programme year, to enable the TCF grant and CIL funding to be reallocated across the Portsmouth and South East Hampshire TCF programme.
- 1.10. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the £0.630 million increase to the value of, and the expenditure approval for, the Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund Delme to Downend bus and cycle improvements scheme, from £10.732 million to £11.362 million, entered in the 2022/23 capital programme year, with the increase to be funded by a mix of reallocation of TCF grant, Strategic Routes funding subject to award (underwritten by LTP ITB funding), Section 106 contributions and Intelligent Transport Systems budget.
- 1.11. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services approves the £0.650 million increase to the value of, and expenditure approvals for, the Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund Gosport Bus Station scheme from £6.119 million to £6.769 million, entered in the 2021/22 capital programme year, with the increase to be funded by reallocation of TCF grant.
- 1.12. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services recommends to Cabinet and County Council to increase the value of the two following School Condition Allocation Schemes: Crookhorn College SCOLA recladding scheme to be increased by £1.3 million (total value now £3.3 million) and Henry Beaufort School SCOLA recladding scheme to be increased by £1.0 million (total value now £3.1 million) and approves the transfer of these projects into the 2023/24 capital programme. The increases will be funded by the reallocation of School Condition Allocation grant.
- 1.13. That the Executive Lead Member for Universal Services notes the £1.165 million decrease in the value of the School Condition Allocation grant funded patent glazing upgrade scheme at Springwood Junior, from £1.785 million to £0.620 million, which is entered in the 2023/24 capital programme.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. This report sets out the proposed three-year capital programmes for Universal Services in order that, subject to approval by the Executive Lead Member for

Universal Services, the proposals can be recommended to Cabinet for inclusion in the County Council's 2024/25 to 2026/27 capital programme.

- 2.2. The Structural Maintenance programme requires flexibility within year in order that adjustments can be made to the split of funding for its sub-programmes to ensure that Hampshire County Council can react to changes in demand requirements.
- 2.3. The current value for the Bishopstoke Road bus priority scheme does not cover additional cost pressures arising from the additional design and engineering work for the required environmental mitigation which will extend the construction programme.
- 2.4. Following the removal of the Bishopstoke Road scheme from the TCF programme, the Southampton and South West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund Bluestar 2 Corridor Bus Improvements scheme will provide alternative measures along the corridor to meet the TCF programme objectives.
- 2.5. The current value of the Southampton and South West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund A27 Providence Hill cycle route scheme does not accurately reflect the additional cost pressures arising from inflation and additional design standards.
- 2.6. The current value of the Southampton and South West Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund Marchwood Bypass bus priority scheme does not cover the revised estimate for the additional traffic management arrangements and the additional drainage works.
- 2.7. The Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund Bedhampton Hill Bus Roundabout signalisation scheme has been delivered under budget and the cost savings will be re-allocated to other schemes with funding pressures across the South East Hampshire TCF programme in accordance with the funding agreement.
- 2.8. The current value of the Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund Delme to Downend bus and cycle improvements scheme does not accurately reflect the additional cost pressures arising from the impact of inflation and changes to the scope of the drainage works to allow for climate change impacts and potential future flooding events.
- 2.9. The current value of the Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Transforming Cities Fund Gosport Bus Station scheme is not sufficient to cover the additional costs for the new bus and taxi shelters and additional design requirements to deal with unforeseen issues since construction commenced which have led to programme delays.
- 2.10. The current scheme values for School Condition Allocation SCOLA recladding schemes for Crookhorn College and Henry Beaufort School do not accurately reflect current inflationary pressures and revised scope to incorporate climate change adaptation.
- 2.11. The Springwood Junior patent glazing upgrade scheme has been delivered for less than was originally anticipated due to a reduction in scope.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. To not seek authority to amend the capital programme. This option was rejected on the basis that it would not protect the financial resilience of the schemes.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

I thank the Universal Services Select Committee for scrutinising the proposals and for their support of the recommendations.

Approved by:

Date:

15 January 2024

**Executive Lead Member for Universal Services
Councillor Nick Adams-King**