

Additions to the 2024/25 - 2027/28 MTFP(14) Capital Programme

SERVICE	SCHEME	BACKGROUND	Linkages to Corporate Plan Priorities	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	TOTAL
				£	£	£	£	£
CYPS	School Condition Funding & Basic Need	This element of Capital Grant is allocated by the DfE to LA's and is determined by both school condition and weighted pupil numbers with the level of funding dictated by the DfE's Condition Data Collection data. The £8.5 million is the estimate of the likely government grant.	Our Economy - Young people accessing good quality education, training and employment and Our People - Children and young people enjoying the best start in life, good health and emotional wellbeing, and a safe childhood	0	8,500,000	0	0	8,500,000
CYPS	Schools Devolved Capital	This capital grant is allocated to individual schools to invest in school infrastructure.	Our Economy - Young people accessing good quality education, training and employment and Our People - Children and young people enjoying the best start in life, good health and emotional wellbeing, and a safe childhood	0	1,100,000	0	0	1,100,000
CYPS	Middleton in Teesdale Primary School	The school building has significant issues which have been highlighted in a structural report and a permanent solution has been identified by DfE. This solution will require financial support from the council. It is forecast that a £2 million contribution from the council will secure a significant investment in the school from the DfE.	Our Economy - Young people accessing good quality education, training and employment and Our People - Children and young people enjoying the best start in life, good health and emotional wellbeing, and a safe childhood	2,000,000	0	0	0	2,000,000
CYPS	Moorside Childrens Home	To reprovide Moorside Children's Home which is dated and requires require extensive improvements / refurbishment	Our People - Children and young people enjoying the best start in life, good health and emotional wellbeing, and a safe childhood	900,000	0	0	0	900,000
CYPS	Childrens Home Improvements	To support the ongoing improvements of our Children's Homes stock, which falls outside facilities maintenance and capitalised maintenance responsibilities.	Our People - Children and young people enjoying the best start in life, good health and emotional wellbeing, and a safe childhood	250,000	250,000	0	0	500,000
		CYPS Sub Total		3,150,000	9,850,000	0	0	13,000,000
NCC	Crakehill Landslip	Crakehill is situated on the C31 and west of the A68. The road is presently closed due to subsidence. This budget will enable remedial works to be carried out to ensure the road can be reopened.	Our Environment - A physical environment contributing to good health and also a protected, restored and sustainable natural environment	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	2,000,000
NCC	Leazes Bridge Demolition	Recent inspections have identified concern over the condition of the concrete deck. Temporary repair works have been undertaken to the north span which is considered to be in poor condition. Preliminary finding of the ongoing structural investigation and assessment also indicate potential failure in its capacity to carry full pedestrian loading. Demolition will mitigate ongoing health and safety concerns	Our Environment - A physical environment contributing to good health and also a protected, restored and sustainable natural environment	1,000,000	0	0	0	1,000,000
NCC	IHAMS Asset Management System	This asset management system will replace Symology across Highways. The current system is no longer fit for purpose. A new system will provide an opportunity for other services to utilise the new system for their asset management requirements.	Our Council - Using data and technology more effectively. Effectively managed resources	528,000	0	0	0	528,000
NCC	Net Zero - Buildings	The decarbonisation of heat and transport are our main challenges to meet the 2030 corporate carbon emissions reduction target and would include the replacement of over 700 gas and oil boilers across the non-schools estate. This would be dependent on replacing at least 100 boilers per year up to 2030 with air source heat pumps (ASHPs) or equivalent renewable heating. This additional investment will ensure the council has match funding available to secure grant funding to continue investment in boiler replacement and other energy reduction initiatives.	Our Environment - A carbon neutral county Effectively managed resources	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	2,000,000

NCC	Net Zero - Fleet EV charging	The decarbonisation of fleet is a major challenge and whilst we have made some progress it's mainly been on small vans on a small scale so far, the larger vehicles posing much more of a challenge, but will provide a greater carbon saving. We will need a range of different powered chargers, the current installations being more suitable for small vans but as manufacturers develop models to replace the larger & heavier vehicles we will require more powerful chargers and grid capacity upgrades. We must continue the roll out of EVs to decarbonise the DCC fleet to meet the new zero target by 2030 by rolling out fleet charging capability at all key sites and depots.	Our Environment - A carbon neutral county Effectively managed resources	200,000	200,000	0	0	400,000
NCC	Department for Transport (DfT) - Local Transport Plan (LTP) - Adopted Highway Maintenance Grant Funding	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.	Our Environment - A physical environment contributing to good health and also a protected, restored and sustainable natural environment	0	14,841,000	0	0	14,841,000
NCC	Highways Maintenance	This investment will enable the funding from the LTP grant to be supplemented to enable additional repair works to be carried out	Our Environment - A physical environment contributing to good health and also a protected, restored and sustainable natural environment Our Economy - A strong competitive economy	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0	5,000,000
NCC	Play Area Improvements	In 2015 cabinet approved the fixed play strategy for the county. The report highlighted key play sites across the local authority area considering the population of children 4 - 14. This budget will enable the continued investment in a number of key strategic areas that do not meet the recommendations under the play strategy:	Our People - Children and young people enjoying the best start in life, good health and emotional wellbeing, and a safe childhood and Our Environment - A physical environment contributing to good health Our Communities - Good access to workplaces, services,	140,000	140,000	0	0	280,000
NCC	Bridges and Structures	The LTP grant funding received is required to ensure that the road and pathway network is effectively maintained. This requirement leaves little flexibility to invest significantly into the preliminary feasibility studies and detailed design required to provide repair solutions for the county's bridges and structures. This budget will enable a prioritised investment programme of design solutions to be developed and enable future repairs/replacement to be carried out.	Our Environment - A physical environment contributing to good health and also a protected, restored and sustainable natural environment Our Economy - A strong Economy	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	0	5,000,000
NCC	Members Neighbourhood Budget Capital Element	In order to fulfil their roles as community champions and work in partnership with AAPs to address local priorities in their communities, since 2009 elected members have been allocated a Neighbourhood Budget. The capital allocation is presently £14,000 per member with 98 members in 2025/26.	Our Communities - Communities able to come together and support each other and also rural communities which are sustainable whilst retaining their distinctiveness. Towns and villages which are vibrant, well-used, clean, attractive and safe Rural communities which are sustainable whilst retaining their distinctiveness. Narrowed inequality gap between our communities	0	1,372,000	0	0	1,372,000
NCC	Area Action Partnerships - Capital Element	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 received a £24,000 capital allocation in 2023/24 but this will increase to £30,000 in 2024/25 requiring additional budget for 2024/25.	Our Communities - Communities able to come together and support each other and also rural communities which are sustainable whilst retaining their distinctiveness Towns and villages which are vibrant, well-used, clean, attractive and safe Rural communities which are sustainable whilst retaining their distinctiveness. Narrowed inequality gap between our communities	84,000	420,000	0	0	504,000
NCC		NCC Sub Total		8,952,000	23,973,000	0	0	32,925,000
REG	LTP - Integrated Transport	This DfT grant funding is essential to deliver the Local Transport Plan. The allocation is at the core of delivery of transport improvements across County Durham.	Our Environment - A physical environment contributing to good health and also a protected, restored and sustainable natural environment Our Economy – A strong, competitive economy. Our Communities – Towns and villages which are vibrant, well-used, clean, attractive and safe. Good access to workplaces, services, retail and leisure opportunities. Rural communities which are sustainable whilst retaining their distinctiveness. Narrowed inequality gap between our communities	0	2,748,094	0	0	2,748,094

REG	Disabled Facilities Grant	Disabled Facilities Grant is a specific 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. 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.	Our People - Supporting people to live independently for as long as possible - more homes for older and disabled people	0	6,988,139	0	0	6,988,139
REG	Demolition of County Hall	This budget will enhance the current capital budget of £5 million to enable cCunty Hall to be demolished.	Our Council - effectively managed resources and also a workforce for the future	0	2,106,000	2,880,000	0	4,986,000
REG	Structural Capitalised Maintenance	Continuing programme of planned work, alterations and adaptations to reduce the backlog maintenance of the Councils non-schools property portfolio and to meet obligations under relevant legislation such as the Health and Safety Act.	Our Environment - A physical environment contributing to good health and Our Council - effectively managed resources	0	6,000,000	0	0	6,000,000
REG	Ferryhill Rail Station	If the reopening is to progress it is likely the council would be required to provide an element of match funding to be in place. This budget will enable such funds to be made available if required.	Our economy - a strong and competitive economy and Our communities - Narrowed inequality gap between our communities	0	1,125,000	0	0	1,125,000
REG	Demolition Programme	It is one of the Council's main ambitions to create a connected communities living in the safe and clean, attractive environment and where youth crime and antisocial behaviours are controlled and managed effectively. When council derelict buildings remain on site whilst awaiting disposal through sale or new development, they are subject to or attract antisocial behaviour. This can result in fire damage and structural damage to the fabric of the building.	Our Communities - Towns and villages which are vibrant, well-used, clean, attractive and safe Our Council - Effective management of resources	0	1,355,000	0	0	1,355,000
REG	Lesiure Transformation	The Lesiure Transformation Programme currently totals £42.6m. The additional targeted investment with increase the budgeted programme by 23% and see investment in improvements / enhancements to customer experience at Chester-le Street LC and Seaham LC	Our People - Protect and improve the health of the local population, tackling leading causes of illness and death Our Communities - Good access to workplaces, services, retail and leisure opportunities	0	10,000,000	0	0	10,000,000
REG	Durham Bus Station	The current development has faced a number of significant unforeseen challenges to remain within the budget sum available. This budget will ensure the scheme can be completed within a revised budget sum	Our economy - a strong and competitive economy and Our communities - Narrowed inequality gap between our communities	3,200,000	0	0	0	3,200,000
REG	The Story	The current development has faced a number of significant unforeseen challenges to remain within the budget sum available. This budget will ensure the scheme can be completed within a revised budget sum.	Our Economy - A strong , competitive economy and also Our Communities - Communities able to come together and support each other	2,400,000	0	0	0	2,400,000
REG	Traffic Light Replacement	The Highway Authority has a Statutory duty to maintain traffic signals under section 41(1) of the highways Act 1980. The current type of bulb will no longer be available after September 2023 and as such the council is required to replace with a new set up requiring capital investment. This investment will enable the council to begin a full programme of replacing current units.	Our Communities - Good access to workplaces, services, retail and leisure opportunities	750,000	750,000	0	0	1,500,000
REG	Killhope MEND Match Funding	This investment will support the councils funding bid and enable the council to coverage a further £500K from the Arts Council's MEND Fund R3.	Our Economy - A broader experience for residents and visitors	175,000	0	0	0	175,000
REG	Library LMS Match Funding	This match funding will leverage around £500K from the Arts Council towards continuation of Library Transformation focussed on modernisation and digitisation.	Our Economy - A broader experience for residents and visitors	75,000	75,000	0	0	150,000
REG	Non-Highways Structures	There are currently 211 non-highway structures ranging from viaducts, bridges, footbridges, culverts and associated abutments and retaining walls registered on the property database. This investment will enable a prioritised repair programme to be developed.	Our Environment - A physical environment contributing to good health and also a protected, restored and sustainable natural environment Our Council - Effectively managed resources	0	250,000	0	0	250,000
		REG Sub Total		6,600,000	31,397,233	2,880,000	0	40,877,233

RES	Civica Reprocurement	The Civica OPENRevenues (OR) integrated Revenues, Benefits, DIP and workflow system, ICON Pay Cash Receipting, and Income Management and reconciliation system and Fraud case management systems were originally procured in 2009 through the Software Application Solutions framework, bringing the seven district councils and the county council systems into one system. Systems were re-procured in 2017 via direct award under the Crown Commercial Services Local Authority Software Applications Framework (RM 1059) Lot 1. The duration of this award was for a maximum of 7 years meaning that the current contract expires on 7 September 2024 with no provision to extend beyond this date.	Our Council - Effectively managed resources and Using data and technology more effectively. Our Economy and Our Communities - Tackling poverty and narrowing gaps and supporting vulnerable people.	1,100,000	0	0	0	1,100,000
RES	Unified Comms Programme	Development of a Unified Communications infrastructure will ensure that the council is able to maintain the high quality and flexibility of existing telecommunications services and have the foundations for the development of new services. Without this investment, integration of modern and emerging communications channels, such as Teams and Zoom, into the authority's system will be much more difficult and would lead to separate, incohesive instances being deployed. The benefits of a single ID and single number will be difficult to realise without this approach.	Our Council - Using data and technology more effectively.	0	305,000	0	0	305,000
RES	Cloud Connectivity Upgrade	As the council adopts more web and cloud based systems, more capacity is required to transfer data to and from application service providers on the Internet. Additionally, to enable features such as data management on these links that will allow traffic management and guaranteed quality of service (QoS), upgrades to the current network will be needed.	Our Council - Using data and technology more effectively.	21,000	0	0	0	21,000
RES	Equipment Replacement	Replacement of computers, mobile phones, monitors and peripherals. This investment will ensure that all staff have appropriate equipment to fulfil their job roles and can operate in a hybrid working environment.	Our Council - Using data and technology more effectively.	0	1,914,000	0	0	1,914,000
RES	Firewall Replacement	To ensure that resources remain secure against the growing number and sophistication of attacks, these appliances need to be upgraded periodically. To reduce the complexity of change, firewalls are not all upgraded at the same time (in the same year), and upgrades are staggered over multiple years.	Our Council - Using data and technology more effectively.	178,000	0	0	0	178,000
RES	Cyber security - Datacentre licensing and support	Trend AV (servers), Solarwinds, VMWare, Nessus, Nominet PSN DNS, Boxphish, Avamar (backups) are all due for renewal. These provide crucial, mission critical services to the council (anti-virus protection, backups, infrastructure that runs line of business applications, PSN connectivity, and staff training for security protection).	Our Council - Using data and technology more effectively.	0	913,000	0	0	913,000
RES	Cyber security - Datacentre platform upgrades and replacements	Key datacentre hardware is due for replacement - Isilon (file sharing), Pulse (VPN), and other key server replacement (Oracle DeBS hardware, logs, Solarwinds monitoring, and VMware main application hosting platform at one site).	Our Council - Using data and technology more effectively.	0	1,650,000	0	0	1,650,000
		RES Sub Total		1,299,000	4,782,000	0	0	6,081,000
		TOTAL		20,001,000	70,002,233	2,880,000	0	92,883,233