

## Appendix K – Capital Programme Schemes 2024/25 – 2027/28

1.1 The

1.2 Council's Capital Programme is viewed over a four-year period to ensure correct stewardship of assets and efficient use of budgets, with the years forming part of the MTFs. The Capital Programme includes estimated project costs and profiling of expenditure whilst detailed business cases and due diligence is completed on individual schemes.

1.3 A revised Capital Strategy forms Appendix M and once approved will guide the way for agreeing schemes in the Capital Programme in accordance with the key objectives within the Corporate Strategy. The following table shows the detailed schemes of the capital programme and funding over the MTFs period.

1.4 **Approved projects – approved projects continuing into 2024/25** - Some of the capital projects will span across more than one financial year. Any projects already approved which are not yet completed will continue into 2024/25. The estimated spend in 2024/25 will depend primarily on the outturn position (the amount spent) for 2023/24.

1.5 **Approved projects – Rolling programmes delivered with ring fenced funding** - The Council received ring fenced funding each year, which makes up the councils rolling programme, these capital schemes are developed inline with the objectives set out in the Capital Strategy (Appendix M).

1.6 **Requesting Approval** - In line with the Councils strategic planning the following projects have been identified for approval as part of the 2024/25 budget setting process. The following projects outlined below request approval to be included within the 2024/25 capital programme:

### 1.6.1 South Street – Affordable Housing

Nottingham Community Housing Association (NCHA) is a well-established social landlord with 146 dwellings in Rutland serving local needs. As part of their partnership working, they identified a site at 96 South Street, Oakham and have liaised with the Council. They have submitted a planning application for 4 one-bedroomed flats and 5 three-bedroomed houses. Opportunities like this for affordable housing for rent are rare in the town centre. As of 8 September 2023, there were 140 households on the Council's housing register waiting for general needs one-bedroomed dwellings and 66 waiting for three-bedroomed general needs dwellings in Oakham. The Council would seek 100% of nomination rights for first lets and 75% for relets.

In order to make the scheme viable at 100% social rent and to deliver all properties at a predicted Energy Performance Certificate Band A, a capital contribution of £346,500 is required (subject to planning consent and a funding agreement), plus an estimated £5,000 to cover the Council's legal costs. Of this £286,640 is available from the Council's section 106 funding for affordable housing. This leaves a current shortfall of £64,860 towards the last phased payment. It is recommended that this shortfall be met from section 106 affordable housing commuted sums, should these be received by the Council in time but, alternatively, that the remainder be funded from capital receipts.

### 1.6.2 Communities Infrastructure Project

The Communities Infrastructure project is a crucial part of the Council transformation aims for the Communities and Prevention workstream... The investment of capital funds will have a long-term impact on the facilities available to those in greatest need in the county and improve equality of access, and the provision of support.

It is proposed that the following spaces be developed, in summary:

**Oakham Library** – creation of a permanently partitioned group work/bookable meeting space with digital information point/IT access and which, could be used for example, for housing, employment and debt advice, and community support groups.

**Oakham Library** – creation of a multi-purpose family hub/teaching space for children out-of-school and adult learning in small groups.

**Oakham Library** – redevelopment of garage space to provide youth space (with separate access), bookable meeting room(s) and storage area for library/community hub resources.

**Oakham Children's Centre** (primary family hub site) – conversion of existing windowless meeting room into a sensory space (or use with neuro-diverse children/ including a resource for the Early Years Pathway).

**Uppingham Library** (community hub site) – originally it was proposed to extend the existing building and refurbish/reconfigure library space to provide group work/bookable meeting space and private interview space/information portal for families, with particular focus on family support and activities for parents of children with SEND, and housing, employment and other community groups. Potential to utilise space for young people as a drop in facility. Creation of accessible toilet facilities.

Following a series of site visits, however, the design of the existing space has been reconfiguration to house all the above within the existing footprint of the building thereby negating the need for any extension of the building.

**Ketton Library** (community hub site) – reconfigure existing disused dispensary reception area and storeroom with small area of library to create child and family space and refurbish existing clinic room to create area suitable as information point, drop-ins and advice/community clinics.

The funding for the project is proposed as being £63,000 from s106 and £437,000 from Education capital funds.

### 1.6.3 Special Education Needs and Disability - SEND

RCC will open an Expression of Interest process imminently, this will meet priorities for SEND in line with Rutland's Inclusion Strategy and the Government's proposals in the SEND Green Paper and the DfE Special Provision Terms of Grant. Our schools have told us the priorities would be:

- To develop and equip, an alternative provision in secondary education for Rutland students, some of whom will not have an Education Health and Care plan but are at risk of being excluded from receiving their educational entitlement. To provide short term interventions is expected to be between 3 months and 2 years, offering a more sustainable alternative to provisions usually commissioned by Rutland.

Estimated capital investment £636k

- Early Years and Primary Mainstream small group facilities – up to 3 class groups across schools, that may be utilised as Family Hub facilities. Building on the learning from the Secondary mainstream-plus small group arrangements (at UCC) developing Mainstream plus places 2024 onwards.

Estimated capital investment £50k

- To create primary nurturing environments, potentially 8 across the county, minor refurbishment through a grant process, to create break out spaces in Primary Schools, to enable children's specialist or emerging needs to be met.

Estimated capital investment £352k, plus any underspend from current SEND projects.

The SEND projects identified will be fully government funded.

#### 1.6.4 Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Capital Fund

The Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Capital Fund is a program that supports local authorities in England to work with the charge point industry, to improve the roll out and commercialisation of local charging infrastructure.

The public charge points will help residents who don't have off-street parking and need to charge their electric vehicles (EVs)

The capital funding is to support charge point delivery and to ensure that local authorities have the staff and capability to plan and deliver charging infrastructure.

If Rutland County Council successfully secures a grant funding award, all schemes and projects will be implemented in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant.

#### 1.6.5 Active Travel England (ATE)

Active Travel England is a government organisation that aims to promote and encourage active travel across England. ATE has recently launched the Active Travel Fund 4 (ATF4), which is a funding program for local authorities to invest in active travel infrastructure.

The overall investment objectives of ATF4 are to create a local authority capital investment program that optimises the delivery of the governments commitments and objectives set out in the Transport Decarbonisation Plan.

The UK government has provided £2.5 billion in funding for the ATF4 program, which will be distributed to local authorities across England. The program aims to ease congestion across cities, transform the school run, and provide a boost to high street businesses.

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Programme Area	Programme Description	Corporate Priority	Capital Expenditure						Funding		Uncommitted Funding
			Prior Years £000	2024/25 £000	2025/26 £000	2026/27 £000	2027/28 £000	Total £000	Grants Total £000	Revenue / Capital Receipt / Dev Cont Total £000	
Rolling	Disabled Facilities Grants	Vulnerable	-	270	270	270	270	1,080	1,080	-	-
	Devolved Formula Capital	Public Services	-	5	5	5	5	20	20	-	-
	Highways	Economy	-	2,684	2,684	2,684	2,684	10,736	10,736	-	636
	Local Transport Plan	Public Services	-	462	462	462	462	1,848	1,848	-	1,453
	IT Refresh	Public Services	-	80	80	80	80	320	-	320	0
<b>Total</b>			-	<b>3,501</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>14,004</b>	<b>13,684</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>2,089</b>
Approved	Estimated Carry Forward from Prior Year		-	1,264	-	-	-	1,264	1,249	15	-
	Asset Investment (H&S works)	Public Services	23	542	-	-	-	565	-	565	-
	Affordable Housing - Brooke Road, Oakham	Economy	487	163	-	-	-	650	-	650	-
	LUF P1 Medi Tech Innovation Centre	Vulnerable	1,251	3,076	2,665	-	-	6,992	5,792	1,200	-
	LUF P1 Digital Visitor Experience	Economy	10	1,170	820	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
	LUF P2 Integrated Transport	Public Services	800	1,180	1,020	-	-	3,000	3,000	-	-
	LUF P3 Melton Town Centre Regeneration	Economy	1,173	4,786	6,200	-	-	12,159	12,159	-	-
	UKSPF	Economy	39	165	0	-	-	204	204	-	-
Waste and Street Cleansing Vehicles	Public Services	244	1,862	-	-	-	2,106	-	2,106	-	
<b>Total</b>			<b>4,027</b>	<b>14,207</b>	<b>10,705</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,939</b>	<b>24,403</b>	<b>4,536</b>	<b>0</b>
Request Approval	Affordable Housing South Street	Economy	-	347	-	-	-	347	-	347	-
	Family Hub	Vulnerable	-	500	-	-	-	500	437	63	-
	SEND	Vulnerable	-	1,038	-	-	-	1,038	1,038	-	-
	Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund	Climate	-	257	-	-	-	257	257	-	-
	Active Travel	Climate	-	92	-	-	-	92	92	-	-
<b>Total</b>			-	<b>2,234</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,234</b>	<b>1,824</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Capital Programme</b>			<b>4,027</b>	<b>19,942</b>	<b>14,206</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>45,177</b>	<b>39,911</b>	<b>4,966</b>	<b>2,089</b>

1.8 **Projects in pipeline – to be submitted for approval or added in due course** - In a few areas, works are ongoing and some proposals for new projects are being developed. In these

areas, Cabinet reports are expected sometime in the future.

			Uncommitted Funding
Programme Area	Programme Description	Corporate Priority	Total £000
Pipeline	Waste Transfer Station	Climate	-
	Waste Vehicles - impact of Waste Bill	Climate	-
	Food Waste	Climate	534
	Asset Review - HQ & et al	Public Services	2,249
	Records Office	Public Services	-
	Rural England Prosperity Funding	Economy	400
	School Capacity	Vulnerable	2,501
<b>Total</b>			<b>5,684</b>
Pipeline Developer Contributions	Highways	Economy	507
	Heritage & Culture	Public Services	821
	Towns Villages & Public Spaces	Public Services	289
	Public Transport	Climate	1,000
	Health & Wellbeing Infrastructure	Vulnerable	311
	Childrens & Young People	Vulnerable	302
	Affordable Housing	Economy	0
	Fire & Rescue	Public Services	12
	Police & Crime	Public Services	106
	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	Public Services	914
<b>Total</b>			<b>4,262</b>