

Capital Programme 2024/25 to 2028/29

CAPITAL BUDGET	Projected Spend 2024/25 £	Proposed Budget 2025/26 £	Proposed Budget 2026/27 £	Proposed Budget 2027/28 £	Proposed Budget 2028/29 £
Operational Services					
Refuse Vehicles	827,530	1,964,000	120,000	320,000	
Waste Bins	40,000	1,040,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Food Waste Caddies		280,256			
Conservation Area Schemes - 2nd round	27,506				
Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG)	1,086,163	697,299	697,299	697,299	697,299
Empty Properties, Discretionary DFGs, Minor Works, Home Repair Asst.	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Vehicle Etc. Replacements	356,226	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Bereavement Centre	500,000	7,560,223	1,000,000		
Operational Services Total	2,912,425	11,716,778	2,032,299	1,232,299	912,299
Finance and Assets					
Depot	347,892				
Solar Panels on Council Buildings	100,100				
EC CLT Loan	42,525				
Loan Agreement with ECTC approved in April 2022	2,100,000	1,500,000			
Finance and Assets Total	2,590,517	1,500,000	0	0	0
Capital Programme Total	5,502,942	13,216,778	2,032,299	1,232,299	912,299

Refuse Vehicles

The Council purchases and then hires to East Cambs Street Scene refuse vehicles to be used to undertake the refuse contract for the Council. With the Government's long term Waste Strategy being implemented in 2026, the Council is being required to purchase a significant number of new vehicles in 2025/26 to ensure that it is ready to meet the additional demands put upon it by the Strategy.

Waste Bins

The on-going £40,000 budget is to ensure that as the number of residential homes in the District increases, the Council has new wheeled bins available to deliver to these properties. The larger budget in 2025/26 is for the purchase of wheeled bins at the point the Council chooses to move away from the use of black sacks. This was originally built into the budget in 2023/24, but will now be used in 2025/26.

Conservation Area Schemes

This scheme is for the Steeple Row enhancement, led by Ely Perspective for public realm improvements in the Steeple Row area. The remaining balance is required to provide partnership funding towards a larger Heritage Lottery Scheme currently being worked on by Ely Cathedral for enhancements to the entire cathedral precinct.

Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grants

These grants are provided to enable disabled people, including children, to remain in their own home. Due to an ageing population, the demand for this type of grant is likely to increase and capital funding will need to continue to enable the Council to meet this statutory function. The majority is funded from Government grant from the Better Care Fund.

Empty Properties, Discretionary DFGs, Minor Works & Home Repair Asst.

Grant provided to owner occupiers on an income related benefit to carry out essential repairs and energy efficiency work to their homes, to ensure that they meet the decent homes standard. This grant takes two forms, one, a small non-repayable grant and the other, where more extensive works are needed, a repayable loan.

Vehicle Replacements

Vehicle replacement mostly for the Parks and Gardens Team. This is funded from Section 106 contributions.

Bereavement Centre

To build a District Bereavement Centre, consisting of a crematorium and modular function room, with associated natural burial and pet cemetery facilities at the Council owned Mepal site on Ireton's Way.

Depot

The depot, including the drainage on the site is being improved to provide staff with a safe environment.

Solar Panels on Council Buildings

Installation of solar panelling on a number of Council buildings including E-Space North in Littleport, the Hive and potentially the Grange

Loan to East Cambs CLT

Loan to East Cambs CLT, to provide the funding (alongside Ecology Building Society) for the CLT to purchase fifteen properties on the former Ministry of Defence site in Ely, so these can be offered as affordable, shared ownership properties to local residents. The terms of the loan require it to be repaid in seven years time.

Loan Agreement with ECTC approved in April 2022

At its meeting on the 21st April 2022, the Council approved a new loan facility to ECTC up to a value of £7,500,000 in order to move forward with new projects at the Paradise Pool site and phase two and three at the former Ministry of Defence site. At the end of March 2025, it is expected that ECTC will have drawdown net £5.0 million of this facility. Current cashflows suggest that a further £1.5 million will be drawn down in 2025/26.

SOURCES OF FINANCING	Projected 2024/25 £	Budget 2025/26 £	Budget 2026/27 £	Budget 2027/28 £	Budget 2028/29 £
Operational Services					
Revenue Contribution					
Government Grants (Disability Facilities Grant)	991,542	602,678	602,678	602,678	602,678
Government Grants (Food Waste)		894,056			
Capital Reserves	237,127	209,621	209,621	209,621	209,621
Section 106 / CIL	1,856,226	8,160,223	1,600,000	600,000	600,000
Borrowing	(172,470)	1,850,200	(380,000)	(180,000)	(500,000)
Operational Services Total	2,912,425	11,716,778	2,032,299	1,232,299	912,299
Finance and Assets					
Capital Reserves	100,100				
Borrowing	2,490,417	1,500,000	0	0	0
Finance and Assets Total	2,590,517	1,500,000	0	0	0
Capital Funding Total	5,502,942	13,216,778	2,032,299	1,232,299	912,299

Capital Reserves Forecast	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £
Balance Brought Forward	1,785,702	1,498,475	1,338,854	1,179,233	1,019,612
Add receipts from Sales of Assets	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Less Capital Receipts Applied	(337,227)	(209,621)	(209,621)	(209,621)	(209,621)
Capital Reserves Carried Forward	1,498,475	1,338,854	1,179,233	1,019,612	859,991

Borrowing Forecast	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	2027/28 £	2028/29 £
Balance Brought Forward	10,652,179	10,276,638	11,041,216	5,114,002	4,608,055
Add Borrowing in Year	2,317,947	3,350,200	(380,000)	(180,000)	(500,000)
Repayment from ECTC	(2,100,000)	(1,900,000)	(4,600,000)	0	0
Less Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)	(593,488)	(685,622)	(947,214)	(325,947)	(226,009)
Total Borrowing Carried Forward	10,276,638	11,041,216	5,114,002	4,608,055	3,882,046
Internal Borrowing	10,276,638	11,041,216	5,114,002	4,608,055	3,882,046
External Borrowing	0	0	0	0	0