

## Appendix 11: New Capital Programme Schemes for MTFP(15)

Service	Scheme	Background	Linkages to Corporate Plan Priorities	2025/26 £'000	2026/27 £'000	Total £'000
<b>CYPS</b>	Schools Condition Funding and Basic Needs	This element of Capital Grant is allocated by the Department of Education to local authorities by both school condition and weighted pupil numbers, with the level of funding dictated by the Department for Education's Condition Data Collection Data. The additional grant funding is an estimate of the likely grant funding in 2026/27 and is in line with the estimated allocation in 2025/26.	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.		6,500	<b>6,500</b>
<b>CYPS</b>	School Devolved Capital	This capital grant is allocated to individual schools to invest in school infrastructure. The additional grant funding is an estimate of the likely grant funding in 2026/27 and is in line with the estimated allocation in 2025/26.	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.		1,100	<b>1,100</b>
<b>CYPS</b>	Children's Social Care Sufficiency Strategy	This budget sum enables further investment in Edge of Care and additional In-House Care Home capacity to help manage the children's social care residential market and help mitigate the forecast increase in	Our people – Children and Young People Enjoying the best start in life, good health and emotional wellbeing, and a safe childhood.		2,000	<b>2,000</b>

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		children's social care costs in later years. This additional investment will be funded by borrowing.				
<b>CYPS SUB-TOTAL</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>9,600</b>	<b>9,600</b>
<b>NCC</b>	Department for Transport – Local Transport Plan Highways Maintenance	The Local Transport Adopted Highways Maintenance Grant Funding is annual capital grant funding, from the Department of Transport which is provided to support local authorities with their statutory responsibility to maintain the adopted highway in a safe condition. The additional grant funding is an estimate of the likely grant funding in 2026/27 and is in line with the estimated allocation in 2025/26.	Our Environment – A physical environment contributing to good health and a protected, restored and sustainable natural environment		14,800	<b>14,800</b>
<b>NCC</b>	Department for Transport – Local Transport Plan Highways Maintenance	The Autumn 2024 Budget announced nearly £1.6 billion in capital funding for local highways maintenance in England for the financial year 2025 to 2026. This includes £500 million of additional funding when compared to funding levels for 2024 to 2025. The additional funding will be allocated to the North East Combined Authority (NECA), and the Council's share is expected to be confirmed before the start of 2025/26.	Our Environment – A physical environment contributing to good health and a protected, restored and sustainable natural environment	6,596		<b>6,596</b>

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<b>NCC</b>	Wolsingham Bridge	This budget sum will fund major essential repairs to Wolsingham Bridge.	Our Environment – A physical environment contributing to good health and a protected, restored and sustainable natural environment		2,000	<b>2,000</b>
<b>NCC SUB-TOTAL</b>				<b>6,596</b>	<b>16,800</b>	<b>23,396</b>
<b>REG</b>	Integrated Transport – Local Transport Fund	Local Transport Plan – Department for Transport Grant Funding to deliver the Local Transport Plan at the core of delivery of transport improvements across County Durham. The additional grant funding is an estimate of the likely grant funding in 2026/27 and is in line with the estimated allocation in 2025/26.	<p>Our Environment – A Physical Environment contributing to good health and a protected, restored and sustainable natural environment.</p> <p>Our economy – a strong, competitive economy.</p> <p>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 equality gap between our communities.</p>		<b>2,700</b>	<b>2,700</b>
<b>REG</b>	City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement Funding from North East Combined Authority	The Council has received notification from NECA that it will receive £23.0 million as its allocation of the regional share of Phase 1 funding for City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement Funding, to be defrayed over 2025/26 and 2026/27.	<p>Our Environment – A Physical Environment contributing to good health and a protected, restored and sustainable natural environment.</p> <p>Our economy – a strong, competitive economy.</p>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>23,000</b>

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		<p>This provides a regionally equitable transport investment for Durham reflective of the unique context surrounding the devolution deal agreed in 2022.</p> <p>The Council will be required to put forward schemes which are subject to business case approval by NECA to drawdown the funding. The Council may also be required to provide some degree of match funding towards the schemes, on a case-by-case basis. It is expected that match funding will be found from within the existing capital programme.</p>	<p>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 equality gap between our communities.</p>			
<b>REG</b>	<p>Disabled Facilities Adaptations Grant</p>	<p>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. Most grants are awarded to the over-60 age group. Support for the grant is important as it plays a key role in increasing independence and enabling clients to live at home longer.</p>	<p>Our People – Supporting people to live independently for as long as possible – more homes for older and disabled people</p>	1,683	8,671	<b>10,354</b>

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<b>REG</b>	County Hall Demolition and Site Clearance	This additional budget allocation takes the total available capital budget to £13.341 million to estimated costs of the site demolition and site clearance.	Our Council – effectively managed resources and a workforce for the future		2,880	<b>2,880</b>
<b>REG</b>	NetPark Phase 3a	This capital allocation is provided to cover the element of the speculative build costs of Netpark Phase 3a which cannot be self-funded is a major inward investor does not take up occupancy in the facility and the asset must be leased at a lower secondary rent. This position could be mitigated if the prospective tenant takes occupancy of the building or would be willing to consider making a capital contribution to mitigate the risk, with discussions ongoing in this regard.	Our Economy – a strong and competitive economy		12,731	<b>12,731</b>
<b>REG</b>	Buildings Capitalised / Structural Maintenance	Continuing programme of planned work, alterations and adaptations to reduce the backlog maintenance of the Council's non-school portfolio and to meet obligations under relevant legislation such as the Health and Safety Act.	Our Council – effectively managed resources and a workforce for the future		8,000	<b>8,000</b>
<b>REG</b>	Members Neighbourhoods Budget (Capital)	To fulfil their roles as community champions and work in partnership with Community Networks to address local priorities in their communities, since 2009, elected members have been allocated a Neighbourhood	Our communities – Communities can come together and support each other and rural communities, which are sustainable, whilst retaining their distinctiveness.		1,372	<b>1,372</b>

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		Budget. The capital allocation will be set aside for 2026/27 and represents £14,000 per elected member (98 members from May 2025).	<p>Towns and Villages which are vibrant, well-used, clean, attractive and safe.</p> <p>Rural Communities which are sustainable, whilst retaining their distinctiveness.</p> <p>Narrowed inequality gap between our communities.</p>			
<b>REG</b>	Community Network Budgets	<p>Local Community Networks are allocated capital funds to use flexibly on grants to the local community. From May 2025, each of the Local Community Networks will be allocated capital funding to distribute. This allocation represents the allocation for 2026/27.</p>	<p>Our communities – Communities are able to come together and support each other and also rural communities, which are sustainable, whilst retaining their distinctiveness.</p> <p>Towns and Villages which are vibrant, well-used, clean, attractive and safe.</p> <p>Rural Communities which are sustainable, whilst retaining their distinctiveness.</p> <p>Narrowed inequality gap between our communities.</p>		420	<b>420</b>
<b>REG</b>	Demolitions	It is a key ambition of the Council to create a connected series of communities, living in a 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	Our Communities – Towns and Villages which are vibrant, well-used, clean, attractive and safe.		1,000	<b>1,000</b>

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		awaiting disposal through sale or new development, they can be subject to or attract antisocial behaviour. This can result in fire damage and structural damage to the fabric of the building.				
REG	Aykley Heads	The entering into a Joint Venture arrangement for Aykley Heads requires an initial capital contribution from the Council of £2.5 million to fulfil pre-development design work for the first phase of development on Aykley Heads, the initial costs of providing suitable site-wide infrastructure and associated master planning for this site.	Our Economy – a strong and competitive economy		2,500	<b>2,500</b>
REG	Milburngate	Subject to separate Cabinet approval on 12 February 2025, this capital sum – funded on a self-financing basis from the income generated – will provide for the acquisition, remediation and changing layout of the site. The capital financing costs of this additional borrowing are expected to be managed from the additional rental income streams which will be generated once the facility is fully operational.	Our Economy – a strong and competitive economy		55,000	<b>55,000</b>
<b>REG Sub-total</b>				<b>13,183</b>	<b>106,774</b>	<b>119,957</b>

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<b>RES</b>	ICT Equipment / Devices	Replacement of computers, mobile phones, monitors and peripheral IT hardware. 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 efficiently		1,914	<b>1,914</b>
<b>RES</b>	Microsoft 365 Back Ups	Essential investment to back-up our existing Microsoft 365 infrastructure if Microsoft suffer an outage, which provides us with a separate independent disaster recovery copy of our data.	Our Council – using data and technology more efficiently	150	150	<b>300</b>
<b>RES</b>	Wireless Access Points	Investment to replace our Ageing Wireless Access Points. A lot of our buildings have legacy Wi-Fi access points. The service is distributing modern devices to users, and the connectivity to our existing Wi-Fi points is not sufficiently fast. This investment will improve the effectiveness of our Wi-Fi access points with our modern technology.	Our Council – using data and technology more efficiently	220		<b>220</b>
<b>RES</b>	Library System	Replacement of existing Library System to a more secure and efficient system. This is to replace a legacy system which is more than 25 years old and we have limited internal knowledge of the system.	Our Council – using data and technology more efficiently	300		<b>300</b>



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<b>RES</b>	Oracle Fusion	Earmarked investment to replace our existing Financial Management System (Oracle) to a cloud-based system with enhanced functionality and performance. This initial allocation may need increasing as part of an MTFP(16) bid depending on the scale of the investment and opportunities to further rationalise our existing software systems, including the HR and Payroll systems.	Our Council – using data and technology more efficiently	500	2,500	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Resources Sub-total</b>				<b>1,170</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>5,734</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>20,949</b>	<b>137,738</b>	<b>158,687</b>