

Appendix F - Capital Strategy (Extract)

3.3 Capital Programme Process

The procedural framework outlines the three-tier structure of our capital programme, ensuring thorough planning, execution, and monitoring of all capital projects from development through to major project completion.

1. Development Stage

The purpose of this stage is to involve initial fact-finding, project development, and preliminary research to assess the feasibility and benefits of proposed projects.

Fact-Finding and Needs Assessment (Discovery Phase):

- During this phase, the strategic context of the project is determined. Workshops and wider officer consultations are conducted, followed by the preparation of a mandate and a risk register.
- The outputs of this phase include workshop outcomes, the mandate, and the risk register.
- The finance process involves Strategic Assessment Approval, with no approvals required at this stage.

Project Development (Initiate Phase):

- In this phase, the business justification for the project is made by exploring the preferred way forward, outlining the procurement strategy, and developing the project management approach.
- The outputs include the Strategic Outline Business Case, Outline Procurement Strategy, and the Project Management Plan.
- The finance process involves requesting New Capital Project Approval by completing the Capital Appraisal Form and submitting it to Finance where once approved it will be added to Tier 3 of the Capital Programme.

Research on Benefits and Feasibility (Plan Phase):

- The delivery strategy is determined by assessing potential Value for Money (VfM) and preparing for the potential deal, ascertaining affordability and funding requirements, and planning for successful delivery.

- The outputs include the Engagement Strategy, Project Definition, and the Outline Business Case.
- The finance process involves requesting approval to implement the capital project by completing the Request to Proceed with the Capital Project form and submitting it to Finance where this will then be subject to approval by the Chief Finance Officer under the Scheme of Delegation, Cabinet where it is a key decision or Council if amendments are required to approved Capital Programme. Once approved the project will be promoted to Tier 1 or 2 of the Capital Programme depending on whether the project is classed as a major project or not.