

Durham County Council Additions to the 2017/18 - 2018/19 MTFP(7) Capital Programme

Appendix 9

SERVICE	SCHEME	BACKGROUND	2017/18	2018/19	TOTAL
			£	£	£
T&P	Members Neighbourhood Budget	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 alongside a smaller Member Initiative Fund. From an initial overall combined allocation per member of £27,000 (£10,000 capital and £17,000 revenue) this funding has been reduced to a proposed overall allocation per member for 2017/18 of £19,400 (£14,000 capital and £5,400 revenue).	0	1,764,000	1,764,000
T&P	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 originally had an allocation of £150,000 (revenue) for local projects and investments. However, since their establishment in 2009, this figure has been reduced to a proposed level of £100,000 (£76,000 revenue, £24,000 capital) for 2017/18	0	336,000	336,000
T&P Sub Total			0	2,100,000	2,100,000
CYPS	Devolved Capital	This capital grant is allocated to individual schools to invest in school infrastructure.	0	1,378,000	1,378,000
CYPS	DfE Capital & Basic Need Grant	This capital grants paid by the DfE to local authorities are allocated and determined by school condition and weighted pupil numbers and should be used to ensure that the council addresses the poor condition of the existing school estate and increasingly to provide resources for additional pupil places in areas of demographic growth. The council has been allocated £4,984,028 Basic Need funding for 2018/19 and based upon DfE advice we are assuming the same amount of DfE Capital Maintenance grant for 2018/19 as we expect to receive for 2017/18 which is £5,400,151.	0	10,384,179	10,384,179
CYPS	Schools Maintenance	Although the council will receive £10.3million of government grants in 2018/19 this sum will not be sufficient to satisfy all of the significant maintenance and pupil number demands from our schools. It is estimated that an additional £3million investment will be required	0	3,000,000	3,000,000
CYPS	New build primary school to replace Bowburn Infant & Nursery School and Bowburn Junior School	Bowburn is an area of the county which has experienced and continues to experience significant growth via housing developments which is putting pressure on school places. The existing school provision in Bowburn is Bowburn Infant & Nursery School and Bowburn Junior School which are approximately half a mile apart. Bowburn Junior School is a CLASP building in excess of 40 years old and is suffering from flooding and related dampness which may require significant investment to resolve both issues. It is not cost effective however to continually be carrying out remedial works. The most effective education solution for Bowburn to address the pressure on school places and to address the poor condition of the Junior School building is a new build primary school with a capacity for up to 540 pupils and a 39 place nursery unit to "futureproof" the school for any further developments in the area that may be proposed in future.	0	7,120,000	7,120,000

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CYPS	Investment in Nursery Provision associated with policy of providing 30 Hours free Childcare	The DfE wrote to all councils in May 2016 outlining that working parents of 3 and 4 year olds will be entitled to 30 hours of free childcare. The Government made it clear that this entitlement will be effective from September 2017. The DfE invited LA's to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for capital funding to support the delivery of capital projects to enable additional childcare places to be provided. Unfortunately the council has not been successful in attracting grant funding but investment of £0.75million is forecast to be required.	750,000	0	750,000
CYPS	Review of the Social Services Information Database (SSID)	The Social Services Information Database (SSID) is used within Childrens and Adults Social Care as the principal IT system. It is used by frontline services, as well commissioning staff and those involved in related financial functions/payments. The System has been used since the early 1990's and has been modernised and developed to support the needs of the Council. However, recent feedback is clear that the system is not keeping pace with more modern systems and that Durham is falling behind some of the new technologies which are available. A review is currently taking place to look at the options available to the Council for future provision of IT systems in this area.	1,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000
		CYPS Sub Total	1,750,000	23,882,179	25,632,179

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Real	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	10,230,000	10,230,000
Real	Adopted Highway Maintenance	DfT 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. The approved bid for 2017/18 was £5,000,000 which is replicated for 2018/19. This bid also incorporates the re-allocation of the former LAMA budget.	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Real	Unadopted Highway Maintenance	Durham County Council owns 42km of unadopted carriageway and 202km of unadopted footway together with other associated assets (gullies, kerbs, markings etc). Funding has previously been approved in 2015/16 and 2016/17 to bring unadopted highway up to adoptable standard. An additional amount of £1,000,000 is requested to continue the process of eradicating unadopted highways.	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
Real	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.	0	500,000	500,000
Real	Street Lighting Column Replacement	The Council has an inventory of 67,527 street lighting columns of which 10,010 currently exceed their service life of 40 years. There is a pressing need to supplement the street lighting LTP capital budget to enable the replacement of 1,625 columns per annum going forward on a risk based approach at a total cost of £2,112,500 per annum. The estimated street lighting LTP capital budget in 2017/18 is £327,000. Therefore, the bid is for the balance required to replace 1,625 columns which is £1,786,000.	0	1,786,000	1,786,000
Real	Replacement of Deerness Bridge	Deerness Bridge was closed on 13 April 2016 after a scheduled inspection and subsequent detailed structural review raised concerns that it could no longer withstand the weight of traffic. A temporary Bailey Bridge was installed on 3 June 2016 to enable this important route to re-open to traffic. However, the Bailey Bridge is only single carriageway and has an 18 tonne weight restriction and is not a permanent solution. Therefore, a permanent replacement bridge is required to be constructed.	1,500,000	0	1,500,000

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RealL	Peterlee library / leisure centre co-location project	There is a need to find a new site for the library in Peterlee which is currently on a site which was previously sold. The site is no longer of value to original purchaser who is looking to sell the site to a third party. As a part of the disposal the council are negotiating a settlement figure for the relocation of the library.. Currently costs to relocate to the leisure centre and refurbish existing communal & changing spaces in order to accommodate the library are estimated to be £0.75million higher than the forecast capital receipt.	750,000	0	750,000
RealL	Coxhoe East- former landfill site- Leachate treatment project	Coxhoe East Landfill was designed and granted permission as a dilute and disperse facility meaning no basal liner was required resulting in contaminated ground water escaping out of the boundary of the site. The site was closed and capped circa 2005. Contaminated surface water (Leachate) has escaped the capping system since its installation. More stringent regulation over the last few years means additional treatment is now required to reduce the contamination effect. The discharge from the site monitored and regulated by the Environment Agency (EA) remains unacceptable and they require mitigation measures to be put in place as soon as practicable.	485,000	325,000	810,000
RealL	Local Transport Plan (LTP) - Integrated Transport	Local Transport Plan - Transport Improvements - The Third Local Transport Plan was introduced in 2011. There were two funding block allocations from the DfT- Integrated Transport and Maintenance Funding. From 2015/2016 onwards the Integrated Transport element will be given to the Combined Authority to distribute to the local authorities in line with DfT indicative allocations.	0	2,689,000	2,689,000
RealL	Structural Capitalised Maintenance	Capitalised Maintenance - Continuing programme of planned work, alterations and adaptations to reduce the backlog maintenance of the Council's non-schools property portfolio and to meet obligations under relevant legislation such as the Equalities Act and Fire Safety Orders.	0	4,500,000	4,500,000
RealL	Aykley Heads Project Development	Aykley Heads has around 6.8ha of developable area for business and employment. The site is currently a successful business and employment location, providing a home to over 30 businesses in a range of professional and scientific sectors, business support organisations such as the North East Chamber of Commerce and has recently attracted the accounting firm Mazars, the NHS and Atom Bank. The capital allocation will identify and procure a delivery model, establish associated costs and undertake site preparation works including footpath, lighting, initial highway works and environmental improvements to allow the site to be brought forward for development.	0	250,000	250,000
RealL	Peterlee North East Industrial Estate	. A regeneration strategy for acquiring and demolishing property, coupled with other measures, already holds Cabinet endorsement and is being implemented. This has, to date, been focussed upon part of the estate which houses a number of smaller property owners. The Council's approach has been to simplify land assembly through the acquisition of these interests. Significant progress has been made towards facilitating regeneration, including securing outline planning permission for 390 new homes and developer interest in delivering a comprehensive scheme. The Council has acquired 7 of the 16 land parcels in the acquisition zone and has demolished buildings on 6 of them at a cost of £1,050,920. The additional investment will enable the completion of the scheme.	0	150,000	150,000

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RealL	Finance Durham Investment Fund	Finance Durham is an Investment Fund created by the Council to help deliver business growth and job creation. The fund would be financed by the Council and operated on a commercial basis and as such it is intended to generate a financial return over the longer term. The fund has been designed with growing the County economy as its core function. In the context of growing the economy of County Durham, these outputs are considerable and they also deliver increased reputation for Durham as a place to do business where the local authority is committed to economic growth. The expectation is that the fund will make equity and debt investments into high growth businesses.	-	4,869,949	4,869,949
RealL	Durham North Road	Following the Five Case Business process, the preferred option project has been identified and is to be delivered across three phases. Phase 1 consists of removing the roundabout at the junction of A690 and North Road, realigning the road network, relocating the bus station, and undertaking public realm works to create a pedestrian gateway; 'North Place'. Phase 2 will undertake works to the old bus station site to prepare it for sale to the commercial market, inc relocating telecom masts, realigning a culvert and site preparation. Phase 3 will involve the redevelopment of the old bus station site and adjacent third party land for a mixed use development. The additional investment will enable the completion of the scheme.	0	1,560,000	1,560,000
RealL	Energy Efficiency	European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) Priority Axis 4 - Solid Wall Insulation project to trial and evaluate innovation and close to the market insulation technology on approximately 200 hard to treat solid wall properties across South Moor and selected properties across Weardale and Teesdale as part of a pilot where fuel poverty is 25% compared to the County average of 11.5%.	0	275,974	275,974
RealL	Disabled Facilities Grant - DCLG	Disabled Facilities Grant provides significant support to the most vulnerable client groups across County Durham. Adaptations enable clients to remain within their own homes to live independently. Current figures advise that most grants are awarded to the over 60 age group.	-	1,200,000	1,200,000
RealL	Bishop Auckland - Strategic Interventions and Acquisitions Programme	Auckland Castle Trust now have most of their planning consents in place to develop their heritage attraction. They are currently bringing forward the restoration of the Castle, the new Walled Garden, the Spanish Art Gallery and the Mining Art Museum. They are also starting to develop plans for the Hotel development at the Queens Head & Post Chaise. Auckland Castle Trust will be spending approximately £60M in and around the Town Centre over the next few years. There is a need to provide modern floorplates for national retailers, in order to provide the right conditions to come back to the Town Centre following the re-opening of Auckland Castle. A significant increase in footfall is expected in the Town Centre that will provide economic benefits for businesses in the Market Place, Fore Bondgate and Newgate Street. We are looking to work with regeneration partners to assemble land on the eastern side of North and Fore Bondgate to provide sufficient space to enable a new retail-led mixed use scheme to come forward. The site is approximately 54,213ft ² .	-	500,000	500,000

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Real	Town Centre Masterplan Priorites	Continued rolling programme of investment to deliver short, medium and long term priorities in line with the adopted Town Centre Masterplans and to add value and impetus to inward investment in our retail centres whilst supporting delivery of council priorities. Since 2010 circa £9.94m of the town centre budget has been spent on improving public realm schemes including rationalisation of vehicular movement and improve parking opportunities, match funding for S106 investment to enable larger schemes to be considered, and, direct support to retail businesses through the Targeted Business Support Scheme, which has supported over 200 business since 2010 and last year supported 14 new businesses and the creation of 53.5 FTE new jobs. The Town Centre programme has levered in significant private sector investment to support and create new businesses and employment opportunities, including site assembly and preparation for development i.e. acquisitions at Crook to increase council land size to enable retail development and capital receipt.	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
		Real Sub Total			2,735,000
RES	Replacement desktop program	If, within this context service transformation is to be realised, the Council now has the opportunity to link existing strategies and action plans to promote and accelerate changes towards new ways of working for the Council's workforce, utilising emerging technologies, linked to plans for office accommodation changes over the next 10 years.	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
RES	BCP (Business Continuity Plan) Hardware Replacement	The hardware purchased for the BCP solution will be out of warranty in 2018/19 and will require replacement. There are 23 servers to replace and the storage solution.	0	530,000	530,000
RES	Server Replacement	This is the ongoing server replacement bid which replaces the server hardware on a rolling programme of renewal. This ensures that the servers are up to date and within warranty and is the main ICT hardware for all corporate systems within the Council.	0	244,000	244,000
		RES Sub Total			0
		TOTAL			4,485,000
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