

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLANNING 2025/26 - 2034/35
BUDGET PRIORITY PROPOSALS - Changes to existing Capital Programme

Strategy - Capital Investment Need	Budget	Prudential Borrowing	Specific Funding	Corporate Need
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Annual Programmes & Other Funding				
Additional Financial Year 2034/35				
School Condition (School Structural Maintenance)	4,000	0	-4,000	0
Schools Devolved Formula Capital	650	0	-650	0
Highways Structural Maintenance	15,300	0	-15,300	0
Fire & Rescue Service (Vehicles) - Additional Year 2033/34	800	0	-800	0
Additional Funding				
Highways Structural Maintenance	15,483	0	-15,483	0
Disabled Facilities Grant 2025/26	7,262	0	-7,262	0
Bus Grant 2025/26	5,441	0	-5,441	0
CIL Funding (October 23 to September 24)	3,570	0	-3,570	0
S106 - Indicative to support proposals subject to business case approval	22,654		-22,654	0
Total Inclusions to Capital Programme	75,160	0	-75,160	0
<u>Pipeline Schemes (indicative funding subject to initial business case)*</u>				
Prioritisation				
1) Schemes that facilitate compliance with minimum statutory duties relating to health & safety, schools, and delivery of business-critical services	10,575	0	0	10,575
2) Schemes that generate revenue, are self-funding or facilitate cost-avoidance strategies	2,900	0	0	2,900
3) Schemes that contribute to the improvement of the highway network, including road safety measures, flood prevention work and pothole prevention measures such as surface dressings	58,870	0	0	58,870
4) Schemes that encourage and facilitate active travel and improve market towns	15,220	0	0	15,220
5) Schemes that enhance energy efficiency and promote the adoption of sustainable and environmentally responsible solutions	11,765	0	0	11,765
6) Schemes which are partly funded by Section 106 developer contributions, but require additional funding to progress	4,000	0	0	4,000
Total Prioritisation Category 1 - 6	103,330	0	0	103,330
Other Changes				
Contingency	5,250	0	0	5,250
Highways Maintenance 25% uplift	2,225	0	0	2,225
Total Other Changes	7,475	0	0	7,475
TOTAL BUDGET PROPOSALS	185,965	0	-75,160	110,805
General Funding, Accounting, Realignment				
Outturn 23/24, final accounts and other funding returned				-9,925
Remaining Prudential Borrowing Balance from February 2022 Approvals				-3,198
Interest from Balances				-20,000
New Prudential Borrowing				-65,000
Revenue Funding				-1,600
Corporate Funds made available				-99,723
Capital Programme Over-programmed				11,082

*unless part of an annual programme

Capital Financing	£'000
New Funding	
Capital Grants	48,136
Revenue Contributions	2,400
Prudential Borrowing	65,000
Interest	20,000
S106 & CIL	26,224
Total Funding	161,760
Budget Realignments	9,925
Drawdown from Reserves	3,198
General Funding & Accounting - Total	174,883
Total Budget Proposals	185,965
Capital Programme Over-Programmed	-11,082

OTHER BUDGET CHANGES

Programme / Project	Previous	Revised
	£'000	£'000
Oxford Rewley Road Station (Cabinet - Capital Approvals September 2024)	9,550	15,300
HIF 1 Programme (Cabinet July 2024 & Capital Approvals January 2025)	296,152	332,552

High priority capital schemes to which indicative funding is proposed to be allocated

Prioritisation criteria		OCC Funding (estimates subject to business case)
Schemes that facilitate compliance with minimum statutory duties relating to health & safety, schools, and delivery of business-critical services		£10.575m
Schemes that generate revenue, are self-funding or facilitate cost-avoidance strategies		£2.900m
Schemes that contribute to the improvement of the highway network, including road safety measures, flood prevention work and pothole prevention measures such as surface dressings		£58.870m
Schemes that encourage and facilitate active travel and improve market towns		£15.220m
Schemes that enhance energy efficiency and promote the adoption of sustainable and environmentally responsible solutions		£11.765m
Schemes which are partly funded by Section 106 developer contributions, but require additional funding to progress		£4.000m
Total		£103.330m

Compliance with minimum statutory duties relating to health and safety, schools and delivery of business critical services	OCC Funding (estimates subject to business case)	Previously approved allocations	Other funding sources	Current status/comments
Stabilisation measures and future capacity of Redbridge Household Waste Recycling Centre	£4.900m	£1.400m	£0.154m of S106 funds has been identified	Remedial works have already been carried out however further investment is required to ensure the future viability of the site. The investment will provide a long-term solution to the stability of the site and will also provide a modern, upgraded facility that will meet the future needs of residents.
Health and safety measures at Dix Pit Landfill	£0.135m			Leachate tanks, used for collection of hazardous liquids at landfill sites to prevent contamination of nearby water courses, have reached the end of their operational life. This investment will ensure that the Council meets its legal and environmental responsibilities.
Energy saving measures required for schools' continued use of sports facilities	£1.300m			This investment facilitates energy saving measures so that secondary schools can continue to access 'dryside' facilities for the delivery of the secondary PE curriculum and for primary schools to use swimming facilities.
Fire Safety Remedials	£1.700m	£2.750m		The investment will ensure health and safety compliance across the Council's corporate property estate.
IT and Cybersecurity	£2.540m	£1.930m		The investment over two years will improve our IT infrastructure, ensuring the continuity of business-critical activities, with a significant portion of this investment allocated towards enhancing cybersecurity measures.
Total	£10.575m			

Schemes that generate revenue, are self-funding or facilitate cost-avoidance strategies	OCC Funding (estimates subject to business case)	Previously approved allocations	Other funding sources	Current status/comments
Fostering Loan Scheme	£0.500m	£0.250m		The investment will increase local capacity to support children we care for by funding home improvement loans to existing foster carers, enabling a greater number of children we care for to live locally, reducing expenditure on children's placements.
Residential Development for Complex Needs Accommodation	£1.900m	£5.000m		The scheme will provide bespoke, adapted housing within the community, enabling those in long-term hospital care or at risk of being placed out-of-area to move into supported homes in Oxfordshire. This initiative aims to improve quality of life and outcomes for the individuals involved, in a more cost-effective manner for the county's residents.
Oxfordshire Nature Catalyst Investment Facility	£0.500m			Oxfordshire Nature Partnership and Trust for Oxfordshire's environment will create a circulating funding pot to help unlock and mobilise £1bn of private sector funding. Oxfordshire County Council will be one of the investors and, along with the advent of Oxfordshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy, there is an opportunity to deliver a step change in the restoration of Oxfordshire's lost habitats. This is the Council's contribution to this initiative.
Total	£2.900m			

Schemes that contribute to the improvement of the highway network, including road safety measures, flood prevention work and pothole prevention measures such as surface dressings	OCC Funding (estimates subject to business case)	Previously approved allocations	Other funding sources	Current status/comments
Improving the Highway Network	£38.630m	£80.000m Prudential Borrowing	Oxfordshire's baseline for grant funding for 2024/25 is £24.5m. This will increase by £9.0m to £33.5m in 2025/26. Further information is awaited on the grant conditions as well as clarification about whether existing grant funding for Integrated Transport Block has been rolled into this total.	This is a two-year programme of work. The investment will prevent potholes from occurring and drains from overflowing across the highway network, along with improved maintenance of footways and cycle ways. These measures will effectively manage the maintenance and condition of the highway network.
Bridges	£16.240m	£2.750m	Provision is made through the Highway Network Allocation	This investment will be committed to repairing bridges at risk of structural failure or closure, combined with preventative maintenance, also over a two-year period.
Road Safety Measures	£4.000m	£5.000m		This investment will support a programme of measures to improve accessibility, connectivity and road safety.
Total	£58.870m			

Schemes that encourage and facilitate active travel and improve market towns	OCC Funding (estimates subject to business case)	Previously approved allocations	Other funding sources	Current status/comments
Public Rights of Way	£0.250m			This is an ongoing replacement programme for Public Rights of Way infrastructure primarily focussed on foot and bridle bridges, of which there are over 2,900 bridges on the 2,700 mile public rights of way network in Oxfordshire.
St Giles' - Public Realm Improvements	£0.870m			The investment will deliver an improved space for socialising, greening, improved access for pedestrians and cyclists, including an improved arrangement for buses and tourist coaches.
A fund to encourage active travel in rural areas	£1.800m			This investment will be allocated to schemes specifically designed to encourage active travel in rural areas of Oxfordshire through delivery of actions identified in Local Walking & Cycling Improvement Plans (LCWIPs) in particular.
Banbury Master Plan	£0.300m			A regeneration and Place Masterplan to support the Banbury 2050 work which will look at the long-term planning of Banbury to support the economic, health, social and transport issues facing the market town.
Banbury Market	£0.200m			This scheme will be part of a package of measures to transform Banbury Market Space into a vibrant, inclusive, and bustling space at the heart of the community. The improved public realm will create a space that residents will be proud of. The scheme will be delivered in partnership with Cherwell District Council, Banbury Town Council and the Banbury Business Improvement District.
Wantage Market	£0.500m		£0.030m Capability Ambition Funding (CAF)	A scheme, to be delivered with partners, to enhance Market Place Wantage by creating a safe, accessible and vibrant town centre space that puts people at the heart of the community.
Watlington Relief Road	£11.100m		Combined S106 funds and Growth Deal funds totaling £8.201m	The Watlington Relief Road aims to alleviate congestion, noise and air pollution in the town centre. The relief road aims to connect a series of existing and proposed developments around the northern and western sides of Watlington, with some sections being delivered by developers and some directly by Oxfordshire County Council.
Thame to Haddenham Active Travel Link	£0.200m			This investment is Oxfordshire's contribution to the feasibility of providing an active travel link between Thame and Haddenham & Thame Parkway, which crosses Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire boundary.
Total	£15.220m			

Schemes that enhance energy efficiency and promote the adoption of sustainable and environmentally responsible solutions	OCC Funding (estimates subject to business case)	Previously approved allocations	Other funding sources	Current status/comments
Energy Saving Measures	£11.500m	£10.200m	PSDS4 Bid of £0.360m submitted November 2024. Previous allocation includes grant award of £3.100m	This two-year investment is in addition to funds already committed to decarbonise our buildings and ensure the adoption of sustainable and environmentally responsible solutions. This programme of work is a key priority required to meet the Council's net zero target by 2030 and to remove fossil-fuelled heating whilst replacing a number of broken and end-of-life building components.
Energy Efficiency Recycling Fund	£0.265m	£1.600m		This investment is to further expand the existing loan scheme which provides interest free loans to schools to invest in energy-saving measures such as solar PV, battery storage and LED lighting. This enables better learning environments for students, as well as reducing energy costs for schools.
Total	£11.765m			

Schemes which are partly funded by Section 106 developer contributions, but require additional funding to progress	OCC Funding (estimates subject to business case)	Previously approved allocations	Other funding sources	Current status/comments
Transport Schemes	£4.000m		£22.500m S106	This investment will support local improvements that make a big difference to communities and will cover a number of different types of schemes such as footway extensions, highway layout changes, pedestrian crossings and bus stop improvements. These schemes have section 106 funding allocations but additional funds are required to progress and deliver the projects.
Total	£4.000m			

Proposed Additions to future Capital Pipeline (pending funding becoming available)

Proposals which align to Priority Framework Categories	OCC funding required	Funding sources	Current status/comments
Expansion of Oxfordshire Special School Capacity (phase 3)	£50.0m	OCC	Two new 150 pupil place schools. Need will be reassessed once new schools are open.
Carterton School	£45.0m	OCC	School is in disrepair and is not fit for purpose. Alternative funding sources are being investigated.
IT & Cybersecurity	£4.6m	OCC	Investing in business-critical systems and investment in cyber-security from 2027/28 onwards.
Mobility Hub - Bladon (North of Oxford Airport)	£1.5m	OCC	Forward funding for design and delivery of the mobility hub at Bladon Roundabout.
Energy Saving Measures	£10.0m	OCC + potential external bid	Additional funding to address historic maintenance backlog and replace end-of-life energy systems to bring up to modern standards

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Highways Maintenance 2027/28 onwards	£278.4m	OCC + DFT funding	Estimated funding required from 2027/28 to 2034/35.
Bridge Structures	£76.9m	OCC	Estimated investment for programme of works to address structures from 2027/28 to 2034/35.
Road Safety Measures	£11.0m	OCC + DFT funding	Estimated investment from 2027/2028 to 2034/35.
Library Strategy	£11.0m	OCC + potential s106 funding	Funding to prioritise the top 9 libraries for remedial works as well as energy upgrades.
Heritage Storage	£4.0m	OCC + potential s106 funding	Investment required to store records and historical artefacts as current provision is at capacity.
Fire Crew Housing	£0.6m	OCC	Investment required to bring fire crew housing to a minimum expected standard following condition surveys.
Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Strategy Phase 2	£11.7m	OCC	Investment required to upgrade Oxfordshire County Council's fire estate to ensure appropriate management of contaminants, suitable facilities for diverse workforce and to meet climate standards.

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Bicester A4095 Strategic Link Road	£18.0m	S106	Delivery of strategic elements of improvements along the A4095. Oxfordshire County Council would be required to forward fund the scheme.
Thame to Haddenham Active Travel Link	£5.0m	OCC	An active travel link between Thame and Haddenham & Thame Parkway, which crosses Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire boundary.
Milton Heights Bridge	£9.0m	OCC	This scheme could not be delivered by the Housing and Growth deal due to pressures but is a key travel infrastructure scheme which will connect businesses, housing and schools across the A34.
Household Waste Recycling Centres	£21.7m	OCC + potential s106 funding	Investment required to increase capacity at the Household Waste Recycling Centres in line with the Household Waste Recycling Centre Strategy.
Investment into carbon sequestration initiatives	£1.6m	OCC	Investment into carbon sequestration initiatives such as Biochar. Biochar is a generally used as a soil enrichment product produced from processing materials like green waste / wood chip / other biomasses, which the Council currently deals with at a cost.