

## CABINET – 27 JANUARY 2026

### CAPITAL PROGRAMME APPROVALS – JANUARY 2026

#### Report by the Deputy Chief Executive (Section 151 Officer)

#### Recommendations

1. The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:
  - a) Approve the inclusion of £5.0m funding into the capital programme for Duke's Cut Wolvercote Bridge Works.

#### Executive Summary

2. The 2025/26 Capital Programme was approved by Council in February 2025 and is updated during the year through the quarterly capital programme and monitoring reports. This report sets out change requests requiring Cabinet approval that will be incorporated into the agreed programme and included in the next update to Cabinet.

#### Introduction

3. The Capital Programme sets out how the Council will use Capital expenditure to deliver the Council's priorities as set out in the Strategic Plan 2025-28, approved in November 2025. The Capital Programme is updated quarterly and fully refreshed annually as part of the Budget and Business Planning Process to ensure that it remains aligned to the latest priorities, reflects the latest cost projections and profile for delivery, and incorporates the current funding position.

#### Major Infrastructure

##### Duke's Cut Wolvercote Bridge Works

4. The A40 HIF2 Programme is essential to enable delivery of housing and support employment growth in the West Oxfordshire area.
5. Wolvercote Bridge requires immediate maintenance but much of the works being proposed will enable modifications to the road network above, which link to the wider HIF2 programme. This makes the Dukes Cut Project a facilitating project for wider works and are dependent on the delivery of Dukes Cut.
6. Approval is required to include £5.0m into the programme to be funded from corporate resources agreed by Council in February 2024.

#### Financial Implications

7. There are no further financial implications other than those set out in the report. Corporate resources that will be used to fund this scheme were agreed by Council in February 2024.

Comments checked by:  
Kathy Wilcox, Head of Corporate Finance

## **Staff Implications**

8. There are no staffing implications arising directly from the report.

## **Equality & Inclusion Implications**

9. There are no equality and inclusion implications arising directly from this report.

## **Legal Implications**

10. In year changes to the capital programme must be approved by Cabinet in accordance with Financial Regulation and in particular paragraph 5.1.1 permitting Cabinet to agree resource inclusion into the capital programme via periodic Capital Report to Cabinet, based on the recommendation of the Strategic Capital & Commercial Board (chaired by the Executive Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer). Comments checked by:

Jay Akbar, Head of Legal & Governance

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Background papers: none

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