

CAPITAL PROGRAMME - BY CATEGORY

	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	TOTAL £000
Committed	1,540	735	735	3,010
Unavoidable	0	0	0	0
Maintenance	1,125	0	0	1,125
Rolling Programme / Other Desirable	2,746	1,258	388	4,392
Town Centre Highway Works	0	0	0	0
Council Funding	5,411	1,993	1,123	8,527
Commerical Property Investment Strategy	30,000	0	0	30,000
Civic Centre Accomodation	2,135	70	0	2,205
Binfield Learning Village	3,000	0	0	3,000
Total Council Funding	40,546	2,063	1,123	43,732
Total External Funding	17,330	5,685	1,475	24,490
Total Capital Programme	57,876	7,748	2,598	68,222

CAPITAL PROGRAMME - ALL DEPARTMENTS

	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	TOTAL £000
ASCH	8,473	0	0	8,473
CYPL	8,289	850	250	9,389
Resources	2,135	70	0	2,205
Council Wide	32,313	363	388	33,064
ECC	6,666	6,465	1,960	15,091
Total Capital Programme	57,876	7,748	2,598	68,222
External Funding	17,330	5,685	1,475	24,490
Council Funding	40,546	2,063	1,123	43,732

CAPITAL PROGRAMME - ADULT SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & HOUSING

	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	TOTAL £000
Committed				
No Schemes	-	-	-	-
Unavoidable				
No Schemes	-	-	-	-
Maintenance				
See Council Wide	-	-	-	-
Rolling Programme / Other Desirable				
Cash Incentive Scheme	240	-	-	240
	240	-	-	240
TOTAL REQUEST FOR COUNCIL FUNDING	240	-	-	240
External Funding				
Downshire Homes (Self Funding)	8,000	-	-	-
Edenfield-Stonewater Housing Development (S106)	233			
TOTAL EXTERNAL FUNDING	8,233	-	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME	8,473	-	-	240

Adult Social Care, Health and Housing

2018/19 Capital Programme Bids

1. Cash Incentive Scheme - £240,000

The cash incentive scheme provide a means tested cash grant of up to £60,000 to a household living in a registered provider property to help them purchase a home in the private sector. The agreement with the registered provider is that they will provide the Council with nomination to two properties (the property void from the move and one other that the Council would not normally be able to access) and as such the cash incentive grant provides housing for three households.

The cash incentive grant is a cost effective way of securing affordable housing in a timely way .If the two properties that are secured for nomination by the Council are reflected in the net cost to the Council of bed and breakfast accommodation on an annual basis it would equate to £28,080 against the £60,000 grant. However, access to the units will remain in perpetuity rather than for one year. Moreover, there are no cash benefits of households being able to live in more appropriate housing more quickly. There are three households who have already made applications.

2. Downshire Homes Ltd (DHL) – Local Housing Company Loan £8m

To increase the loan by £8,000,000 to Downshire Homes so that it can purchase 25 properties for homeless households and 5 properties for households with learning disabilities. The DHL business plan for the next 10 years is based on assumptions of predicting a trading surplus from year 2 onwards. The company is wholly owned by the Council. The company can decide to pay a dividend to its shareholder from its post tax surplus in future years.

3. Edenfield-Stonewater Housing Development - £233,000 (S106)

Stonewater registered provider are developing the Edenfield site to provide 48 units of affordable housing. The cost of development suffered considerable increases towards the end of 2016/17 such that the scheme showed a deficit of £446,000. The Homes and Communities Agency agreed to find half of the deficit on the basis that the Council funded the other half.

The business case for the Council is that if Stonewater did not develop the site it would be placed back on the market and as a qualifying site would deliver 25% affordable housing, which would be 12 units. Thus the Council providing local authority social housing grant of £223,000 provides additional 36 units of affordable housing at an average cost of £6,194 per unit representing very good value for money. Moreover this will be funded from S106 receipts earmarked to provide affordable housing.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME - CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE & LEARNING

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	TOTAL
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Committed				
Binfield Learning Village	3,000	-	-	3,000
	3,000	-	-	3,000
Unavoidable				
	-	-	-	-
Maintenance				
Schools Maintenance externally funded	-	-	-	-
Rolling Programme / Other Desirable				
College Town Amalgamation	300	-	-	300
Sandhurst School Nursery Relocation	250	50	-	300
Wooden Hill Classrooms (School Bid)	325	550	-	875
Total	875	600	-	1,475
TOTAL REQUEST FOR COUNCIL FUNDING	3,875	600	-	4,475
External Funding - DfE Basic Need Grant				
No Grant in 2018/19	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
External Funding - Other				
Schools Capital Maintenance Grant	1,912	-	-	1,912
Section 106 - Small Schemes	250	250	250	750
Section 106 - Binfield Learning Village	1,986	-	-	1,986
Devolved Formula Capital (estimate)	266	-	-	266
	4,414	250	250	4,914
TOTAL EXTERNAL FUNDING	4,414	250	250	4,914
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME	8,289	850	250	9,389

Children, Young People and Learning

2018/19 Capital Programme Bids

1. College Town Amalgamation - £300,000

A budget is required for capital works associated with the possible amalgamation of the College Town Infant & Nursery and Junior Schools which share the same site.

The headteacher at College Town Junior School is retiring with effect from the end of December 2017, which has presented the opportunity to amalgamate the schools. If the two schools amalgamate into a primary school there are opportunities for better educational outcomes for children through a consistent approach.

A statutory consultation is underway, and subject to the outcome of this, the amalgamation process via the DfE can proceed. Should amalgamation be finally agreed in February 2017, it is expected that the new amalgamated school would open in September 2018.

Assuming an amalgamated maintained school is the preferred outcome, then there will also be options about the scope and scale of any capital expenditure by BFC, ranging from leaving buildings as they are and just improving signage, to internal refurbishment. Refurbishment would create the single shared staff room and admin offices required by an amalgamated school, as well as a single formal entrance and public reception area.

Another significant area for investment would be the rationalisation of plant, equipment and particularly ICT across the amalgamated school site which is currently separate in each school. This would provide common standards of provision and realise value for money on running costs going forwards. A feasibility study will be undertaken to determine the precise scope and of the options for capital works and as such an indicative budget request is included at this stage.

Sandhurst School Nursery Relocation - £250,000

This will relocate the private nursery from The Spot building to the currently vacant caretaker's house at Sandhurst School. Benefits to the Council include:

This project will free up space in The Spot building for school use. Having taken over responsibility for the Sports Centre building (which is conjoined with The Spot building) from ECC from April 2017, the school are working on options for school use of these areas and The Spot accommodation, including use by Post 16 and SEN. This in turn will free up other areas in the existing school buildings for teaching and learning and through re-allocation and re-ordering of room use will help the school to address areas of unsuitable accommodation.

The nursery provider will have the accommodation they need to deliver the statutory 30 hours of free education and childcare for working parents from September 2017.

The provider is already working up this offer and parents are already signing up for this, and places have been allocated, however the Spot accommodation does not have suitable outdoor soft play space which this project would provide. The nursery also supports the Local Authority duty for free childcare places for eligible, vulnerable two year olds.

Relocating the nursery into the former caretaker's house will bring this currently vacant and wasting asset into productive use, creating rent income for the school which is currently £13,930 p.a. The caretaker's house is not required by the school as they have a second caretaker's house on site which is occupied. The vacant house cannot realistically be sold because it is located in the centre of the school site and this would mean members of the public living in the midst of a working school site which would be undesirable for safeguarding reasons.

The school are keen to take over The Spot Youth and Community Centre facility as part of a desire to expansion the school. The school are supportive of the nursery expansion and has recognised the valuable synergies' and benefits to its business, in light of this the nursery has been offered the caretakers bungalow as an alternative bespoke provision. The bungalow will require considerable adaptations to meet requirements. Moving the nursery to the caretaker's bungalow will reduce the cost of refurbishment of The Spot and enable the school to have complete access. There are no available premises for the nursery to relocate within the local area, all avenues have been fully explored. This PAD is primarily in respect of funding required to address priorities in the masterplan and to meet the Local Authority duty for sufficient childcare provision. This proposal involves provision of a modular building on the rear of the caretaker's house to provide a compliant nursery space. This will transfer the use of and running costs of The Spot building from CYPL to the school.

3. Wooden Hill Classrooms (School Bid) - £325,000

This project is to address the layout of the accommodation in the main school building which is restricting and impeding the delivery of outstanding education due to poorly shaped and undersized classrooms. Access/circulation between rooms is also an issue for the school and the open plan layout does not fit with modern teaching methods, as it has circulation through teaching spaces. With up to 100 children in one space the noise pollution from other classes sharing the space significantly impacts on the outcomes for pupils and hinders the range and type of activities teachers do in order to maximise all pupils' potential.

A programme of works has been drawn up to revamp the accommodation through a combination of new build extension and by moving internal partitions to create proper sized classrooms and teaching spaces with an improved access, separate circulation and an improved general layout. This will improve service delivery and outcomes for this school.

Phase 1 of this project was completed for September 2014 and the Key Stage 2 pupils accommodated in the new classrooms in 2015 achieved the best results in the history of the school. This summer for the end of Key Stage 2 results, 84% of children achieved the national benchmark of L4+ in reading, writing and maths, which is 4% above the national average.

Removing the remaining impediments to teaching and learning from the physical environment can be expected to result in a similar positive impact on performance across the rest of the school which has the capacity to have outstanding outcomes for pupils.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME - COUNCIL WIDE

	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	TOTAL £000
Committed				
Commerical Property Investment Strategy	30,000	0	0	30000
Capitalisation of Project Management costs	300	300	300	900
	30,300	300	300	30,900
Unavoidable				
	-	-	-	-
Maintenance				
Buildings Planned Maintenance	1,125	n/a	n/a	1,125
	1,125	-	-	1,125
Rolling Programme / Other Desirable				
Property Review Feasibility	100	-	-	100
IT Schemes (made up of)	788	63	88	939
-----IT Infrastructure	175	15	40	230
-----Members IT Refresh	36	-	-	36
-----Time2Change	-	-	-	-
-----ICT Digital Strategy	537	48	48	633
-----CWSS / Self Service	40	-	-	40
	888	63	88	1,039
TOTAL REQUEST FOR COUNCIL FUNDING	32,313	363	388	33,064
External Funding				
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXTERNAL FUNDING	-	-	-	-
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME	32,313	363	388	33,064

Council Wide

2018/19 Capital Programme Bids

1. Planned Building Maintenance - £1,125,000

Buildings planned maintenance is an annual programme of repairs and maintenance to the Councils' building stock and associated assets. It encompasses a wide range of activities but typically includes the repair or replacement of elements of building fabric, fixtures or fittings that are worn, obsolete or otherwise damaged. The purpose of the work is to maintain the Councils' buildings to a sufficient standard to provide a safe and appropriate environment from which its' various services can operate.

The works included in the programme are identified through a series of condition surveys, which are undertaken on our behalf by external engineers and surveyors. The present arrangement generally allows for each property to be surveyed every five years and we are currently in the final year of our first five year programme. The backlog figures shown in the supporting data have been arrived at following detailed analysis of all of our condition survey records as well as consideration of wider property issues and intentions. As such, based on previous instructions or knowledge of impending project works or disposals, the values of maintenance works to the following properties are not included:

- Bracknell Library
- Bridgewell Centre (Ladybank)
- Commercial Centre
- Coopers Hill
- Easthampstead Park Conference Centre
- Easthampstead House
- Harmans Water Community Centre
- Heathlands Residential and Day Centres
- Time Square*
- Commercial properties let on full repairing leases

With the above properties excluded, the estimated value of the remaining high priority works currently stands at £1.6m.

* Because of the significant works that have been undertaken at Time Square over the last few years, we do not have meaningful condition survey data. The most pressing issue is the condition of the atrium but addressing this is the subject of a separate ongoing project.

The works that are currently of the highest priorities are wide ranging and comprise numerous smaller individual items than in previous years. Whilst development of a detailed programme will be subject to the level of funding approved, the following properties have been identified with high priority works of significant value:

Property	Work Required	Estimated Cost
7 Portman Close	Various works	100,000
Community Centres	Various works	180,000
Shops	Various works	350,000
South Hill Park	Window replacement	35,000
Waterside Park Building C	Flat roof replacement	175,000*
Wick Hill Cottage	Heating system replacement	40,000

* There is the possibility that some of the cost of these works may be recoverable from the buildings' tenants, but see 'Risks' for further details.

2. ICT Schemes - (£788,000)

IT Infrastructure (£175,000)

Proposal to cover a number of ICT Network and Server infrastructure replacements to ensure equipment is both current and supportable. The budget is also to maintain the network and ensure that it has the capacity to serve the business in the forthcoming budget year. The programme will also remove the last remaining Ricoh printers (MFDs) from Time Square and Easthampstead House

When the above devices go end of life, they will no longer receive any software updates including security vulnerability patches, bug fixes, and no faults will be investigated by the manufacturer or their agents. The PSN code of connection forbids the use of unsupported software or hardware on our network and therefore the Council would be at risk of losing its connected status, causing loss of access to key if these devices are not replaced.

Members IT Refresh (£36,000)

Currently BFC Members have mainly two IT solutions: an iPad that provides access to email, calendar, DocsToGo and Modern.gov for committee papers; or a standard laptop with access to the corporate IT network for network drives and files stores. Approximately half of BFC Members do not have an IT device that allows them to access the Modern.Gov application easily. The current Windows 7 devices are not easy to use with Modern.Gov and accessing committee papers is complex.

To enable the members to go paperless at all democratic meetings they will need a new Windows 10 detachable or convertible device. This device has a touch screen which also allows hand written annotations via the stylus pen, allowing members to

easily annotate documents during meetings. In addition the device has camera that could be used for video conferencing.

The iPads have been difficult to support as they do not offer the option of remote control which would enable the help desk to provide support without bringing the device into the office. There is also no control over patches to the operating system by Apple which can impact on the applications on the device meaning they are required to be brought into the office to be fixed or rebuilt. It would also be beneficial and more cohesive if members and staff were using the same operating system.

Upgrading to Windows 10 laptops also means that we can move away from support tools required for Windows 7 devices. Samsung's smartphones can be provided to enable tethering to allow access in the field removing the need for 3G data SIMs. The telephony policy states which members are entitled to this connectivity paid for by the Council.

ICT and Digital Strategy (£537,000)

The enterprise agreement enables BFC to use software but will require additional infrastructure to be supplied and installed, and expertise from consultant partners to support the planning, design and delivery of the elements of the Enterprise Agreement.

A key objective is to replace mobile desktop to support agile and flexible working across the Council. Those staff who did not have mobile kit prior to the consolidation of EH and TS will be provided will mobile desktop equipment.

As at August 2017 there are 4 types of mobile device being provided: Large laptops, Small laptops, Convertible laptop/tablets and Detachable laptop/tablets. All devices have a camera for video conferencing and have a touch screen. Stylus's can be used on the convertible and detachable device.

All flexible users are provided with a softphone solution apart from remote sites which will not have the softphone solution until it is reviewed once Skype replaces Jabber – earliest late 2018. Flexible desks are kitted out with a 29" wide screen, which can be split and display up to 3 pages at once, and universal docking station. Finally, equipment that breaks or is faulty will be replaced.

CWSS / Self Service (£40,000)

Two key areas to be reviewed

- Enhancements to the HR & Payroll system to investigate and implement scope for further integration to continue to work undertaken to date.
- The Service Desk software has been live since 2000 and is showing significant signs of limitations. The ICT Service desk team requires a flexible, future proof software solution which will allow ICT service to progress towards its strategic goals of a self-service solution

CAPITAL PROGRAMME - RESOURCES

	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	TOTAL £000
Committed				
Civic Accommodation	2,135	70	0	2,205
	<u>2,135</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,205</u>
Unavoidable				
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Maintenance				
See Council Wide	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Rolling Programme / Other Desirable				
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL REQUEST FOR COUNCIL FUNDING	<u>2,135</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,205</u>
External Funding				
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME	<u>2,135</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,205</u>

Resources

2018/19 Capital Programme Bids

No new schemes in 2018/19

CAPITAL PROGRAMME - ENVIRONMENT CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES

	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	TOTAL £000
Committed				
Self Service Technology Assisted Opening In Libraries	355	0	0	355
Roads & Footway Resurfacing #	200	200	200	600
Equipment Replacement Downshire Golf Complex #	35	35	35	105
Matched Funding for LEP Funding (A329)	450	0	0	450
A322 Downshire Way (Matched Funding DfT Grant)	200	200	200	600
	1,240	435	435	2,110
Unavoidable				
	0	0	0	0
Maintenance				
	0	0	0	0
Rolling Programme / Other Desirable				
Off-Street Car Parking	100	100	0	200
Land Drainage Schemes	80	100	100	280
Improvement and Maintenance of Play Areas	70	70	0	140
Traffic Modelling	125	125	0	250
Update Traffic Signal Infrastructure	0	200	200	400
The Look Out Play Area/Exhibits Upgrade	30	0	0	30
The Look Out Parking Bay Programme (self-funding)	40	0	0	40
Harmanswater Library	298	0	0	298
	743	595	300	1,638
TOTAL REQUEST FOR COUNCIL FUNDING	1,983	1,030	735	3,748
External Funding				
Highways Maintenance	1,369	1,200	0	2,569
Integrated Transport & Maintenance	720	720	0	1,440
A322 Downshire Way (Matched Funding DfT Grant)	1,000	2,290	0	3,290
Section 106 Schemes (LTP)	350	500	500	1,350
Disabled Facilities Grants	450	450	450	1,350
Self Service Technology Assisted Opening In Libraries (S106)	22	0	0	22
Harmanswater Library (Invest-to-Save)	133	0	0	133
Harmanswater Library (S106)	364	0	0	364
Sustainable Alternative Natural Green Space	150	150	150	450
Section 106 Leisure & Culture (small schemes)	125	125	125	375
	4,683	5,435	1,225	11,343
TOTAL EXTERNAL FUNDING	4,683	5,435	1,225	11,343
TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME	6,666	6,465	1,960	15,091

Part Capitalisation of Revenue

Environment, Culture & Communities

2018/19 Capital Programme Bids

1. Off Street Car Parking £100,00

Parking is a real and growing problem throughout the borough as car ownership increases. The Council receives many letters each year from residents and Members requesting that additional parking spaces be provided. This funding would support Members and residents in finding local solutions to residential street parking problems in partnership with Bracknell Forest Homes. An arrangement has been set up with Bracknell Forest Homes (who own most of the land on which these additional spaces are being provided) who will also contribute £100,000 in 2018/19 and 2019/20.

2. Land Drainage £80,000

Under the Floods and Water Management Act 2010 the council has a responsibility to take the lead role in managing (and reducing) the risk of surface water flooding throughout the Borough. There is a continuing need to improve land drainage and watercourses throughout the Borough to reduce the risk of flooding to properties and roads. Operational experience and past seasons rainfall volumes indicate that the risk of flooding in both rural and urban areas has increased. Preliminary investigations indicate that a number of sites would benefit from local (often modest) improvements reducing the risk or frequency and severity of flooding incidents.

3. Improvement and Maintenance of Play Areas - £70,000

There are currently 25 equipped play areas managed by Bracknell Forest Council. These have predominantly been provided through the planning process; either through funding contributions and/or as part of land transfers secured through Section 106 Agreements. Annual management and maintenance is co-ordinated by the Parks & Countryside service. This includes carrying out weekly inspections, routine maintenance, and repairs. Capital monies are needed to refurbish sites as part of a rolling programme, with some of the play areas old and in poor condition.

4. Traffic Modelling - £125,000

Government guidance strongly recommends the use of strategic modelling to assess the impacts of growth on the transport network. To date the Borough's multi-modal transport model has been instrumental in securing the adoption of the Site Allocations Local Plan and over £20m of additional government funding in the last 5 years towards infrastructure aimed at unlocking growth. The travel information underpinning the original model is now ten years old, and the count and journey time data used in the last interim update will be five years old in 2018. The recent opening of the Lexicon will generate additional and new patterns of travel demand that will need to be captured in a new validated base model. The entire model is therefore in need of a full refresh as required by the Department for Transport's guidance, as this will allow us to continue developing bids to government as well as securing the new 2036 Local Plan.

5. The Look Out Outdoor Play Area / Exhibits Upgrade - £30,000

The proposal is a further upgrade and enhancement to The Look Out outdoor play area following the addition of new features in 2017. Some of the current equipment that is in place is potentially reaching the end of its lifespan and needs replacing/upgrading with newer facilities. There are two structures in the play area that are reaching the end of their lifespans. The proposal is to replace the equipment with at least one new feature that is in keeping with the natural theme of the current play area. The structure will be a themed piece, which sparks the imagination of younger children to engage them with role play.

The second proposal is a further upgrade and enhancement to The Look Out Hands-on Science centre following the addition of new features in 2017. Some of the current equipment that is in place is potentially reaching the end of its lifespan and needs replacing/upgrading with newer facilities.

The centre intends to purchase two to three new pieces of equipment dependant on individual costs and perceived benefits which would add educational learning value to the existing facilities, and, in addition, would add to the excitement and enjoyment that children and families experience. By providing new features within the hands-on science area we help to increase the overall impression of The Look Out and also support sales in the Gift Shop.

6. The Look Out Parking Bay Programme - £40,000

The entire site has a nominal 360 car parking spaces available, but parking is not managed / controlled and visitors choose where to park and how much space to leave between adjacent cars. As a consequence the nominal capacity is not utilised and a capacity of just over 300 cars is often the limit. During peak hours visitors who are frustrated at the difficulties in finding parking bays tend to park in areas not designated for vehicles potentially creating hazards for other drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. These unofficial parking bays are also damaging to the natural environment as the erosion caused exposes the tree roots and leads to the trees dying off or having to be felled. In addition traffic queues can form which sometimes trail back out on to Nine Mile Ride.

This scheme proposes the encouragement of more formalised parking whilst also maintaining the natural environment. The proposal would involve laying low lying machine-cut wooden logs at standard car width intervals in a pre-planned arrangement. The logs would be secured to the ground with industrial strength bolts. The benefit would be that the site can more clearly dictate where cars should be parking and can manage the gaps left between adjacent cars too. In addition, greater protection could be offered to reduce the levels of erosion currently produced by ad hoc parking and the overall capacity of the entire parking area may be increased to around 400 spaces. There is the potential for this scheme to contribute to the cost of the works and as such additional income will be expected once works have been completed

7. Harmans Water Library - £298,000

Harmans Water Neighbourhood Centre was purpose built in the 1970's and comprises of 13 retail shop units situated below 18 flats along with a community centre and a library. The library at Harmans Water is situated adjacent to St Pauls Church at the end of the parade and whilst in a generally good location is not particularly visible and it has significant accessibility issues due to levels. This library will not be able to welcome disabled visitors via Technology Assisted Opening because the risks on relying on pneumatic lifts with no staff present is too high. The purpose of this bid is to create a new library (102m²) on the ground floor space under the refurbished community centre which will fully be DDA accessible and include an accessible WC and refurbish the existing toilets in the basement area.

S106 funding is available to improve the Library (£364k) and an Invest to Save project could generate a further £133k leaving £298k to fund the balance of the investment required from Council funds. The relocation of the library will leave a vacant unit suitable for letting as a shop. A rental for the unit of £8,800pa may be achieved, in line with other passing rents on the parade and over a 25 year period will support a capital value of £133,000.