

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROPOSALS

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| Projects and / or values highlighted in yellow indicate new proposals or proposed revision(s) to existing proposals. Revisions to existing proposals are clarified in the accompanying commentary. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ECP12 | Leisure Facilities | Head of Leisure & Environmental Services | Hitchin Swimming Pool Car Park extension | Attractive & Thriving | 476 | - | 476 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | To provide a new car park at HSC. UPDATE CBP 2018/19: Proposed to increase the existing capital provision by an additional £250,000 as; the Council has had to spend money as part of the Section 38 approval and the legal cost of the land swap; the original construction cost estimates were prepared over five years ago and construction costs have since increased. The revised project budget has been estimated at a cost of £5,000 per parking space. |
| ECP40 | IT | Head of Revenues & Benefits & IT & MSU | Microsoft Enterprise Agreement | Responsive & Efficient | 650 | - | 0 | 200 | 0 | 450 | 0 | NHDC entered into a 3 year Contract for the use of Microsoft Licences for which 2017/18 represents year 2 of 3. There is the option within the contract to extend by a further 2 years. It is essential NHDC has the correct Microsoft Licences to ensure we do not fall foul of F.A.S.T (Fraud Against Software Threat) regulations. UPDATE CBP 2018/19: £450k is requested to be earmarked for renewal of licences contract in 2021/22 |
| NCP1 | IT | Head of Revenues & Benefits & IT & MSU | Cadcorp Local Knowledge & Notice Board Software | Responsive & Efficient | 14 | - | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | This software collates current stored information from the current GIS software and presents it as a web page which can be tailored to display data such as Waste Collections, Recycling Collections (dates), your Councillor, Planning Applications, Listed Buildings etc. all in a single view via the NHDC Website. This software will benefit the public and officers alike when researching NHDC information. |
| NCP2 | IT | Head of Revenues & Benefits & IT & MSU | Cyber Attacks - Events Monitoring Software Solution | Responsive & Efficient | 30 | - | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | For the past 6 years NHDC have been using a software solution called GFI Events Management for capturing and reporting potential cyber hacking threats. The contract is due for renewal in May 2018. It is an essential requirement of the PSN that the authority has an active solution in place. |
| NCP3 | Leisure Facilities | Head of Leisure & Environmental Services | Letchworth Outdoor Pool safety surface | Attractive & Thriving | 60 | - | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | To remove and replace the existing safety surface at Letchworth Outdoor Pool as the current surface condition is in poor condition. Officers have investigated current market products and these are now more superior to what is currently in situ. The proposed surface will be the same product that was recently installed at Hitchin Outdoor Pool. |
| NCP4 | Leisure Facilities | Head of Leisure & Environmental Services | Royston Leisure Centre extension | Attractive & Thriving | 1,000 | - | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | tbc | To extend the front of the Royston Leisure Centre. This will provide a new multi functional room and increase the size of the fitness room. The gym membership at Royston Leisure Centre is close to capacity and a recent latent demand survey demonstrated there is a demand to increase the size of this facility. By undertaking the capital work the Council will renegotiate the Leisure Management contract and SLL will increase their management fee to the Council. The revenue implication of the project is therefore subject to negotiation and agreement with SLL, but is estimated to involve an increase in the annual return to the General Fund in the range of £120k to £150k. |
| NCP5 | Parks & Countryside Development | Head of Leisure & Environmental Services | Decommissioning of Play Areas | Responsive & Efficient | 130 | - | 130 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -29 | The Councils adopted Green Space Management Strategy 2017-2021 seeks to asset transfer 13 of its less used play areas. Play areas that are not transferred to a third party by March 2018 will have equipment removed and be managed as green space. As this project does not involve enhancing an asset, any investment will ultimately be charged to the Council's General Fund but, as the scheme does deliver service change that leads to ongoing cost reductions, it therefore would be expected to meet the conditions for funding from capital resource under the flexible use of Capital Receipts direction. |

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| NCP6 | Parks & Countryside Development | Head of Leisure & Environmental Services | Decommissioning of Pavilions | Responsive & Efficient | 120 | - | 120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -8 | The Councils adopted Green Space Management Strategy 2017-2021 seeks to asset transfer four pavilions identified as beyond economic repair at Bakers Close, Baldock. St. Johns Road, Cadwell Lane & Walsworth Common, Hitchin. If not transferred to a third party by March 2018 they will be decommissioned & returned to green space. As this project does not involve enhancing an asset, any investment will ultimately be charged to the Council's General Fund but, as the scheme does deliver service change that leads to ongoing cost reductions, it therefore would be expected to meet the conditions for funding from capital resource under the flexible use of Capital Receipts direction. |
| NCP7 | Property Services/ Parking | Head of Finance, Performance and Asset Management/ Head of Leisure & Environmental Services | Refurbishment of lifts at Lairage Car Park | Attractive & Thriving | 360 | - | 360 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Estimated cost of the refurbishment of the four lifts. The work will be required to ensure that the lifts operate safely and reliably. This may not be required until 2019/20. |
| ECP3 | Housing Services | Head of Housing & Public Protection | Disabled Facility Grants | Responsive & Efficient | 2,980 | 2,980 | 745 | 745 | 745 | 745 | 0 | DFGs are available to owner/occupiers and tenants towards the cost of providing adaptations and facilities to assist older people and people with disabilities. It enables them to remain independent within their own home. In February 2015 Council approved maintaining this level of funding for 2015/6 and beyond whilst a review on longer term options was undertaken. UPDATE 2018/19 CBP: Investment proposed to be extended to 2021/22. Total government grant expectation amended accordingly. 2017/18 total £716k. Total funding value includes application of grant funding held as income in advance (where grant unspent in prior year). |
| ECP2 | Housing Services | Head of Housing & Public Protection | Home Repair Assistance Grants | Responsive & Efficient | 240 | - | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 0 | HRAGs are a discretionary form of assistance specifically designed to provide practical help through a grant for small-scale works. This grant provides cash limited assistance up to £5K within any three-year period, for minor works for owner / occupiers and private tenants who meet certain criteria. HRAGs are means tested and help to eradicate CAT1 Hazards, such as excess cold. In February 2015 Council approved an increase in the level of funding from £35k to £60k per annum for 2015/6 and future years. UPDATE 2018/19 CBP: Investment proposed to be extended to 2021/22 |
| ECP5 | IT | Head of Revenues & Benefits & IT & MSU | PC's - Refresh Programme | Responsive & Efficient | 68 | - | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 0 | PC's identified as having reached their end of useful life as part of the annual refresh programme. The assets have been used well past their original end of life because of the introduction of the citrix thin client technology. UPDATE CBP 2018/19: Resource of £17k requested in both 2020/21 and 2021/22 |
| ECP6 | IT | Head of Revenues & Benefits & IT & MSU | Tablets - Android Devices | Responsive & Efficient | 34 | - | 10 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 0 | As part of the IT Strategy and supporting the channel migration programme, the tablets are required to continue the roll-out to identified officers who would benefit from having mobile devices to be more efficient and productive. It is becoming increasingly important for those staff who are mobile working that they have the correct tools to view emails and documents whilst on the move. UPDATE CBP 2018/19: Additional £2k resource requested in 2018/19 and £8k earmarked in both 2020/21 and 2021/22 |
| ECP27 | IT | Head of Revenues & Benefits & IT & MSU | Security - Firewalls | Responsive & Efficient | 28 | - | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | Firewalls are one of the most important piece of hardware between the NHDC Network and the outside world and it is this equipment that stops cyber attacks from penetrating NHDC systems and data. There is a need to ensure this hardware is kept as current and up to date as possible to ensure the Council's networks and data are kept secure. UPDATE CBP 2018/19: Resource of £14k requested to be programmed in 2021/22 |

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| ECP4 | IT | Head of Revenues & Benefits & IT & MSU | Core Backbone Switch | Responsive & Efficient | 20 | - | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Dual processor switch, which links the virtual servers to the SAN. UPDATE CBP 2018/19: £17k earmarked provision in 2018/19 proposed to be removed. |
| ECP28 | IT | Head of Revenues & Benefits & IT & MSU | Cabinet Switches - 4 Floors | Responsive & Efficient | 18 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | This hardware connects each floor across the DCO to each other and back to the IT Data Centre on the ground floor. This hardware is the essential piece of kit that routes the traffic from desktops to the data servers and hence keeping this technology up to date and modern is essential to ensure data speeds are maintained. UPDATE CBP 2018/19: Allocated resource of £18k in 2018/19 reprogrammed to 2021/22. |
| ECP23 | IT | Head of Revenues & Benefits & IT & MSU | Laptops - Refresh Programme | Responsive & Efficient | 12 | - | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | Over the past 3 years IT have reduced the laptop estate from 149 devices down to only having 48 still in use. The small budget provision is to ensure we have funds to replace these devices when Windows 7 becomes de-supported or they have reached their end of life as part of the refresh programme. UPDATE CBP 2018/19: Resource allocation of £6k requested in 2020/21. |
| TOTAL | | | | | 6,240 | 2,980 | 3,042 | 1,050 | 836 | 1,312 | -30 | |