

Capital Project Progress – 2025/26 Quarter 1

Project	Current Approved Budget £	Actuals to Q1 2025/26 £	Year End Forecast 2025/26 £	Variance Estimate £	Comments from Manager	Target Completion
Disabled Facilities Grants and Small Repairs Grants	1,270,999	253,296	1,270,999	0	The DFG programme continues to support residents requiring adaptations to enable them to continue living in their own homes. This year's £1.27m spend is for the Home Improvement Agency to assist disabled, elderly and vulnerable residents to stay in their homes safely and independently. This is achieved through home assessments by the team, using the various forms of grant assistance that are available along with the Handy Person service. In addition, the team has teamed up with Action Surrey to replace condemned and inefficient boilers to eligible households across the borough. Budget includes rolled over 2024/25 budget of £296,591.	Ongoing
Stew Ponds Removal of Silt	150,000	0	6,838	(143,162)	To carry out initial surveys, sampling, Bathymetric surveys, Options appraisal Report, programme, and budget costs. Due to the nesting season and the safe relocation of fish the works will not be started this financial year.	December 2026
Uppermill Pond Bank Replacement	150,000	0	0	(150,000)	Works estimated higher than budget allocation at a cost of £300,000. The project has been deferred until the following financial year and additional funding of £150,000 will be applied for in 2026-27 capital proposals.	December 2026
Ashley Centre Car park Waterproof Membrane	184,000	0	0	(184,000)	Works tendered over budget at £350,000 therefore project deferred for next financial year. Additional funding of £166,000 will be applied for in 2026-27 capital proposals.	December 2026

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Court Recreation 3G Pitch Surface Renewal	130,000	0	130,000	0	Works planned to commence September 2025.	November 2025
Playhouse Lighting and Dimmers	270,000	203,547	270,000	0	The tenders for the lighting works identified that the house lights were linked to the dimmer works so have to be actioned simultaneously. To facilitate this, a decision had to be taken to upgrade the house lights alongside the budgeted works and £45,000 of reserve funding was approved to cover the additional works, raising the overall budget for the scheme to £270,000. The successful bidder was appointed at the end of April with the contract due to run from 1 August to 12 September.	November 2025
Sewerage contamination prevention- Longmead depot	22,355	0	2,000	(20,355)	The remaining works required from the 2024/25 scheme will provide a bund wall for ad-blue containment.	September 2025
Playground renovations	40,000	0	40,000	0	This project is currently at procurement stage and a tender to be actioned. Works consist of replacement of playground surface and defective equipment.	November/ December 2025

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ICT Programme of Works	278,065	6,180	278,065	0	<p>The Firewall Replacement Programme is a critical step to address risks from ageing infrastructure that will soon be unsupported. Without renewal, the organisation could face vulnerabilities due to missing security updates and vendor support. Firewalls are vital for protecting digital operations, and completing this upgrade by the end of 2025 will help maintain security, continuity, and alignment with broader infrastructure improvements.</p> <p>Replacing the two core switches is essential as the current hardware is reaching end-of-support. Without vendor maintenance, these switches could compromise network reliability and security. As central components of the ICT infrastructure, their timely replacement before the end of 2025 supports operational stability and fits within the department's wider infrastructure strategy.</p> <p>The physical servers scheduled for replacement in the 2025/26 capital plan are nearing end-of-support, increasing the risk of security issues and performance decline. Their renewal is necessary to maintain reliability and resilience across the ICT environment.</p> <p>The replacement of additional switches and network hardware is required due to end-of-support status. Continuing to use unsupported equipment could lead to security and performance problems. These components are key to ensuring stable and secure network operations, making their timely upgrade essential.</p> <p>The rollout of the 3CX softphone solution supports the 2023 ICT Strategy's aim to modernise communications by moving away from legacy systems. It enables flexible, cloud-based voice services that enhance resilience, support hybrid working, and contribute to sustainability goals.</p>	<p>December 2025</p> <p>December 2025</p> <p>December 2025</p> <p>December 2025</p> <p>March 2026</p>

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Replacement of CRM and Data Warehouse	262,487	5,754	235,000	(27,487)	<p>The My Council Services (MCS) project aims to improve digital services through additional MCS v5 form development, supported by potential consultancy from the supplier Abavus. A temporary Business Analyst will define requirements over six months, while a dedicated ICT Project Manager will continue to provide project oversight. These roles are key to ensuring the CRM replacement is well-planned and aligned with strategic goals. Delivery is phased from mid 2025 to early 2026.</p> <p>The Data Warehouse supports infrastructure upgrades, including Citrix and VMware renewal, as part of a revised data centre migration. These updates are vital for secure, scalable services, especially during the transition to a new unitary authority as a result of the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). Renewing virtualisation tools ensures continuity for staff and services, helping the council maintain stability and service delivery through the organisational change brought about by the LGR.</p>	<p>March 2026</p> <p>December 2025/March 2026</p>

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Bourne Hall Window replacement – First and Second Phases	348,814	280,639	365,314	16,500	Phase 1 -completed in March 2025. Removal of Asbestos works completed in August 2025. Phase 2 expected to be completed by September 2025. Additional spend has been incurred due to a change to the window type as specified by the conservation officer after the tender was approved. Budget 2024/25 was £611,234 of which £262,420 was spent leaving rolled over balance of £348,814.	Phase 1 completion end March 2025 Phase 2 completion September 2025
Construction of Temporary Accommodation units	424,975	2,945	2,945	(422,030)	Planning permission for 3 modular family units was granted on 7 November 2024. Each unit will contain two bedrooms. Project on hold due to a legal challenge, awaiting a land registry tribunal. Budget 2024/25 was £435,000 of which £10,025 was spent leaving a rolled over balance of £424,975.	To be advised
Wellbeing Centre windows replacement	60,000	0	0	(60,000)	Works have been deferred due to the uncertainty created by the Local Government Reorganisation.	Waiting Asset Review

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Alexandra Rec Dojo	170,000	0	0	(170,000)	The old building has been demolished; a planning application was submitted for the new proposal at committee in November 2023. Quotes for works amounted to £390,000. As this is higher than budget, other sources of grant funding are being investigated. Works will commence if funding/necessary approvals can be secured.	N/A