

Boston Borough Council – Q2 Finance Capital Report for 2025-26

Finance Summary

- As of 30 September 2025 capital spend was £8.155m against a revised full year budget of £38.563m.
- Towns Fund projects account for the largest portion of the revised capital budget at £14.849m with forecast full spend in year.
- Amendments to the 2025/26 approved capital budget equate to £0.078m.
- The majority of the capital programme is financed through external grant funding.
- The 5-year capital programme shows planned spending across various projects including Disabled Facilities Grants, IT infrastructure, Towns Fund, LUF and BPF projects.

Section 2 – Finance

Section 2.1 Capital Programme in Year

Section 2.2 Capital 5-year Programme

Section 2.1 – Capital Programme in Year

Table 1 details the revisions to the capital programme and progress against the 2025/26 approved programme including the projected forecast outturn to 31 March 2026.

Table 1 – Capital Programme 2025/26						
Scheme	Approved Budget 2025/26 £'000	Changes to Approved Budget £'000	Revised Budget 2025/26 £'000	Actuals to September 2025 £'000	Forecast Outturn 2025/26 £'000	Variance (underspend)/overspend at Q2 £'000
Disabled Facilities Grant	885	-	885	276	1,100	215
Vehicle Replacements	536	-	536	98	536	-
Information Technology Infrastructure Refresh	412	-	412	105	402	(10)
Swimming Pool Support Fund	122	76	198	198	198	-
Uniform	291	-	291	-	231	(60)
Unit 4 Implementation	47	-	47	-	47	-
Affordable Housing Commuted Sum	1,074	-	1,074	-	-	(1,074)
Capital Enhancements	604	-	604	127	312	(292)
Depot Purchase	150	-	150	3	150	-
Food Waste	154	(154)	-	-	-	-
Homelessness Prevention Van	7	-	7	5	5	(2)
Market Regeneration	-	23	23	23	23	-
Boston Council Chamber Mics	-	33	33	-	33	-
Total Projects (Excl Towns Funds, UKSPF, LUF & BPF)	4,282	(22)	4,260	835	3,037	(1,223)
Towns Fund - Leisure	7,895	-	7,895	685	7,895	-
Towns Fund - Mayflower	3,600	-	3,600	3,600	3,600	-

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Towns Fund - St Botolph's Library	57	-	57	-	57	-
Towns Fund - Healing the High St (incl. Shodfriars)	2,433	-	2,433	318	2,433	-
Towns Fund - Boston Station	864	-	864	-	864	-
Total Towns Fund Projects	14,849	-	14,849	4,603	14,849	-
UKSPF (Capacity building projects for local groups)	275	-	275	42	264	(11)
UKSPF Rural (Community projects aimed at reducing the cost of living)	129	-	129	18	128	(1)
Total UKSPF Projects	404	-	404	60	392	(12)
LUF - Civic Hub	581	(576)	5	5	5	-
LUF - Crown House	4,877	1,148	6,025	441	6,025	-
LUF - Public Realm	5,412	(472)	4,940	1,566	4,940	-
Total LUF Projects	10,870	100	10,970	2,012	10,970	-
BPF - Boston United Football Sports Complex	1,450	-	1,450	3	1,450	-
BPF - Affordable Homes (Quadrant Housing Development)	1,752	-	1,752	442	1,752	-
BPF - Haven Wharf	2,800	-	2,800	-	2,800	-
BPF - PE21 Rosegarth Square	398	-	398	124	398	-
BPF - Community Organisations Package	690	-	690	44	690	-
BPF - Boston Connected	570	-	570	-	570	-
BPF - Boston Community Research Project	370	-	370	32	370	-
BPF – St Botolph's Church Visitor Offer	50	-	50	-	50	-
Total BPF Projects (excl Boston Leisure)	8,080	-	8,080	645	8,080	-
Grand Total	38,485	78	38,563	8,155	37,328	(1,235)

The revised capital budget as of 30 September 2025 is £38.563m, derived from the combination of the 2025/26 approved budget of £38.485m, new in-year approved spend, slippage into future years and decommitted spend. The overall expenditure as at Q2 is £8.155m.

The Towns Fund projects represent the largest specific group at £14.849m, 39% of total revised capital budget followed by Levelling Up Funding (LUF) £10.970m which represents 28%. Other schemes make up the remaining £12.340m, 33% of total revised capital budget including Boston Partnership Funding (BPF).

Progress against approved budgets

- **Disabled Facilities Grants** – Forecasting use of remaining grant received in prior years, budget will be updated during Q3 following further review.
- **Uniform** – Forecast underspend expected to be rephased into 2026/27.
- **Affordable Housing Commuted Sum** – Forecast underspend expected to be rephased into 2026/27, greater certainty on delivery expected during Q3. Draft funding agreement seeks completion of properties prior to payment.
- **Capital Enhancements** – Works on fire protection measures and costs are progressing as approved within the Q1 report. The forecast for other work remains on hold pending the outcome of ongoing decision making.
- **UKSPF** – North East Lincolnshire Council, acting on behalf of Greater Lincolnshire County Combined Authority (GLCCA) have confirmed the flexibility of utilising revenue funding to support capital schemes can continue throughout this financial year. The forecast overspend will be funded via unused revenue funding and will be reflected in the Q3 report.

2025/26 Funding

Table 2 details the Capital Programme financing and the projected forecast outturn to 31 March 2026.

Table 2 – Capital Programme Financing				
All Projects	Approved Budget 2025/26 £'000	Revised Budget 2025/26 £'000	Outturn 2025/26 at Q2 £'000	Variance (under)/ over at Q2 £'000
Prudential Borrowing	(1,302)	(1,335)	(1,265)	70
External Grants	(35,364)	(35,386)	(35,589)	(203)
Capital Reserve	(738)	(738)	(446)	292
Other Reserves	(7)	(30)	(28)	2
S106	(1,074)	(1,074)	-	1,074
Totals	(38,485)	(38,563)	(37,328)	1,235

Capital Financing - The current capital programme is financed from reserves and internal borrowing in line with the Capital Strategy.

Table 3 details the changes to the approved capital budget for 2025/26.

Table 3 – Changes to Approved Capital Budget		
Project Description	Amount £'000	Approval
Swimming Pool Support Fund	76	Proforma approved by S151 Officer.
Food Waste	(154)	Rephasing of expenditure relating to Caddies, delivery forecast to be Q1 2026/27.
Market Regeneration	23	Proforma approved by S151 Officer.
Boston Council Chamber Microphones	33	Proforma approved by S151 Officer.
Total	(22)	

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Project Description	Amount £'000	Approval
Recommend to Council		
LUF - Civic Hub	(576)	Request to reallocate remaining budget from Civic Hub into Crown House in line with current scheme delivery. Subject to approval by Full Council.
LUF - Crown House	1,148	Request to increase budget for Crown House from Civic Hub and Public Realm, increase includes £100k from 2026/27 from Civic Hub. Subject to approval by Full Council.
LUF - Public Realm	(472)	Request to reallocate elements of the budget from Public Realm into Crown House in line with current scheme delivery. Subject to approval by Full Council.
Total	100	

Section 2.2 – Capital 5-year Programme

Table 4 details the 5-year capital profiling for each scheme.

Table 4 – Capital Programme					
Scheme	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Disabled Facilities Grant	885	785	785	785	785
Vehicle Replacements	536	-	219	200	-
Information Technology Infrastructure Refresh	412	265	549	100	100
Swimming Pool Support Fund	198	-	-	-	-
Uniform	291	-	-	-	-
Unit 4 Implementation	47	17	-	-	-
Affordable Housing Commuted Sum	1,074	-	-	-	-
Capital Enhancements	604	10	-	-	-
Depot Purchase	150	-	-	-	-
Food Waste	-	3,135	-	679	-
Homelessness Prevention Van	7	-	-	-	-
Boston Crematorium	-	-	525	-	-
Market Regeneration	23	-	-	-	-
Boston Council Chamber Mics	33	-	-	-	-
Total Projects (Excl Towns Funds, UKSPF, LUF & BPF)	4,260	4,212	2,078	1,764	885
Towns Fund – Leisure	7,895	5,592	-	-	-
Towns Fund - Mayflower	3,600	-	-	-	-
Towns Fund - St Botolph's Library	57	-	-	-	-
Towns Fund - Healing the High St (incl. Shodfriars)	2,433	-	-	-	-
Towns Fund - Boston Station	864	-	-	-	-
Total Towns Fund Projects	14,849	5,592	-	-	-
UKSPF (Capacity building projects for local groups)	275	-	-	-	-

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UKSPF Rural (Community projects aimed at reducing the cost of living)	129	-	-	-	-
Total UKSPF Projects	404	-	-	-	-
LUF - Civic Hub	5	-	-	-	-
LUF - Crown House	6,295	900	-	-	-
LUF - Public Realm	4,670	600	-	-	-
Total LUF Projects	10,970	1,500	-	-	-
BPF - Boston United Football Sports Complex	1,450	-	-	-	-
BPF - Affordable Homes (Quadrant Housing Development)	1,752	-	-	-	-
BPF - Haven Wharf	2,800	-	-	-	-
BPF - PE21 Rosegarth Square	398	-	-	-	-
BPF - Community Organisations Package	690	-	-	-	-
BPF - Boston Connected	570	-	-	-	-
BPF - Boston Community Research Project	370	-	-	-	-
BPF – St Botolph’s Church Visitor Offer	50	-	-	-	-
Total BPF Projects (excl Boston Leisure)	8,080	-	-	-	-
Grand Total – All Projects	38,563	11,304	2,078	1,764	885
Capital Financing					
Prudential Borrowing	(1,335)	(7,419)	(1,293)	(979)	(100)
External Grants	(35,386)	(3,885)	(785)	(785)	(785)
Capital Reserve	(738)	-	-	-	-
Other Reserves	(30)	-	-	-	-
S106	(1,074)	-	-	-	-
	(38,563)	(11,304)	(2,078)	(1,764)	(885)