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## **Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2025/26 – 2028/29**

**Ward(s)** All

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### **Executive Summary:**

The draft budget, as reported to Cabinet on 16 October 2024, includes an update on the medium term financial outlook (MTFO) for the four-year period from 2025/26 to 2028/29. It also outlines the draft revenue budget for 2025/26 to 2028/29 (including savings proposals identified to date for consultation), the draft capital programme for 2025/26 to 2028/29, and sets out the process and timescale for setting a legally balanced budget for 2025/26.

Our MTFO has been updated for all known pressures, including best professional assumptions around the cost-of-living impact, and that on rising demand on our services. Due to the size and breadth of cost pressures, this has had a significant impact on the assumptions in relation to the 2025/26 budget, with additional growth and demand pressures now required of c£48.87m, resulting in a budget gap of c£11.05m.

The Council is legally obliged to set a one-year balanced budget (2025/26), however a medium-term approach is beneficial to allow for sound financial planning and to support future financial stability. The proposals set out in this report do not yet balance the budget for 2025/26, so there will be a requirement to report back on changes and options to close the gap at the January 2025 meeting of Cabinet. All draft proposals are subject to changes arising from the Autumn Budget due on 30 October 2024, and the local government finance settlement yet to be received (provisional settlement anticipated mid December 2024 and final settlement in early February 2025). A number of draft saving proposals are also included for 2026/27 to 2028/29, with further options being identified to allow for a balanced budget over the MTFO period aligned to the Council Plan.

The 2025/26 draft budget includes a proposed 2.99% increase in general council tax along with an additional 2% precept for Adult Social Care, which aligns with current referendum guidelines. The government is yet to confirm its policy on council tax referendum principles and the future status and rate of the Adult Social Care precept, which are anticipated to be detailed in the provisional 2025/26 settlement expected in December 2024.

The draft capital programme for 2025/26 totals £80.14m. It sets out capital investment funded from the council's own resources of £48.95m (funded by capital receipts and borrowing) and externally funded schemes of £31.19m (funded by capital grants) and represents a balanced

programme for 2025/26. In addition, the report sets out a further three years of indicative proposals to 2028/29. Despite reductions in capital funding in recent years and going forward, the draft capital programme contains significant investment into regeneration initiatives, highways, education, and into adults and children's social care and housing to support vulnerable households.

This report provides an extract of the draft revenue savings proposals and growth and demand pressures for 2025/26 – 2028/29 by the ambitions of the new Council Plan, which fall within the remit of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration. It also provides a summary of the draft capital programme for schemes within the remit of this Committee.

Feedback from the Committee on the draft revenue and capital proposals to date will be reported back to Cabinet in January 2025 for consideration.

The revenue proposals set out in the report to Cabinet on 16 October 2024 do not yet balance the budget for 2025/26, so there will be a requirement to report back on changes and options to close the remaining c£11m gap at the January 2025 meeting of Cabinet, and subsequent report to this committee should any changes relate to services within the remit of this committee.

The final draft budget will be considered by Cabinet on 12 February 2025 for recommendation to Council on 26 February 2025. Any changes to draft revenue and capital budget proposals as a result of equality and health impact assessments and consultation will also be fed into the final budget report.

### **Reason for scrutiny:**

To enable consultation of the draft revenue and capital budget proposals for services within the remit of this Committee.

### **Recommendations:**

#### **That:**

1. The Committee are recommended to consider the draft revenue budget proposals to date as attached that relate to the remit of this committee as shown in **Appendices 1 and 2**, and that feedback will be presented to Cabinet in January 2025.
2. The Committee note that the revenue budget for 2025/26 is currently not balanced, with a gap of c£11m, and therefore a further report may be required to this committee if any changes to draft proposals outlined relate to services within the committee's remit.
3. The Committee are recommended to consider the draft capital schemes included in the draft capital programme attached that relate to the remit of this committee as shown in **Appendices 3 and 4**, and that feedback will be presented to Cabinet in January 2025.

### **Background papers:**

Various financial working papers.

### **Resource and legal considerations:**

Cabinet on 16 October 2024 were presented with a list of draft revenue savings proposals for consultation and a list of growth and demand pressures, along with a draft capital programme over the period 202/26 to 2028/29.

The full Cabinet report can be accessed at the following link:

[Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2025/26 - 2028/29 - Cabinet 16 October 2024](#)

Further to the changes in assumptions, the draft budget 2025/26 – 2028/29 includes growth and demand pressures of c£129m (£48.87m of this is in 2025/26). Those growth and demand pressures relating to the remit of this Committee are shown at **Appendix 1** and total £5.16m over 4 years.

### Savings proposals

The current budget proposals include £28.88m of savings to be delivered for 2025/26 (including the review of the £10.38m identified in the budget report to Council in February 2024). There is also £18.96m identified for 2026/27, £12.35m for 2027/28 and £12.10m for 2028/29. Current savings proposals total to £72.29m over the 4 years of the MTFO. Savings are classified into two categories:

1. Policy Proposals - which require an Executive decision to proceed, and which will be referred for public consultation and equality and health impact assessment. These total £0.51m in 2025/26 (remains the same over the four years to 2028/29).
2. Operational Proposals – savings which officers have delegations to implement; examples include restructures, back-office savings, operational efficiencies. These total £28.37m in 2025/26 (£71.78m over the four years to 2028/29).

Some proposals require investment to support delivery. Such investment will only be allocated if the relevant saving proposal is included within Cabinet's final budget report in February 2025, once consultation and equality and health impact assessments has concluded.

Savings proposals outlined in the report to Cabinet on 16 October 2024 will assist in closing the gap over the four years to 2028/29. A gap of £11.05m remains after the delivery of the £28.88m saving identified for 2025/26. Directors continue to work on identifying additional options for Members consideration, and further reports will be presented to Cabinet outlining further options to balance the budget for 2025/26 onwards.

Those savings proposals relating to the remit of this Committee are shown at **Appendix 2** and total £5.12m over 4 years.

The following table summarises the net change in the budget position by Directorate for 2025/26.

Directorate	Growth and Demand pressures	Savings	Net
	£m	£m	£m
Adult Social Care and Public Health	25.03	(8.87)	16.16
Children's Services and Education	10.62	(7.45)	3.17
Economy, Environment and Communities	4.12	(3.80)	0.32
Resources and Transformation	2.00	(1.55)	0.45
Central / Capital Financing*	7.09	(7.21)	(0.11)
<b>Total Net Growth and Demand Pressures by Directorate</b>	<b>48.87</b>	<b>(28.88)</b>	<b>19.99</b>

\*Central growth and demand pressures includes £6.21m of pay and pension costs which will be allocated to services following a detailed review of salary budget requirements.

Based on the current proposals all Directorates would see a net increase in their budgets for 2025/26.

### Draft Capital Programme

The draft capital programme for 2025/26 is balanced and totals £80.14m. It sets out new capital investment funded from the council's own resources of £48.85m (funded by capital receipts and borrowing) and externally funded schemes of £31.19m (funded by capital grants). In addition, the report sets out a further three years of indicative proposals to 2028/29.

Those council funded schemes relating to the remit of this Committee are shown at **Appendix 3** totalling £70.26m over 4 years. The external funded schemes within the remit of this committee are included in **Appendix 4** and total to £39m over the 4 years.

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**APPENDIX 1**

**Summary of Growth and Demand Pressures 2025/26 to 2028/29 aligned to the ambitions of the Council Plan relating to the remit of this Committee**

Directorate	Ref No	Details of Growth and Demand Pressures	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £	Total £
<b>Efficient and effective services</b>							
<b>Economy, Environment &amp; Communities</b>	36	Contractual inflation	530,147	373,548	440,851	440,851	1,785,397
	37	Domestic and garden waste agency staffing costs	70,502	74,027	74,027	74,027	292,583
	38	Increase in disposal costs for mixed dry recycling waste	800,000	0	0	0	800,000
	39	Increase in number of local buildings and the increased cleaning and caretaking responsibilities	700,000	0	0	0	700,000
	40	Pressure due to reduced demand for market stalls, reduction in opening days and loss of income due to reduced stall rates, (Walsall Market)	150,000	0	0	0	150,000
	41	One-off reduction in demand leading to income pressure on cremations income due to local competitor	680,000	(680,000)	0	0	0
	42	Reduction in opening hours for Fryers Road and Merchants Way household waste recycling centres saving in 2024/25 not being implemented - reversal of saving in 2025/26	150,000	0	0	0	150,000
	43	Fall out of street lighting private finance initiative grant when contract ends	0	0	0	1,600,000	1,600,000
	44	Traffic control - reduced income pressure	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
	45	Vehicle lease costs for green waste previously funded by lease reserve - link to potential charge for green waste	170,000	0	0	0	170,000
	46	Greener Bloxwich - revenue impact of capital investment	80,000	40,000	20,000	0	140,000
	47	Increased rental hire for road sweepers	70,000	0	0	0	70,000
	48	Increase in landfill tax from Apr 25 (103p/tonne to 126p/tonne)	150,000	0	0	0	150,000
	49	Increased costs of water for corporate council buildings due to deregulation (linked to asset review)	180,000	0	0	0	180,000
	50	Energy reductions - removal of 2025/26 saving (linked to saving (OP29)	200,000	0	0	0	200,000
51	Saddlers Centre - regeneration project temporary impact on income generation	0	900,000	(900,000)	0	0	
<b>Resources &amp; Transformation</b>	55	Additional resources to support external funding team (linked to saving OP42)	122,123	(19,110)	(25,574)		77,439
<b>Central</b>	57	One off increase energy costs - fall out of 2024/25 investment	(1,360,000)	0	0		(1,360,000)
<b>Total Efficient and effective services</b>			<b>2,742,772</b>	<b>688,465</b>	<b>(390,696)</b>	<b>2,114,878</b>	<b>5,155,419</b>
<b>Total Growth and Demand Pressures relating to the remit of this Committee</b>			<b>2,742,772</b>	<b>688,465</b>	<b>(390,696)</b>	<b>2,114,878</b>	<b>5,155,419</b>

## APPENDIX 2

**Savings for 2025/26 to 2028/29 aligned to the ambitions of the Council Plan relating to the remit of this Committee.**

### A: Summary of Policy Proposals 2025/26 – 2028/29

Directorate	Ref No	Detail of Policy Proposals	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £	Total £
<b>Accessible services and connected places</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	P1	Charge for amendments to planning applications	(50,000)	0	0	0	(50,000)
<b>Total Accessible services and connected places</b>			<b>(50,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(50,000)</b>
<b>Efficient and effective services</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	P2	Phased changes to school crossing patrols	(190,000)	0	0	0	(190,000)
<b>Total Efficient and effective services</b>			<b>(190,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(190,000)</b>
<b>Resilient and empowered communities</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	P3	Seek sponsorship for festive decorations	(30,000)	0	0	0	(30,000)
<b>Total Resilient and empowered communities</b>			<b>(30,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(30,000)</b>
<b>Safer streets, safer people</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	P4	Introduce more rewilding	(50,000)	0	0	0	(50,000)
<b>Total Safer streets, safer people</b>			<b>(50,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(50,000)</b>
<b>Supporting business and inclusive growth</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	P5	Relocation of the leather museum	(190,000)	0	0	0	(190,000)
<b>Total Supporting business and inclusive growth</b>			<b>(190,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(190,000)</b>
<b>Total Policy Proposals relating to the remit of this Committee</b>			<b>(510,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(510,000)</b>

## B: Summary of Operational Proposals 2025/26 – 2028/29

Directorate	Ref No	Detail of Operational Proposals	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £	Total £
<b>A clean and green future</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	OP1	Income from introduction of electrical vehicle charging points	0	0	0	(500,000)	(500,000)
	<b>Total A clean and green future</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(500,000)</b>	<b>(500,000)</b>
<b>A skilled and engaged workforce</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	OP2	Introduce an annual administration charge to facilitate free parking permits for staff	(10,000)	0	0	0	(10,000)
	<b>Total A skilled and engaged workforce</b>		<b>(10,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(10,000)</b>
<b>Accessible services and connected places</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	OP5	Commercialisation of services - potential to develop services to be self-funding - Registrars	(1,410)	(1,452)	0	0	(2,862)
	OP6	The New Art Gallery to move to a Trust	0	(210,000)	0	0	(210,000)
	OP7	Increase parking charges by 20%	(70,000)	(20,000)	0	0	(90,000)
	OP8	Increase in citizenship income	(50,000)	0	0	0	(50,000)
<b>Total Accessible services and connected places</b>		<b>(121,410)</b>	<b>(231,452)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(352,862)</b>	
<b>Celebrating our culture and heritage</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	OP9	Arts & events income - introduce new online shop sales and ticketing	(10,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	0	(60,000)
	<b>Total Celebrating our culture and heritage</b>		<b>(10,000)</b>	<b>(25,000)</b>	<b>(25,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(60,000)</b>
<b>Efficient and effective services</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	OP28	One public estate – income from partners	(250,000)	0	0	0	(250,000)
	OP29	Energy reductions	(200,000)	0	0	0	(200,000)
	OP30	Reduction in running costs as a result of rationalising the council's property portfolio	(500,000)	(150,000)	0	0	(650,000)
	OP31	Amalgamation of facilities management	(100,000)	0	0	0	(100,000)
	OP32	20% reduction in post room costs	(50,000)	0	0	0	(50,000)
	OP33	Review of cleaning and caretaking in Council buildings.	(320,000)	0	0	0	(320,000)
	OP42	Generation of additional external funding to be used against existing costs	(150,000)	0	0	0	(150,000)
<b>Total Efficient and effective services</b>		<b>(1,570,000)</b>	<b>(150,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,720,000)</b>	
<b>Living active and healthy lives</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	OP50	Leisure health checks based on 5% forecast take up	(20,125)	0	0	0	(20,125)
	OP51	Leisure review and health initiatives	(645,000)	(95,000)	(90,000)	(75,000)	(905,000)
	OP52	Review of coffee shop operations	(10,000)	0	0	0	(10,000)
<b>Total Living active and healthy lives</b>		<b>(675,125)</b>	<b>(95,000)</b>	<b>(90,000)</b>	<b>(75,000)</b>	<b>(935,125)</b>	

Directorate	Ref No	Detail of Operational Proposals	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £	Total £
<b>Safer streets, safer people</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	OP57	Increase bulky waste collection charges by 20%	(20,000)	0	0	0	(20,000)
	OP58	Reduction in costs linked to waste strategy/Sherbourne	(400,000)	(400,000)	0	0	(800,000)
<b>Total Safer streets, safer people</b>			<b>(420,000)</b>	<b>(400,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(820,000)</b>
<b>Supporting business and inclusive growth</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	OP70	Increase in fees & charges	(150,000)	0	0	0	(150,000)
	OP71	Markets review	(60,000)	0	0	0	(60,000)
	OP72	Rental income from Park Place and Lex site	(400,000)	0	400,000	0	0
<b>Total Supporting business and inclusive growth</b>			<b>(610,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>400,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(210,000)</b>
<b>Total Operational Proposals relating to the remit of this Committee</b>			<b>(3,416,535)</b>	<b>(901,452)</b>	<b>285,000</b>	<b>(575,000)</b>	<b>(4,607,987)</b>

Total Savings Proposals	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	Total £
A - Policy Proposals	(510,000)	0	0	0	(510,000)
B - Operational Proposals	(3,416,535)	(901,452)	285,000	(575,000)	(4,607,987)
<b>Total Savings Proposals</b>	<b>(3,926,535)</b>	<b>(901,452)</b>	<b>285,000</b>	<b>(575,000)</b>	<b>(5,117,987)</b>



**APPENDIX 3**

**Draft Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2028/29 aligned to the ambitions of the Council Plan – Council Funded Schemes relating to the remit of this Committee.**

**Rolling Programme Schemes**

Directorate	Capital Scheme	Detail of Capital investment	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £	Total £
<b>Accessible services &amp; connected places</b>							
<b>Economy, Environment &amp; Communities</b>	Traffic Signals Infrastructure	The council has a statutory duty to maintain all its traffic signal infrastructure. This programme of planned pedestrian crossing replacements will ensure the safe and efficient movement of pedestrians across the borough (Traffic Management Act 2004). Also supports delivery of the council's carbon reduction targets.	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	800,000
	Capitalisation of Reactive Highways maintenance- Pothole Funding	Capitalisation of Reactive Highways maintenance- Pothole Funding	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	800,000
	Provision of Community Dropped Crossings	These are dropped kerbs at strategic points along footways which permit access for wheelchairs, pushchairs, mobility scooters etc. to cross roads. The investment will allow the council to provide a rolling programme of community crossing points.	0	0	0	0	0
	Highways Maintenance Programme	As Highway Authority the council has a legal responsibility to maintain the highway network. Failure to do so inevitably leads to a deterioration of our roads, increasing the likelihood of accidents and would ultimately expose the council to increased risk of third party claims.	1,300,000	1,300,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	8,200,000
	Promotion of Community Health and Safety	Ongoing funding of road safety schemes, to address local community concerns, which fail to achieve the strategic priorities associated with the Local Transport Plan funding in terms of casualty reduction. In supporting the delivery of these local schemes it is possible to improve local quality of life and safety creating safer communities.	160,000	160,000	180,100	120,000	620,100

Directorate	Capital Scheme	Detail of Capital investment	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £	Total £
<b>Total Accessible services &amp; connected places</b>			<b>1,860,000</b>	<b>1,860,000</b>	<b>3,380,100</b>	<b>3,320,000</b>	<b>10,420,100</b>
<b>Efficient and effective services</b>							
<b>Economy, Environment &amp; Communities</b>	Memorial Safety Management in Cemeteries	The continued inspection and making safe of memorials in Walsall cemeteries and to discharge the council's duty of care within the cemeteries. Increased safety of memorials benefits the residents of Walsall by delivering a safer environment within Walsall cemeteries.	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	80,000
<b>Total Efficient and effective services</b>			<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>
<b>Total Rolling Programme Schemes</b>			<b>1,880,000</b>	<b>1,880,000</b>	<b>3,400,100</b>	<b>3,340,000</b>	<b>10,500,100</b>

## Prior Year Approval Schemes

Directorate	Capital Scheme	Detail of Capital investment	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £	Total £
<b>Vibrant towns</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	Street Lighting Inspections	Capitalisation of electrical Inspections of Street Lighting- Health and Safety	62,469	35,793	63,091	0	161,353
	Future High Streets Fund	To invest in Walsall to deliver a much-needed boost to our high street at this challenging time (External funding announced by MHCLG (now DLUHC – Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities) on 26 December 2020.). The additional £4.49m has been added from previously reports for the refurbishment of the Saddlers Centre including the transformation of the public realm area from the centre to the bus station with additional works to the train station concourse. This will be part of the transformative investment in Walsall Town Centre around the rail and bus stations. £4.49m increase - £3.471m in 2024/25, £1.02m in 2025/26.	12,153,616	17,484,313	83,072	0	29,721,001
	Regenerating Walsall St Peter's Church Repairs Development Team Structure	Regenerating Walsall	223,206	0	0	0	223,206
		St Peter's Church Repairs to surrounding wall	29,569	0	0	0	29,569
	The Development Team structure is currently a Team Leader and 4 officers. Capitalising posts will enable further capacity to be introduced to the team to support delivery of the pipeline.	405,298	327,649	327,649	327,649	1,388,245	
Resources and Transformation	Town Deals	Walsall Towns Deal - council contribution.	1,779,600	0	0	0	1,779,600
		Bloxwich Towns Deal - council contribution.	3,700,000	0	0	0	3,700,000
Economy, Environment & Communities	Other schemes carried forward from previous years requiring completion	Saddlers - Car Park Surfacing works, Electric Vehicle charging, Changing Places and toilets plus further capital works to units during/post connected gateway scheme.	650,000	150,000	0	0	800,000

Directorate	Capital Scheme	Detail of Capital investment	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £	Total £
<b>Total Vibrant towns</b>			<b>19,003,758</b>	<b>17,997,755</b>	<b>473,812</b>	<b>327,649</b>	<b>37,802,974</b>
<b>Accessible services &amp; connected places</b>							
Economy, Environment and Communities	Yorks Bridge (Top Up)	Yorks Bridge is currently the subject of a 7.5 tonne weight limit. Replacement scheme funded using council capital funding and the Department for Transport Maintenance Block.	1,697,786	0	0	0	1,697,786
	Active Public Places	To deliver the full project scope of public realm works, canal bridge and basin works (approved by Cabinet)	1,744,000	0	0	0	1,744,000
	Hatherton Road Car Park	Hatherton Road Car Park	211,456	0	0	0	211,456
<b>Total Accessible services &amp; connected places</b>			<b>3,653,242</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,653,242</b>
<b>Supporting business and inclusive growth</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	Enterprise Zones	Required for the Council to cash-flow borrowing costs associated with capital investment into the Enterprise Zone. Financial modelling forecasts that these costs are expected to be recovered from future business rates generated from within the zone, although the Black Country LEP are the decision making body in relation to where business rates within the zone are invested. Therefore, on the basis that the BCLEP approve that costs on Walsall sites can be recovered through the business rates mechanism, then the Council will only be required to cash-flow these costs.	2,178,246	0	0	0	2,178,246
<b>Total Supporting business and inclusive growth</b>			<b>2,178,246</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,178,246</b>
<b>Homes for all</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	Willenhall Masterplan	Willenhall Garden City Phase 1 is part of a housing-led regeneration programme with public sector intervention in land assembly and gap funding required to support private sector delivery of new homes.	0	5,089,768	0	0	5,089,768
	New Homes Bonus	New Homes Bonus	76,999	0	0	0	76,999
<b>Total Homes for all</b>			<b>76,999</b>	<b>5,089,768</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,166,767</b>

Directorate	Capital Scheme	Detail of Capital investment	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £	Total £
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<b>Living active &amp; healthy lives</b>							
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<b>Economy, Environment &amp; Communities</b>	Children's Play Equipment	Installation of 6 new outdoor gyms and the improvement of 13 main play sites at a total cost of £1.644m to enhance the quality of play and fitness provision for young people and adults. This will be funded from S106 monies (£229k) and £1.07m council funded and seek to find the remaining fund externally. £580k in 2023/24 is the remaining amount out of £1.07m approved as council contribution.	132,668	0	0	0	132,668
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<b>Total Living active &amp; healthy lives</b>			<b>132,668</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>132,668</b>
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<b>Efficient and effective services</b>							
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<b>Economy, Environment &amp; Communities</b>	Civic Centre Plumbing	Civic Centre Plumbing	66,600	0	0	0	66,600
	Council House Smoke & Heat Detection Fire Alarm	Council House Smoke & Heat Detection Fire Alarm	248,920	0	0	0	248,920
	Other schemes carried forward from previous years requiring completion	Council House Internal Decoration	30,218	0	0	0	30,218
	Civic Centre Heating Improvements	Civic Centre Heating improvements linked to public sector decarbonisation	946,328	0	0	0	946,328
	Council House Windows	Council House Windows	945,570	0	0	0	945,570
	Council House Heating	Council House General Heating	1,523,105	0	0	0	1,523,105
	Walsall Council Modern Secure Reception	Walsall Council Modern Secure Reception		0	0	0	0
	Ways of Working	Ways of Working	188,665	0	0	0	188,665
	Public toilets	Public toilets	78,641	0	0	0	78,641
	Council House Roof Repairs	Council House Roof Repairs	1,488,000	0	0	0	1,488,000

Directorate	Capital Scheme	Detail of Capital investment	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £	Total £
<b>Total Efficient &amp; effective services</b>			<b>5,516,047</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,516,047</b>
<b>A clean and green future</b>							
<b>Economy, Environment &amp; Communities</b>	HWRC station - Middlemore Lane	This is additional budget required to cover the uncontrollable increased inflationary / construction pressures on the existing project. To provide a new Waste Transfer Station (WTS) and large Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) at Middlemore Lane in Aldridge.	4,566,836	0	0	0	4,566,836
	Allotment Boundary Improvement Works	Allotment Boundary Improvement Works	23,885	0	0	0	23,885
	Capitalisation of wheeled bin stock	Linked to revenue savings option. Wheeled bin stock capitalisation	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000	720,000
<b>Total A clean and green future</b>			<b>4,770,721</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>5,310,721</b>
<b>Total Prior Year Approval Schemes</b>			<b>35,331,681</b>	<b>23,267,523</b>	<b>653,812</b>	<b>507,649</b>	<b>59,760,665</b>
<b>Total Draft Capital Programme – Council Funded Schemes within the remit of this Committee</b>			<b>37,211,681</b>	<b>25,147,523</b>	<b>4,053,912</b>	<b>3,847,649</b>	<b>70,260,765</b>

**APPENDIX 4**

**Draft Capital Programme 2025/26 to 2028/29 – External Funded Schemes relating to the remit of this Committee.**

Directorate	Capital Scheme	Detail of Capital investment	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £	Total £
<b>Vibrant towns</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	Willenhall masterplan - LPIF funding	£3.2m of LPIF Funding as part-funding for the willenhall Masterplan project to kickstart the delivery of over 500 new homes connecting local people in Willenhall jobs, parks and new rail station.	0	3,200,000	0	0	3,200,000
Resources & Transformation		Walsall Towns Deal	8,201,605	0	0	0	8,201,605
		Bloxwich Towns Deal	7,076,781	0	0	0	7,076,781
<b>Total Vibrant towns</b>			<b>15,278,386</b>	<b>3,200,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,478,386</b>
<b>Accessible services &amp; connected places</b>							
Economy, Environment & Communities	LTP Highway Maintenance Programme	This capital funding, known as the maintenance block, is distributed by the Integrated Transport Authority (ITA). As the Highway Authority we have an extremely high profile duty to maintain our highway network. This money is provided by the Department for Transport via the ITA with the condition that it should be spent on the classified road network. Includes allocation for potholes and bridge strengthening.	3,568,700	3,568,700	3,568,700	3,568,700	14,274,800

Directorate	Capital Scheme	Detail of Capital investment	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £	Total £
Economy, Environment & Communities	Local Network Improvement Plan	The Government provides each locality with grant funding to help implement the Local Transport Plan in their area. The grant is used for the implementation of small scale capital schemes; development of major capital schemes and to part fund major schemes implementation costs. The programme is designed to address road safety issues, progress the Council's major scheme aspirations; and resource the required 'local contributions' to approved major schemes. (Department for Transport / West Midlands ITA).	1,563,100	1,563,100	1,563,100	1,563,100	6,252,400
<b>Total Accessible services &amp; connected places</b>			<b>5,131,800</b>	<b>5,131,800</b>	<b>5,131,800</b>	<b>5,131,800</b>	<b>20,527,200</b>
<b>Total Draft Externally Funded Capital Programme</b>			<b>20,410,186</b>	<b>8,331,800</b>	<b>5,131,800</b>	<b>5,131,800</b>	<b>39,005,586</b>