



Capital Programme 2023/24



Capital Delivery programme – 2023/24

Introduction

An indicative Capital delivery programme has been drawn up for 2023/24 using agreed annual budgets in addition to the forecast delivery of any remaining prior year slippage less any future year budget already delivered. These figures are shown in table 1 below, with the funding streams for the delivery programme then shown in table 2. A brief supporting narrative for the 2023/24 delivery programme by block is shown in section 2 of the report.

The figures in this report will be revised in May 2023 following the completion of the year end accounts to allow for adjustment for final slippage and advanced delivery figures. Additional funding agreed between January 2023 and May 2023 will also be added to the report to be submitted in early June 2023. The delivery programme agreed in June 2023 will then be used as the basis for the Capital monitoring reports throughout 2023/24.

TABLE 1 – 2023/24 Capital delivery programme by block

Service Area	22/23 outturn forecast	23/24 Delivery Plan
Schools (excluding DFC)	22.019	25.115
Schools (DFC)	1.960	4.487
Highways	49.465	48.650
Transport	16.366	22.001
Externally Funded Schemes	2.109	0.934
Central Systems & ICT	13.555	6.555
Adults	17.255	16.715
Corporate Property	9.026	18.500
Economic Development	11.272	51.267
South Lancaster Growth Catalyst - grant	4.828	20.983
SLGC - cash flow		5.000
Vehicles	4.212	4.500
Transforming Cities Fund	11.500	15.152
Totals	163.567	239.859



TABLE 2 – Funding streams

	22/23 Delivery plan	23/24 Delivery Plan
Funded by		
Grants	107.670	124.296
Other	2.019	11.245
Borrowing	53.878	104.318
Totals	163.567	239.859

Detailed narrative

Schools

The schools capital programme has a 2023/24 delivery programme of £29.602m and will contain approximately 300 projects to be worked on within the financial year.

The schools delivery programme is split into three areas.

The total funding for the basic need and condition programmes is £25.115m and will be used to meet the most urgent priorities.

The devolved formula capital programme is a grant funded programme for small to medium capital projects. It is allocated to schools on a formula basis by the DfE in order for schools to spend on capital projects within expenditure guidelines and a delivery programme amount of £4.487m has been included for 2023/24.

Highways

The Highways capital programme has a 2023/24 delivery programme of £48.650m and contains approximately 700 projects to be worked on within the financial year.

An indicative amount of £28.811m has been included as anticipated funding from the Department for Transport. The actual amount to be received for the grant which will change due to the level of self-assessment grant, along with a more detailed list of projects to be funded from the grant will be drawn up prior to the submission of the final 2023/24 delivery programme in May 2023/24.

This is supplemented by borrowing of £14.2m to deliver the level of work required to meet Transport Asset Management Plan priorities.



A risk to the 2023/24 delivery programme is the continued high levels of expenditure on structural defects. This will be continued to be monitored in the remaining months of 2022/23 and a decision will need to be made before submission of the final 2023/24 delivery programme as to how this expenditure will be funded going forward if it is to remain at such a high level potentially reducing the grant allocations to other highways programmes to fund this prioritised work.

The Highways delivery programme contains £5.639m of projects planned prior to 2023 which are expected to be delivered within 2023/24. This includes c£5.000m programmed for bridge maintenance work and detrunking the A601M, including bridge maintenance and demolition and remodelling of the road to permit development of the local area and continued flood prevention work.

Transport

The transport capital programme has a 2023/24 delivery programme of £22.001m and contains approximately 100 projects to be worked on within the financial year.

The largest project within the Transport delivery programme is the M55 Heyhouses link road. This is a multi-year project which will connect the existing roundabout at Whitehills Road to the north with Heyhouses Lane near the Cyprus Point development site to the south. A delivery programme of £7.500m has been included for 2023/24 to reflect the expected delivery as per the grant agreements and the current position of the multi-year project, the remaining budget is shown in future years.

Other major projects within the 2023/24 delivery programme are the continuation Ormskirk eastern gateway project, the completion of the Burnley town centre project and development of further schemes to promote safer travel across Lancashire whilst the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing. The £2.500m agreed contribution from the Transport block to the Lancashire City Deal is also included.

There is also provision for cycling schemes, quality bus routes and other road safety projects, the detailed programmes for which will be brought for approval to future meetings of Cabinet.

Externally Funded Schemes

The externally funded schemes capital programme has a 2022/23 delivery programme of £0.934m and contains c 10 projects to be worked on within the financial year.

The externally funded schemes capital block is funded through contributions from external stakeholders.



The delivery programme will be increased as further agreements are made with private developers, with ongoing risks to the programme that works need to be completed as specified in the agreements otherwise funding may have to be returned.

Central Systems and ICT

The central systems and ICT capital programme has a 2023/24 delivery programme of £6.555m.

The specific projects to be funded this year are improvements to the social care reform system and document handling system. An indicative provision has also been included to reflect the capital investment that will be required in upgrading systems within the ICT roadmap. Individual approvals will be sought for each item within this roadmap at future Cabinet meetings.

Adult Social Care

The Adult social care capital programme has a 2023/24 delivery programme of £16.715m.

As at January 2023, the Disabled Facilities Grant is the only project included on the delivery programme for the Adult social care block. The grant is capital funding for the provision of home adaptations to help older and disabled people to live as independently and safely as possible in their homes. The £16.715m amount included in the delivery programme is an indicative amount until the 2023/24 grant agreement is confirmed.

Corporate – Property

The corporate – property capital programme has a 2023/24 delivery programme of £18.500m containing programmes required to maintain the Council's property portfolio.

The 2023/24 programme includes £1.66m for named projects within the building condition programme, £1.7m on specific projects within the works to operational premises programme and £3.6m on projects within the residential redesign programme. The project to replace the Bowgreave Rise residential care home providing affordable extra care schemes for older people and supported housing apartments for younger adults with disabilities is also included in the delivery programme with delivery for the project slipping from prior years.

Each year surveyors inspect around a fifth of the corporate property portfolio, last year a large number of priority 1 conditions works were identified, the works to address these were estimated at £35m and a third of this has been provided for in the 2023/24 delivery programme.



Economic Development

The economic development capital programme has a 2022/23 delivery programme of £51.267m and contains approximately 8 projects to be worked on within the financial year.

The delivery of the Cuerden strategic site design continues in 2023/24 with planning expected late spring 2023 and a £17.000m delivery programme has been set for delivery this year once development works start following a successful planning decision with the full site enabling works expected to be completed in 2026/27.

Work on the Samlesbury enterprise zone also continues into 2023/24 with a delivery programme of £13m.

Work is due to commence this year on the delivery of the Farrington Cricket facility with £7m of the £14.5m scheme profiled for spend this year which will commence following a planning decision in early spring 2023.

Annual contribution towards the Lancashire City Deal is also included in this block at £1.295m.

A delivery amount of £1.000m has been included for the Low Carbon projects programme. This is a programme of work designed to properly understand and deliver carbon and cash savings across the buildings, assets and activities of the county council and the wider business community.

A further £0.700m for this project has been earmarked for 2024/25 onwards.

Contributions to external schemes are estimated at £7m for 2023/24 delivery are dependent on external partners and will only be drawdown following legal agreements being in place so are subject to potential slippage beyond the county council's control.

There is a £5m provision for feasibility work on Economic Development pipeline projects also built into this year's delivery programme.

South Lancaster Growth Catalyst

The South Lancashire Growth Catalyst capital programme has a 2023/24 delivery programme of £25.983m

The delivery programme amount for 2023/24 covers the continuing preliminary costs for the programme, including land acquisition fees, design fees and planning costs along with commencement of delivery, however legal discussions and funding concerns have stalled some of the design work and whilst these negotiations are ongoing there is a risk of slippage to future years.



Vehicles

The vehicles capital programme has a 2023/24 delivery programme of £4.5m and contains approximately 30 projects to be worked on within the financial year.

The supply chain issues experienced in the last couple of years have been considered when drawing up the expected delivery for 2023/24 and permission may be requested to place orders early for 2024/25 spend to ensure delivery of the vehicles when they are required where delivery timescales are indicated to be more than one year.

Transforming Cities Fund

The Transforming Cities Fund capital programme has a 2023/24 delivery programme of £15.152m and contains 3 projects to be worked on within the financial year.

The delivery programme for Transforming Cities Fund has been set in line with the budget amounts included as part of the grant agreement. Significant spend is expected as the 3 schemes approach critical delivery milestones. The largest scheme ongoing in 2023/24 continues to be Transforming Ringway with work due to commence on the Cottam Parkway Station project including design and land assembly.

