

Appendix 9: Durham County Council Additions To The 2015/16 - 2016/17 MTFP Capital Programme

SERVICE	SCHEME	BACKGROUND	2015/16	2016/17	TOTAL
			£	£	£
ACE	Members Neighbourhood Budget	In order to fulfil their roles as community champions and to work in partnership with AAP's to address local priorities in their communities, elected members each had an original allocation of £10K capital per annum. This was also matched with a revenue allocation of £10k per annum leaving a total annual allocation per member of £20K. The allocations have now been adjusted with a £14k capital allocation and a £6k revenue allocation.	0	1,764,000	1,764,000
ACE	Area Action Partnership	AAPs have been set up to give people in County Durham a greater choice and voice in local affairs. The partnerships allow people to have a say on services, and give organisations the chance to speak directly with local communities. Each AAP had an original allocation of £120,000 for local projects and investments. However, £24,000 of the revenue allocation has been transferred to capital.	0	336,000	336,000
		ACE Sub Total	0	2,100,000	2,100,000
CAS	Schools Devolved Capital	These sums are allocated to individual schools with the schools determining the investment.	1,424,000	0	1,424,000
CAS	DFE Capital Maintenance	Each year since 2011/12 local authorities have been allocated Schools Capital Maintenance Grant funding from DfE. This grant funding will address significant condition issues in schools across the county.	0	5,635,000	5,635,000
		CAS Sub Total	1,424,000	5,635,000	7,059,000

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NEI	Local Transport Plan (LTP) - Adopted Highway Maintenance Grant	The LTP Adopted Highway Maintenance Grant Funding is annual capital grant funding from the Department for Transport. The grant is provided to support local authorities with their statutory responsibility to maintain the adopted highway in a safe condition.	0	11,886,000	11,886,000
NEI	Adopted Highway Maintenance	LTP Grant Funding is not sufficient for the Council to maintain the adopted highway network in an appropriate condition. Councils are expected to provide additional funding from their own resources.	0	2,756,000	2,756,000
NEI	Unadopted Highway Maintenance	The large majority of unadopted highway in the County is privately owned and it is the responsibility of the private owners to maintain. However, there is some unadopted highway which is owned by Durham County Council and therefore the Council is responsible for maintenance. This funding will enable the Council owned unadopted highway to be made up to adoptable standards on a priority basis and then maintained by the Council as adopted highway.	500,000	1,000,000	1,500,000
NEI	Flood Prevention	County Durham has suffered from multiple flooding events in recent years. The frequency and severity of flooding events is predicted to increase with climate change. The Council has a significant inventory of drainage assets (highway drainage, culverts, watercourses) and riverbanks. Additional funds are requested to increase flood prevention schemes countywide.	0	1,050,000	1,050,000

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NEI	Thornley, Annfield Plain, Heighington & Stainton Grove Waste Transfer Stations	Since the original capital budget was approved in 2011/12, the 4 waste transfer stations have been returned to authority control (June 2013) and have been found to be in a far worse condition than anticipated. As a result, the scope of work has increased substantially, particularly on the 3 refurbishment schemes where we now have new significant packages of work including mechanical and electrical installations (CCTV, fire alarm, security alarm, external lighting etc), replacement weighbridges and enabling works to facilitate minimal or no closures during works operations where possible. The refurbishment schemes have been developed to a detailed design stage providing greater certainty over the requirements and estimates and the replacement Thornley scheme has been developed to a detailed feasibility study stage with the preferred option being a part refurbishment / significant new build option which was the lowest cost option available.	0	3,757,227	3,757,227
NEI	Changing rooms at Former Blackfyne site and Former Roseberry School	Blackfyne due to close June 2015. The Playing Pitch Strategy has identified this site as a hub for junior football provision . The existing school changing rooms are to be demolished as part of the development on this site. New changing rooms are required to accommodate teams on this site. Roseberry Comprehensive is due to close on 31st August 2014. The Playing Pitch Strategy has identified a shortfall of junior football pitches in this AAP area the existing school changing rooms are to be demolished as part of development of this site. New Changing rooms are required to accommodate teams on this site.	160,000	0	160,000
NEI	Restoration Wharton Park	In July 2013 Cabinet agreed to support a HLF bid for the £3m restoration of Wharton Park Durham City, the report set out DCC capital investment of £129,600 as match funding. This sum is part of that contribution.	0	59,200	59,200
NEI	Chester-le-Street Riverside Park Development	The outdoor paddling pool is now at the end of its life after 15 years of use. The pool is a valuable and well used asset in Riverside Park. Over the last 2 years a number of "patching" repairs have been undertaken to keep the pool open however it is now at the stage where a full refurbishment is required to ensure it continues to meets health and safety requirements.	250,000	0	250,000
		NEI Sub Total	910,000	20,508,427	21,418,427

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RED	Local Transport Plan	Local Transport Plan - Transport Improvements - The third Local Transport Plan was introduced in 2011. There are two funding block allocations from the Department for Transport - Integrated Transport and Maintenance. Funding agreed by DfT for 2014/15 was £3.183 million. DfT Integrated Transport Block (ITB) funding from 2015/2016 onwards will be given to the Combined Authority to distribute to the local authorities. Although the DfT have increased the overall national budget for the Integrated Transport Block, a portion of this has been allocated to the Single Growth Fund and consequently leads to an expected reduction in the direct ITB allocation for DCC to £2.789 million for 2015/2016 and 2016/2017.	0	2,789,000	2,789,000
RED	Structural Capitalised Maintenance	Capitalised Maintenance - Planned structural maintenance to Council buildings thereby limiting the amount of reactive (revenue funded) maintenance required. The programme includes Alterations to Buildings Disability Discrimination Act - Continuing programme of alterations adaptations to public and operational buildings to meet our duties under the DDA and Fire Precaution Works - Fire detection and alarm installations to meet our obligations under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005	0	3,000,000	3,000,000
RED	Aykley Heads Project Development	Funding will enable progress to be made on the plan to redevelop the Aykley Heads site. Expenditure will be incurred on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace & relocate the existing bowling green and croquet pitches at Houghall for phase 1 of Aykley Heads employment site delivery (ATOM) • Provision of landscaping, drainage, highway, utilities & lighting works to allow access for development sites (Infrastructure package) 	95,000	60,000	155,000
RED	Peterlee - North East Industrial Estate (NEIE)	The council seeks to facilitate redevelopment of NEIE for housing by a developer or development consortium in line with the County Durham plan. The estate was first developed around 50 years ago. The estate has seen decline over the years due to low demand. The budget would be used to; Acquire land and property interests as part of a comprehensive site assembly exercise; Demolish premises acquired; Relocate business interests and jobs to other sites in the locality; Compile a dedicated masterplan/development brief to serve as the cornerstone for marketing and ancillary expenditure necessary to secure the identified project objectives. The project is expected to: Achieve the beneficial redevelopment of 17 hectares of land, currently being used inefficiently in the form of an outmoded industrial estate; Create the opportunity for 390 new homes (including affordable provision), tied into surrounding neighbourhoods; Leverage in an estimated £75 million of private sector investment and relocate/safeguard a number of key local employers.	0	370,000	370,000

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RED	Festival Walk - Spennymoor	<p>Festival Walk – infrastructure / site preparation.</p> <p>With the Shopping parade having been in administration for more than five years, an opportunity now presents itself to work with the financiers / administrators to undertake demolition and remodelling work which will reshape and retain existing businesses while providing a development plot for a new user accommodated within a circa 16,000 sq ft gross new unit as well as retaining the existing retail offer / jobs.</p>	300,000	300,000	600,000
RED	Durham - North Road Development	<p>North Road will deliver a “step change” development project which will serve to enhance the retail offer, improve the pedestrian/retail environment, remove barriers between transport & retail zones to improve access and connections for pedestrians and create suitable and attractive transport facilities through highway improvements and a new bus station.</p> <p>With the intention to turn this part of Durham into an arrival gateway and destination location in itself, the main area of focus is to redevelop the northern end of North Road to create ‘North Place’. Phase 2 of the North Road redevelopment project will be to remediate the former bus station site and provide critical infrastructure to achieve maximum capital receipt to the Council. This spend to save focus includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - demolition of the existing buildings - rerouting the watercourse under the existing bus station - relocating the O2 mast on the building - repairing the significant retaining wall - removing the heavy oil interceptor - discharging all of the legal covenants that exist on the site 	350,000	965,000	1,315,000
RED	Durham City Urban Traffic Control (SCOOT)	<p>Improvements to traffic flow through Durham City - This proposal for this area of Durham involves the very busy and often congested A690 Corridor through Durham City and would introduce Urban Traffic Control to coordinate traffic signals and bringing greater efficiency to traffic flow. The scheme involves the signalisation of both Leazes Bowl Roundabout and Gillesgate Roundabout, and the creation of a virtual network of junctions including Church Street / Hallgarth Street, Elvet /Old Elvet, Elvet Puffin crossing and the existing junction at Millburngate roundabout.</p>	0	1,500,000	1,500,000
RED	A19/A189 Sheraton Junction	<p>Improvement to the layout and introduction of traffic signals. Existing traffic volumes at the busy interchange are causing significant safety concerns as motorists undertake unsafe manoeuvres to try and avoid significant queues which sometimes extend onto the A19 running carriageway. In the past 5 years 3 fatalities have occurred in this location together with 3 serious and 9 slight accidents. Attempts have been made to introduce low cost remedial measures however the only potential solution would be to signalise the junction.</p>	0	1,500,000	1,500,000

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RED	Disabled Facilities Grant - DCLG	<p>Disabled Facilities Grant is a mandatory grant which provides significant support to the most vulnerable client groups across County Durham. Adaptations enable clients to remain within their own homes and to live independently. Current figures advise that most grants are awarded to the over 60 age group. The Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People 2010-2013 has identified that there is an ageing population profile within County Durham for those aged 65 and over. The increases expected between 2007 and 2026 are, 65 and over 49.89%, 75 and over 71.4%, 85 and over 115.2%. Support for the grant is of significant importance as it plays a key role in increasing independence and enabling clients to live at home longer.</p>	2,970,000	2,970,000	5,940,000
RED	Malvern Crescent, Seaham	<p>The project involves the acquisition of circa 0.38 ha (0.94 acres) of land which forms part of a larger housing allocation site (owned by the Council and included within a Joint Venture Agreement between the Council and The Homes & Communities Agency).</p> <p>The acquisition of the site is an obligation upon the Council in the Joint Venture agreement and, by Cabinet decision in February (to approve a materplan for the JV land) the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Economic Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Regeneration was authorised to acquire the subject land at Malvern Crescent to enable comprehensive development of the site.</p>	330,000	0	330,000
RED	Financial Assistance Policy (FAP)	<p>The private sector housing financial assistance policy provides a range of financial measures aimed at improving and maintaining healthy living conditions within existing private sector housing stock and seeks to help homeowners to 'future proof' their homes through improvement, repair and adaptation. The policy aims to assist those who are elderly, disabled or on a low income and cannot access funding from a commercial organisation. It also targets intervention to improve declining neighbourhoods that are in need of support by financially assisting individuals to bring long term empties back into use. The FAP provides, decent homes assistance loans, relocation, assisting in bringing empty properties back into use, improving conditions within the private rented sector and DFG top-up where the cost of work exceeds the maximum award or the client is unable to fund their contribution towards the works. Since the inception of the policy in 2009 an average of 70 properties have been improved to decent homes standard to a value of £1.2m annually. The average loan amount is £18,800. All loans are secured against the property by a restricted charge.</p>	0	250,000	250,000

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RED	Sherburn Road Retail Link Road	This project has been identified in the Durham Plan IDP to create a link road to relieve congestion on Dragon Lane and Dragonville retail area. The creation of the link will assist with the continued development of the wider area whilst helping to address existing congestion and air pollution issues. An additional sum of £1.8m will be required in 2017/18.	0	200,000	200,000
RED	Energy Efficiency - Retrofits	The Council can potentially save very large amounts of money in reduced energy bills by investing in energy efficiency retrofits on its buildings. Currently, however, there is no clarity on what our future buildings portfolio will be as a full review is underway. Once we know which buildings we are keeping the Carbon Management programme will develop and implement a full investment programme, designed to reduce energy costs. The improvements that could be delivered include heating and cooling efficiency works, insulation of buildings, pipes and valves, lighting upgrades, BMS and building improvements, renewable energy, voltage optimisation and other specialist technologies appropriate to specific buildings. It is not possible to itemise exact interventions until we know which buildings the council will be retaining.	0	500,000	500,000
RED	Energy Efficiency Programme	The request is to deliver an energy efficiency programmes covering 366 solid walled private sector properties at a total of £3,361,600 across Seaham, Southmoor in Stanley and Dean Bank, Ferryhill using a street by street approach. Potential match funding of £2,520,750 via objective 3 of the European Structural Investment Fund (£2,016,600) and Energy Company Obligation (£504,150) with the remaining £840,850 requested from DCC. An additional £280,283 will be required in 2017/18.	280,284	280,283	560,567

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RED	Town Centre Masterplan Priorities	<p>The Council have approved and adopted a suite of masterplans to deliver intervention programmes within its major centres;</p> <p>All the masterplans have been developed through rigorous consultation and each have an action plan and delivery focus for the Council. The programme is to continue to deliver priorities set as actions within the adopted 12 masterplans, for the County's main centres. Works within the main centres for the proposed 2016/2017 programme include</p> <p>Stanley - final phase of public realm improvements on Front Street and links to car parks/Clifford Road/proposed food retail outlets,</p> <p>Crook - to support the depot site development by improving pedestrian permeability to the new retail outlet,</p> <p>Peterlee - to improve pedestrian linkages to town centre, bus station and private sector food retailers and</p> <p>Bishop Auckland - address issues highlighted in the conservation area appraisal such as empty retail properties, improvement to the Market Place as a focal point for the town centre, improvement of pedestrian links between the town centre / market place, Auckland Castle and rest of Bishop Auckland</p> <p>This programme will complement works being undertaken in other areas of the capital programme.</p>	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
		RED Sub Total	4,325,284	15,684,283	20,009,567
RES	Replacement desktop program	<p>The end user equipment fleet (Desktops, Laptops and Tablet) consists of 8800 items. This is replaced on a four year cycle to ensure that the equipment is fit for purpose and delivers the service for the end users. We have successfully maintained the PC estate and will need to continue doing so to maintain the correct level of equipment. In order to comply with our PSN requirements we need to maintain the level of equipment and ensure it is current and up to date</p>	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
RES	Wireless network replacement	<p>The corporate wireless/WiFi network covers many of the council's offices across the county. The infrastructure is made up from 300 access points with associated system controllers and management tools. Notably, the current system is made up several legacy systems. The existing network was installed pre-LGR and needs to be upgraded to offer additional capacity for modern ways of working and extra features to meet security standards and maintain PSN compliance. This project will introduce a more reliable service with wider coverage that will meet the needs of the authority for the next 4 years.</p>	0	250,000	250,000

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RES	Server Replacement	This bid seeks to fund the replacement of aging servers that provide DEBS, databases (SQL) and servers currently running Windows 2003, which becomes 'end of life' and will not be supported by Microsoft beyond July 2015.	0	155,000	155,000
RES	Email System Upgrade	The corporate email and calendar system is used by over 10,000 users and handles over 60,000 transactions per day. This system is over 3 years old and needs to be upgraded to the latest version to ensure that it remain supportable, reliable and offers a full range modern features. This project will upgrade the service and make it more resilient. In line with improved business continuity across ICT Services, the new system will run on active/active platforms, rather than active/passive from the Council's data centre at Tanfield and business continuity site in Sunderland.	0	155,000	155,000
RES	Electronic voting equipment	This is a proposal to replace the electronic voting system that is used at full Council meetings. The existing system, purchased in time for the first council meeting following LGR in April 2009, brought about a reduced time for a council meeting, increased the amount of business that could be transacted at it, and improved the transparency, clarity, and accuracy of voting. The equipment is now 5 years old, and there have been some difficulties with it. Although a maintenance fee is paid, the system is perhaps one of the earliest types produced and is not easy to use. Despite being maintained by the off-site company (IML), who are based in Hampshire, and pre-meeting testing by officers it cannot always be relied on.	100,000	0	100,000
RES	Big Data	The Council and its partners hold a considerable amount of data which continues to grow year on year. Tools are now available which enable the easier analysis of this data. Through a greater understanding of what the data is able to tell us the Council and its partners will be able to improve decision making, increase efficiency of its service delivery and identify new service opportunities. Capital is required to identify a number of pilot schemes that demonstrate the enormous opportunities contained within the data and will allow future schemes to be developed that are self funding.	150,000	0	150,000

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RES	Mobile Device Management	The authority operates over 1000 mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablet computers. To meet PSN standards, a management system is needed to reduce the security risks associated with these devices. The proposed system will allow data to be removed from the devices remotely, store data in secure containers/folders on the device, provide secure collaboration tools and allow remote configuration. This bid is for server hardware and management software.	0	195,000	195,000
		RES Sub Total	250,000	1,755,000	2,005,000
		TOTAL	6,909,284	45,682,710	52,591,994