
Draft Three Year Capital Programme 2026/27

Decision to be taken by: Council

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Lead director: Amy Oliver, Director of Finance

Useful information

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1. Summary

- 1.1 The main purpose of this report is to ask the Council to approve a capital programme for 2026/27.
- 1.2 Capital expenditure is incurred on works of lasting benefit and is principally paid for by grant, tenants' rents, and the proceeds of asset sales (capital receipts). Money can also be borrowed for capital purposes.
- 1.3 For the past five years, the Council has set a one-year capital programme due to uncertainty over future resources. We have now moved to a three-year capital programme, providing greater visibility of planned investment and supporting improved medium-term financial planning.
- 1.4 In addition to the three-year programme any schemes approved and in the current programme will continue into 2026/27 where needed.
- 1.5 The funding of the 2025/26 capital programme changed to be aligned with our overall revenue and capital financial strategy. This meant we moved away from funding the capital programme through the capital fund and capital receipts but to using borrowing where grant was not available. This approach remains in place for the 2026/27 and the revenue budget will reflect the consequences of the decisions taken in this report
- 1.6 However, due to the positive work that has been undertaken on the revenue budget, we currently do not need the £60m capital receipts to balance the budget over the next three years. We will look to use some of the capital receipts to alleviate the need to borrow in turn reducing the revenue pressures placed from the increase in borrowing.
- 1.7 The report seeks approval to the "General Fund" element of the capital programme, at a cost of £129.8m, over the next three years. In addition to this, the HRA capital programme (which is elsewhere on your agenda) includes works estimated at £11.66m.

- 1.8 The table below summarises the proposed spending for capital schemes starting in 2026/27, as described in this report:

<u>Proposed Programme</u>	26/27	27/28	28/29	Later Years	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
<u>Schemes – Summarised by Theme</u>					
Grant Funded Schemes	20.66	13.18	13.17	-	47.01
Own buildings	4.75	6.89	3.26	-	14.90
Temporary Accommodation Acquisitions	50.00	-	-	-	50.00
Routine Works	3.63	4.39	5.28	-	13.29
Corporate Estate	1.10	-	-	-	1.10
Other Schemes and Feasibilities	1.38	0.74	1.05	-	3.17
Policy Provisions	-	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.35
Total New Schemes	81.51	25.31	22.87	0.12	129.81

<u>Funding</u>	<u>£m</u>	<u>£m</u>
Unringfenced Resources		
Capital Receipts	2.83	
Borrowing	79.97	
Government Grants	41.43	
Total Unringfenced Resources		124.23
Monies ringfenced to Schemes		5.58
Total Resources		129.81

- 1.9 The table below presents the total spend on General Fund and Housing Revenue Account schemes:

	<u>£m</u>
General Fund	129.81
Housing Revenue Account (1 year programme only)	11.66
Total	141.47

- 1.10 The Council's total capital expenditure now forecast for 2026/27 and beyond is expected to be around £534.99m, including the HRA and schemes approved prior to 2026/27.

- 1.11 The capital programme is split into two parts:

- Schemes which are “**immediate starts**”, being schemes which directors have authority to commence once the council has approved the programme. These are fully described in this report;

- b) Schemes which are “**policy provisions**”, where the purpose of the funding is described but money will not be released until specific spending proposals have been approved by the Executive.

1.12 Immediate starts have been split into three categories:

- a) **Projects** – these are discrete, individual schemes such as a road scheme or a new building. These schemes will be monitored with reference to physical delivery rather than an annual profile of spending. (We will, of course, still want to make sure that the overall budget is not going to be exceeded);
- b) **Work Programmes** – these consist of minor works or similar schemes where there is an allocation of money to be spent in a particular year;
- c) **Provisions** – these are sums of money set aside in case they are needed, but where low spend is a favourable outcome rather than indicative of a problem.

2. Recommended actions/decision

2.1 At the meeting in February, the Council will be asked to:

- (a) Approve the capital programme, including the prudential borrowing for schemes as described in this report and summarised at Appendices 2 to 7, subject to any amendments proposed by the City Mayor;
- (b) For those schemes designated immediate starts, delegate authority to the lead director to commit expenditure, subject to the normal requirements of contract procedure rules, rules concerning land acquisition and finance procedure rules;
- (c) Delegate authority to the City Mayor to determine a plan of spending for each policy provision, and to commit expenditure up to the maximum available;
- (d) For the purposes of finance procedure rules:
 - Determine that service resources shall consist of service revenue contributions; HRA revenue contributions; and government grants/third party contributions ringfenced for specific purposes.
 - Designate the operational estate & children’s capital maintenance programme, highways maintenance programme and transport improvement programme as

programme areas, within which the director can reallocate resources to meet operational requirements.

(e) Delegate to the City Mayor:

- Authority to increase any scheme in the programme, or add a new scheme to the programme, subject to a maximum of £10m corporate resources in each instance and to borrow whilst remaining within the prudential limits for debt which are proposed in the treasury management strategy (elsewhere on your agenda);
- Authority to reduce or delete any capital scheme, subject to a maximum reduction of £10m; and
- Authority to transfer any “policy provision” to the “immediate starts” category.

(g) Delegate to directors, in consultation with the relevant deputy/assistant mayor, authority to incur expenditure up to a maximum of £250k per scheme in respect of policy provisions on design and other professional fees and preparatory studies, but not any other type of expenditure.

(h) Approve the capital strategy at Appendix 8.

3. Scrutiny / stakeholder engagement

N/A

4. Background and options with supporting evidence

Key Policy Issues for the New Programme

- 4.1 The cost of Prudential Borrowing has been calculated for each scheme, and the total is included within the revenue budget report for 2026/27, and the Prudential Indicators included in the Treasury Report 2026/27 found elsewhere on the agenda.
- 4.2 The programme supports the Council’s commitment to tackling the climate emergency, most obviously but not exclusively within the Transport Improvement Works, Operational Estate and Children’s capital maintenance programmes.

Resources

- 4.3 Resources available to the programme consist primarily of Government grant, borrowing and capital receipts (the HRA programme is also supported by tenants' rent monies). Most grant is unringfenced, and the Council can spend it on any purpose it sees fit.
- 4.4 Appendix 1 presents the resources required to fund the proposed programme, which total some £129.81m. The key unringfenced funding sources are detailed below.
- a) £2.83m of general capital receipts. The delivery of receipts from Ashton Green disposals to fund the work to sell/develop by the end of 2025/26.
 - b) £41.43m of unringfenced grant funding. Some of these figures are estimated in the absence of actual allocations from the Government.
 - c) £79.97m of borrowing, with an annual revenue cost.
- 4.5 For some schemes the amount of unringfenced resources required is less than the gross cost of the scheme. This is because resources are ringfenced directly to individual schemes. Ringfenced resources are shown throughout Appendix 2 and consist of government grant and contributions to support the delivery of specific schemes.
- 4.6 Only funding required to finance the schemes in this capital programme is included.
- 4.7 Finance Procedure Rules enable directors to make limited changes to the programme after it has been approved. For these purposes, the Council has split resources into corporate and service resources.
- 4.8 Directors have authority to add schemes to the programme, provided they are funded by service resources, up to an amount of £250,000. This provides flexibility for small schemes to be added to the programme without a report to the Executive, but only where service resources are identified. (Borrowing is treated as a corporate resource requiring a higher level of approval).

Proposed Programme

- 4.9 The whole programme is summarised at Appendix 2. Responsibility for the majority of projects rests with the Strategic Director of City Development and Neighbourhoods.
- 4.10 £47.01m is provided for grant funded schemes. These schemes are funded either from unringfenced grant (where we have discretion) and ringfenced resources.

- a) £12.99m has been provided to continue the **Schools Capital Maintenance Programme** across three financial years. This is in addition to the £6m previously approved within the 2025/26 capital programme for delivery in 2026/27. The programme will include routine maintenance and spending and is prioritised to reflect asset condition and risk. The proposed programme is shown at Appendix 5. Detailed schemes will be developed following consultation with schools.
- b) £16.09m is provided as part of the continued **Highways Capital Maintenance Programme** across three financial years. This is a rolling annual programme and spending is prioritised to reflect asset condition, risk and local neighbourhood priorities. The proposed programme is shown at Appendix 4.
- c) £12.35m is provided in 2026/27 to continue the rolling programme of works constituting the **LTG – Local Transport Schemes Programme**. This scheme will focus on maintaining and improving local transport infrastructure through the Department for Transport's Local Transport Grant, providing investment in the design, construction, and maintenance of local transport networks. The proposed programme is shown at Appendix 6.
- d) £5.58m has been provided for **Disabled Facilities Grants**, across three financial years to private sector householders which is funded by government grant. This is an annual programme which has existed for many years. These grants provide funding to eligible disabled people for adaption work to their homes and help them maintain their independence.

4.11 £14.89m is provided for the Council's own buildings.

- a) £13.11m has been provided to support the annual **Operational Estate Capital Maintenance Programme** of works to properties that the Council occupies for its own use. This is a rolling annual programme and spending is prioritised to reflect asset condition and risk. The proposed programme is shown at Appendix 3 but may vary to meet emerging operational requirements.
- b) £0.15m has been provided for **LCB Maintenance**. The scheme focuses on essential maintenance works at the LCB Depot to ensure the building remains fit for purpose. This includes priority repairs, general maintenance, and upgrades necessary to meet current compliance standards.
- c) £0.50m has been provided for **IT Investment**, ensuring we have technology to support our councillors and teams, this will include ensuring our committee and Council rooms Town Hall and City

Hall to support councillors and ensure the public have access to democracy.

- d) £0.35m has been provided for the **Demolition of Rally House**. This is to facilitate the demolition of Rally House and the creation of a fenced, hardstanding area for vehicle parking, providing potential short-term parking income until the site is brought forward for future development.
- e) £0.25m has been provided for the **Parks & Open Spaces Depot Transformation** scheme. This focuses on upgrading depot facilities at Gilroes Cemetery and Beaumont Park to enhance staff welfare facilities, storage, environmental compliance, and site security.
- f) £0.10m has been allocated to support the ongoing **Depot Transformation** Project, enabling the relocation of the Park Services Environmental Ranger team from Riverside Depot to Knighton Park Depot.
- g) £0.45m has been provided for **Public Toilet Refurbishment**. This is a rolling renovation programme for public toilet blocks across parks, highways, and cemeteries. Works will replace fixtures and improve facilities to maintain hygiene and appearance.

4.12 £50.00m has been provided for **Temporary Accommodation (TA) Acquisitions** for the purchase of 90 self-contained accommodation units for singles and 160 family accommodation units. Through this increase in the number of Council-owned TA units, we can better ensure that homeless households are housed in suitable accommodation, minimising the use of hotel stays. This builds on the £45m approved by Council in March 2024, and will directly result in annual cost avoidance of over £6m per year. Appendix 7 provides further details of the context to these proposals and the impact.

4.13 £13.29m is provided for Routine Works.

- a) £0.10m is provided for **Foster Care Capital Contribution** Scheme to support foster carers with alterations to their property to allow fostered children to remain living with their carers or to increase the capacity to look after more children.
- b) £0.23m is provided for the **Historic Building Grant Fund** to provide match funding to city residents and organisations to support the repair of historic buildings and the reinstatement of lost original historic features.
- c) £1.20m is provided for **Local Environmental Works** which will focus on local neighbourhood issues including residential

parking, local safety concerns, pedestrian routes, cycleways and community lighting to be delivered after consultation with ward members.

- d) £0.90m is towards the **Flood Strategy** to support the local flood risk management strategy and action plan, and the delivery of our statutory role to manage and reduce flood risk in collaboration with the Environment Agency & Severn Trent Water.
- e) £0.08m is included as part of the continued programme to refresh **Festival Decorations**.
- f) £0.43m is provided for **Heritage Interpretation Panels**. This scheme will focus on expanding the city's heritage interpretation by installing additional panels, highlighting Leicester's historic places and people. It will also enhance online content and collaboration with Visit Leicester and Place Marketing to boost public engagement and tourism.
- g) £0.45m is provided for **Grounds Maintenance Machinery** to replace ageing machinery with up to date, energy efficient models to provide continued maintenance of our parks and open spaces.
- h) £0.19m is provided for the **Environmental Crime / Parks & Open Spaces CCTV Enforcement Action Project** to purchase mobile CCTV cameras to tackle fly-tipping and street scene offences across the city.
- i) £0.36m is provided for **Replacement Tree Planting** on a rolling tree replacement programme across parks and highways, delivering environmental, biodiversity, health, aesthetic, and economic benefits.
- j) £0.65m has been provided for the **3G Pitch Replacements Scheme** to replace aging 3G synthetic pitches to reduce safety risks, protect user wellbeing, maintain FA compliance, and ensure surfaces remain fit for purpose.
- k) £8.71m has been made available for the annual **Fleet Replacement Programme**. Wherever possible, ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEVs) will be sought to support the Council's climate emergency response.

4.14 £1.10m has been provided for the **Corporate Estate** to support the council's property portfolio. Including wall, steps & roof repairs, replacement windows. The council has a statutory responsibility to ensure business property is safe for our tenants and anybody else using the buildings. This will also ensure income is maintained for the revenue budget.

4.15 £0.35m is provided for Policy Provisions:

- a) £0.35m is provided for the **Voices of Leicester** Project, as potential match funding to support an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The application looks to support creating new social history and natural world galleries, improve building infrastructure, and develop inclusive learning and engagement spaces. To assist with celebrating Leicester's communities and stories.

4.16 £3.17m is provided for Other Schemes & Feasibilities:

- a) £2.83m for infrastructure works to enable **Capital Asset Sales**, in particular Ashton Green.
- h) £0.34m is provided for **Feasibility Studies**. This will enable studies to be done, typically for potential developments not included elsewhere in the programme or which might attract grant support. The breakdown for this is shown at Appendix 2e but may vary to meet emerging operational requirements.

Proposed Programme – Policy Provisions

4.17 Policy provisions are sums of money which are included in the programme for a stated purpose, but for which a further report to the Executive (and decision notice) is required before they can be spent. Schemes are usually treated as policy provisions because the Executive needs to see more detailed spending plans before full approval can be given.

4.18 Executive reports seeking approval to spend policy provisions must state whether schemes, once approved, will constitute projects, work programmes or provisions; and, in the case of projects, identify project outcomes and physical milestones against which progress can be monitored.

4.19 Where a scheme has the status of a policy provision, it is shown as such in the appendix.

Capital Strategy

4.20 Local authorities are required to prepare a capital strategy each year, which sets out our approach for capital expenditure and financing at high level.

4.21 The proposed capital strategy is set out at Appendix 8.

5. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

5.1 Financial implications

This report is exclusively concerned with financial issues.

Signed: Amy Oliver, Director of Finance

Dated: 5th December 2025

5.2 Legal implications

In accordance with the constitution, the capital programme is a matter that requires approval of full Council. The subsequent letting of contracts, acquisition and/or disposal of land, etc., all remain matters that are executive functions and therefore there will be the need to ensure such next steps have the correct authority in place prior to proceeding. Legal Services will provide specific advice in relation to individual schemes and client officers should take early legal advice.

Signed: Kevin Carter, Head of Law

Dated: 18 November 2025

5.3 Equalities implications

Under the Equality Act 2010, public authorities have statutory duties, including the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which means that, in carrying out their functions they have to pay due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.

Protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

People from across all protected characteristics will benefit from the improved public good arising from the proposed capital programme. However, as the proposals are developed and implemented, consideration should continue to be given to the equality impacts of the schemes in question, and how it can help the Council to meet the three aims of the Public Sector Equality Duty.

The main purpose of this report is to ask the Council to approve a capital programme for 2026/27, the capital programme includes schemes which improve the city's infrastructure and contribute to overall improvement of quality of life for people across all protected characteristics. By doing so, the capital programme promotes the PSED aim of: fostering good relations between different groups of people by ensuring that no area is disadvantaged compared to other areas as many services rely on such infrastructure to continue to operate.

Some of the schemes focus on meeting specific areas of need for a protected characteristic: disabled adaptations within homes (disability), home repair grants which are most likely to be accessed by elderly, disabled people or households with children who are living in poverty (age and disability).

Other schemes target much larger groups of people who have a range of protected characteristics reflective of the diverse population within the city. Some schemes are place specific and address environmental issues that also benefit diverse groups of people. The delivery of the capital programme contributes to the Council fulfilling our Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED).

Where there are any improvement works to buildings or public spaces, considerations around accessibility (across a range of protected characteristics) must influence design and decision making. This will ensure that people are not excluded (directly or indirectly) from accessing a building, public space or service, on the basis of a protected characteristic.

Signed: Equalities Officer, Surinder Singh, Ext 37 4148

Dated: 18 November 2025

5.4 Climate Emergency implications

Following the council's declaration of a climate emergency and ambition to reach net zero carbon emissions for the council and the city, the council has a key role to play in addressing carbon emissions relating to the delivery of its services. This includes through its delivery of capital projects, as projects involving buildings and infrastructure often present significant opportunities for achieving carbon savings or climate adaptations and are an area where the council has a high level of control.

It is important that the climate implications and opportunities of all projects and work programmes are considered on a project-by-project basis, both during the development phase and when decisions are made.

Signed: Phil Ball, Sustainability Officer, Ext 37 2246

Dated: 18th November 2025

5.5 Other implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

Policy	Yes	The capital programme is part of the Council's overall budget and policy framework and makes a substantial contribution to the delivery of Council policy.
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	Yes	A number of schemes will benefit elderly people and those on low income.

6. Background information and other papers:

7. Summary of appendices:

- Appendix 1 Capital Resources.
- Appendix 2a Grant Funded Schemes
- Appendix 2b Own Buildings
- Appendix 2c Routine Works
- Appendix 2d Temporary Accommodation
- Appendix 2e Corporate Estate
- Appendix 2f Other & Feasibilities Schemes
- Appendix 2g Policy Provisions
- Appendix 3 Operational Estate Maintenance Capital Programme
- Appendix 4 Highways Maintenance Capital Programme
- Appendix 5 Children's Capital Improvement Programme
- Appendix 6 Local Transport Schemes
- Appendix 7 Temporary Accommodation Acquisitions
- Appendix 8 Capital Strategy 2026/27

8. Is this a private report (If so, please indicate the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

9. Is this a "key decision"? If so, why?

No – it is a proposal to Council.

Capital Resources

	26/27 {£000}	27/28 {£000}	28/29 {£000}	Later Years {£000}	Total {£000}
<u>Capital Receipts</u>					
General Capital Receipts	1,209	574	1,051	0	2,835
Total Receipts	1,209	574	1,051	0	2,835
<u>Unringfenced Capital Grant</u>					
School Capital Maintenance	1,084	5,957	5,944	0	12,985
Local Transport Grant	12,349	0	0	0	12,349
Highways Maintenance	5,364	5,364	5,364	0	16,092
Total Unringfenced Grant	18,797	11,321	11,308	0	41,426
Prudential Borrowing	59,644	11,558	8,652	116	79,970
TOTAL UNRINGFENCED RESOURCES	79,650	23,453	21,012	116	124,231
<u>Ringfenced resources</u>					
Disabled Facilities Grant	1,861	1,861	1,861	0	5,583
TOTAL RINGFENCED RESOURCES	1,861	1,861	1,861	0	5,583
TOTAL CAPITAL RESOURCES	81,511	25,314	22,873	116	129,814

Grant Funded Schemes

	Division	Scheme Type	26/27	27/28	28/29	Later Years	Total Approval
			{£000}	{£000}	{£000}	{£000}	{£000}
<u>Grant Funded Schemes</u>							
School Capital Maintenance	CDN (ECS)	WP	1,084	5,957	5,944	-	12,985
Highway Capital Maintenance	CDN (PDT)	WP	5,364	5,364	5,364	-	16,092
Local Transport Grant	CDN (PDT)	PJ	12,349	-	-	-	12,349
Disabled Facilities Grants*	CDN (HGF)	WP	1,861	1,861	1,861	-	5,583
TOTAL			20,658	13,182	13,169	0	47,009

Key to Scheme Types: PJ = Project; WP = Work Programme

**This scheme is funded through a ringfenced grant.*

Own Buildings

	Division	Scheme Type	26/27	27/28	28/29	Later Years	Total Approval
			<i>{£000}</i>	<i>{£000}</i>	<i>{£000}</i>	<i>{£000}</i>	<i>{£000}</i>
<u>Own Buildings</u>							
LCB Maintenance	CDN (TCI)	PJ	150	-	-	-	150
Property and Operational Estate	CDN (EBS)	WP	3,472	6,515	3,110	-	13,097
IT Investment	CDN (EBS)	WP	500	-	-	-	500
Rally House Demolition	CDN (EBS)	PJ	210	140	-	-	350
Parks & Open Spaces Depot Transformation	CDN (NES)	PJ	165	80	-	-	245
Depot Transformation	CDN (NES)	PJ	100	-	-	-	100
Public Toilet Refurbishment	CDN (NES)	PJ	150	150	150	-	450
TOTAL			4,747	6,885	3,260	0	14,892

Key to Scheme Types: PJ = Project; WP = Work Programme

Routine Works

	Division	Scheme Type	26/27	27/28	28/29	Later Years	Total Approval
			{£000}	{£000}	{£000}	{£000}	{£000}
<u>Routine Works</u>							
Foster Care Capital Contribution Scheme	ECS	WP	100	-	-	-	100
Historic Building Grant Fund	CDN (PDT)	WP	75	75	75	-	225
Local Environmental Works	CDN (PDT)	WP	400	400	400	-	1,200
Flood Strategy	CDN (PDT)	WP	300	300	300	-	900
Festival Decorations	CDN (PDT)	WP	25	25	25	-	75
Heritage Interpretation Panels	CDN (TCI)	WP	210	220	-	-	430
Grounds Maintenance Machinery	CDN (NES)	WP	150	150	150	-	450
Environmental Crime / Parks & Open Spaces CCTV Enforcement Action	CDN (NES)	WP	185	-	-	-	185
Replacement Tree Planting	CDN (NES)	WP	200	80	80	-	360
3G Pitch Replacement – FIS Carpets	CDN (NES)	PJ	250	400	-	-	650
Vehicle Fleet Replacement Programme	CDN (HGF)	WP	1,732	2,735	4,246	-	8,713
TOTAL			3,627	4,385	5,276	-	13,288

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Temporary Accommodation Acquisitions

Division	Scheme Type	26/27	27/28	28/29	Later Years	Total Approval
		{£000}	{£000}	{£000}	{£000}	{£000}
<u>Temporary Accommodation Acquisitions</u>						
Temporary Accommodation Acquisitions		50,000	-	-	-	50,000
TOTAL		50,000	-	-	-	50,000

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Corporate Estate

	Division	Scheme Type	26/27	27/28	28/29	Later Years	Total Approval
			{£000}	{£000}	{£000}	{£000}	{£000}
<u>Corporate Estate</u>							
Corporate Estate	CDN (EBS)	WP	1,100	-	-	-	1,100
TOTAL			1,100	-	-	-	1,100

Key to Scheme Types: PJ = Project; WP = Work Programme

Feasibilities and Other Schemes

	Division	Scheme Type	26/27	27/28	28/29	Later Years	Total Approval
			{£000}	{£000}	{£000}	{£000}	{£000}
<u>Feasibilities and Contingencies</u>							
Infrastructure works to enable Capital Asset Sales	CDN (PDT)	PJ	1,209	574	1,051	-	2,835
PDT Feasibility	CDN (PDT)	WP	70	170	-	-	240
Curve Automation System Feasibility	CDN (TCI)	WP	50	-	-	-	50
Housing Public Space Infrastructure Regeneration (CCTV) Feasibility	CDN (NES)	WP	50	-	-	-	50
TOTAL			1,379	744	1,051	-	3,175

Key to Scheme Types: PJ = Project; WP = Work Programme

Policy Provisions

	Division	Scheme Type	26/27	27/28	28/29	Later Years	Total Approval
			{£000}	{£000}			{£000}
<u>Policy Provisions</u>							
Voices of Leicester (Match Funding)	CDN (TCI)	PP	-	118	116	116	350
TOTAL			-	118	116	116	350
GRAND TOTAL – ALL SCHEMES			81,511	25,314	22,873	116	129,814

Property and Operational Estate Maintenance Capital Programme

Description	26/27 Amount £000's	27/28 Amount £000's	28/29 Amount £000's	Total Amount £000's
Building Works - Maintenance at the Councils operational buildings to ensure they meet the needs of our residents and employees. Key works will include refurbishment of buildings, including ensuring appropriate utilisation to enable maximisation of our assets, pathway replacements at park, refurbishment of public areas and works at heritage sites.	1,983	2,541	830	5,354
Compliance Works - Generally consisting of surveys to gain condition data across the estate and works arising from the various risk assessments that are undertaken.	568	503	815	1,886
Mechanical Works - Ventilation systems, pool filtration & dosing systems, building management systems and heating controls, including essential works at York House.	839	3,417	1,360	5,616
Emergency Provision – Provision for emergency reactive works that could be required across the Council's estate.	82	54	105	241
TOTAL	3,472	6,515	3,110	13,097

Highways Maintenance Capital Programme

Description	26/27 Amount £000's	27/28 Amount £000's	28/29 Amount £000's	Total Amount £000's
Main Roads (Principal Roads & Classified Non-Principal Roads) – 2026 schemes include Victoria Road East, Hinckley Road, Glenfrith Way	625	625	625	1,875
Unclassified Neighbourhood Roads, Large Area Patching & Pothole Repairs – Target large carriageway defect repairs to provide longer term repairs in readiness for surface dressing. Includes lining, joint sealing, concrete bay repairs and road hump replacements. 2026 schemes include: Barkbythorpe Road – Humberstone Lane - Boundary Walnut Street Longfellow Road Vicarage Lane Eastfield Road Floyd Close Westernhay Road Southernhay Road Morley Road Dumbleton Avenue Rowley Fields Avenue Includes lining, joint sealing, concrete bay repairs and road hump replacements	1,750	1,750	1,750	5,250

Description	26/27 Amount £000's	27/28 Amount £000's	28/29 Amount £000's	Total Amount £000's
Footway Relays and Reconstructions – Focus on neighbourhood street scene corridor improvements in district centres. 2026 schemes included Melton Road uneven footway improvements and local footway maintenance.	750	750	750	2,250
Strategic Bridge Deck Maintenance & Replacement. 2026 schemes include feasibility studies and structural surveys to assess St. Margaret's Way half joint replacement and Burleys Way flyover maintenance.	50	250	250	550
Bridge Improvement & Maintenance Works including various parapet replacements, structural maintenance works and technical assessment review. 2026 schemes include Shady Lane, Ocean Rd, Dakyn Rd, Southgate Underpass.	689	250	250	1,189
Traffic Signal Installations Renewals and Lighting Column Replacements – Signalling upgrades, lamp column replacements, illuminated bollard and sign replacement.	240	400	400	1,040
Highway Drainage – Flood mitigation schemes and drainage improvement projects.	260	339	339	938
DfT Whole Government Accounting Lifecycle Asset Management Development Project – Strategic asset management development, condition surveys, data analysis, lifecycle planning and reporting in support of DfT Challenge Funding bidding linked to asset management performance.	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
TOTAL	5,364	5,364	5,364	16,092

Children's Capital Improvement Programme

Description	26/27 Amount £000's	27/28 Amount £000's	28/29 Amount £000's	Total Amount £000's
Building Works - Typical works include roof replacements, sports hall floor replacements, playground resurfacing and window replacements.	478	3,830	3,143	7,451
Compliance Works - This work stream will mainly be used to ensure the playing fields and pavilions used by schools are fully compliant with current regulations and to conduct health and safety works.	434	783	1,251	2,468
Mechanical Works - schemes being undertaken within the programme typically consist of re-piping heating systems and end of life ventilation replacements.	172	981	1,181	2,334
Individual Access Needs Works - This is a provision to allow works to be carried out to enable children with additional needs to access mainstream school.	-	121	123	244
Emergency Provision - This is provision within the programme to allow for emergency unforeseen works to be carried out.	-	242	246	488
TOTAL	1,084	5,957	5,944	12,985

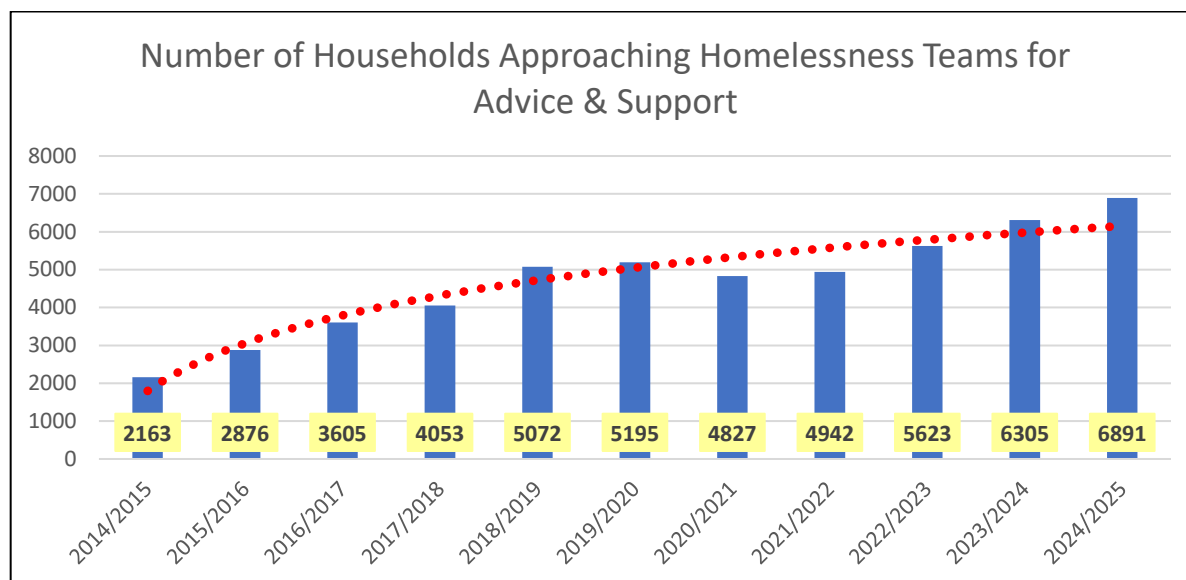
Local Transport Schemes

	Description	26-27 Amount £000
City Centre	Granby Street Phase 3 Delivery	1,100
City Connectivity	LCWIP Phase 1 Design Work	300
City Connectivity	LCWIP Phase 0 Delivery	1,400
City Connectivity	Stokeswood Park Culvert Repairs	2,200
City Connectivity	Rally Park Phase 3a Delivery	800
City Connectivity	Saffron Lane Phase 3/4 Design	300
City Connectivity	Service support (inc. data collection, modelling)	350
Future City	PROW Programme	434
Future City	Greengate Lane Design/Build	1,200
Future City	Highway Asset Replacement Programme	800
Healthier Neighbourhoods	Ped crossing programme (phase 3 design)	350
Healthier Neighbourhoods	Ped crossing programme (phase 2 delivery)	350
Healthier Neighbourhoods	Local Works Contribution	400
Healthier Neighbourhoods	School Streets Programme	165
Healthier Neighbourhoods	AQAP Delivery	850
Local Safety	20s Programme block allocation	750
Local Safety	Local Safety Scheme Block Allocation	600
TOTAL		12,349

The Local Transport Scheme grant is a one-off grant, so the programme of works is only for a single financial year.

Temporary Accommodation Acquisitions

Like many other local authorities, Leicester has been experiencing significant pressures in the cost of meeting the needs of homeless households through the provision of temporary accommodation. Since 2014/15 the number of approaches has risen by 219% as can be seen in the table below:



The council works positively to support households in preventing homelessness with circa 60% prevented from ever becoming Homeless, with Leicester performing better than the national average. This is supported by the table below that shows the percentage of prevention duty cases that came to an end within Quarter with the outcome being “Secured accommodation for 6+ months”:

	Q1 24/25	Q2 24/25	Q3 24/25	Q4 24/25
Leicester	62%	63%	62%	59%
National Ave.	52%	52%	54%	51%

However, the Council is unable to prevent all cases and needs to support households who have often found themselves homeless often due to no fault of their own.

The Council in March 2024 approved the addition of £45m to the capital programme to acquire properties to hold as temporary accommodation, providing 253 units. Alongside a package of different measures this has successfully achieved financial cost avoidance for the Council of £4m in 24/25, rising to £16m in 25/26 and forecast to be £39m in 26/27.

This positive intervention leads to a stronger homelessness pathway, that is more resilient to the ongoing pressures and improves the conditions for those going through homelessness, especially because of the additional self-contained temporary accommodation.

As of October 2025, we had a total of 1,100 households residing in temporary accommodation. A total of 653 of those households were families and a further 447 single households remain in temporary accommodation.

Even with the positive interventions for singles and families, due to the ongoing strong demand for Homelessness services and accommodation it is expected that numbers will continue to exceed LCC owned and commissioned temporary accommodation with 392 families in expensive temporary accommodation and 81 singles in expensive temporary accommodation as at March 2026. These figures are expected to grow to 452 families and 261 singles in expensive temporary accommodation by March 2027

The proposed capital budget provides an additional £50m for acquiring temporary accommodation during 2026/27. This is anticipated to provide 90 units for singles and 160 units for families, which will be held in the Councils General Fund and managed through a third-party provider.

In addition to this, we are increasing our staffing in this area to assist with our prevention work. Overall, the combination of the £50m investment in temporary accommodation and the additional staff to support the prevention work is forecast to achieve cost avoidance of £3.8m in 2026/27, rising to £6.4m in 27/28. The revenue implications costs of this investment including borrowing costs are included in the General Fund Revenue Budget.

Capital Strategy 2026/27

Appendix to be added for final report