NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET – TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2026

Title of Report	**SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND CAPITAL APPROVALS**	
Presented by	Councillor Keith Merrie Finance and Corporate Portfolio Holder PH Briefed: Yes	
Background Papers	**Council 17 February 2026:** [General Fund Budget and Council Tax 2026/27] **Cabinet 28 April 2026:** [Supplementary Estimates, Virements and Capital Approvals]	**Public Report:** Yes **Key Decision:** Yes
Financial Implications	The report does not request any new financial resources. It seeks approval to add an external grant of £0.114m to the General Fund Budget and to move £0.01m from the development pool to the active programme. **Signed off by the Acting Section 151 Officer**: Yes	
Legal Implications	No legal implications arising from this report. **Signed off by the Interim Monitoring Officer**: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	There are no staffing implications arising from the report. **Signed off by the Head of Paid Service:** Yes	
Purpose of Report	To seek approval to add an external grant of £0.114m to the General Fund Budget and to move £0.01m from the development pool to the active programme.	
LGR Implications	There are no LGR implications.	
Reason for Decision	The Council's Financial Procedure Rules, Section 2, paragraphs A24 to A28 stipulate the procedures for virements and supplementary estimates, whilst the Council's Capital Strategy sets out the Governance of the Capital Programme	
Recommendations	**THAT CABINET:** **1. APPROVES THAT THE ASYLUM DISPERSAL GRANT OF £0.114M IS ADDED TO THE BUDGET;** **2. RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL TO ADD THE HOMELESSNESS, ROUGH SLEEPING AND**	

	DOMESTIC ABUSE GRANT TO THE BUDGET; 3. APPROVES THE MOVEMENT OF £0.01M FROM THE DEVELOPMENT POOL TO THE ACTIVE PROGRAMME FOR THE 'CCTV – UPGRADE TO SERVER AND NEW CAMERAS'; AND 4. RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT THE PLAY AREA GRANTS WITHIN THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2027/28 AND 2028/29 ARE BROUGHT FORWARD TO 2026/27.

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 This is a regular report to Cabinet to enable the approval of supplementary estimates and capital movements in a timely manner for the efficient operation of the Council.

1.2 This report covers items in respect of the General Fund.

2.0 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

2.1 A supplementary estimate is an addition to the Council's approved budget and is considered in line with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules and Constitution.

2.2 Since Council approved the budget in February 2026, the Council has received two grants over £0.100m that require member approval before being added to the budget. In line with the Constitution, Cabinet is asked to approve adding the £0.114m Asylum Dispersal Grant to the budget and to recommend to Council that the £0.445m Homelessness, Rough Sleeping and Domestic Abuse Grant is also added. Expenditure will be managed in accordance with the grant conditions.

3.0 CHANGES TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

3.1 Schemes in the capital programme are grouped under two categories, and these are:

Development Pool: These are schemes not yet fully costed, or funding sources identified. A full business case is required to be prepared and presented to the Capital Strategy Group for consideration before the scheme can go ahead.

Active Programme: Schemes in this category have been approved (by Capital Strategy Group, Cabinet or Council), fully funded and are being delivered.

3.2 The business case for the 'CCTV – Upgrade to Server and New Cameras' project has been completed and presented to the Capital Strategy Group, which supported the project progressing. The project seeks to replace a failed Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) server, restoring system resilience and bringing offline services, including Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) functionality, back into operation. Without the replacement, CCTV coverage will remain reduced, image quality issues will continue to affect evidential footage, and the Council's ability to support enforcement, community safety and partnership working with the police will be weakened. Cabinet is asked to approve moving the project from the development pool to the active programme so it can commence. The total budget is £0.02m, with £0.01m to be moved to the active programme.

3.3 The capital programme includes £0.250m per year for three years from 2026/27 for Play Area Grants. Officers have been developing a grant award scheme and have identified that, to support district-wide delivery, the full grant allocation should be brought forward into a single financial year. Cabinet is, therefore, asked to support a recommendation to Council in September to bring forward the 2027/28 and 2028/29 grant allocations into 2026/27.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	A well-run council
Policy Considerations:	The proposal is in line with the Council's Constitution and Financial Procedure Rules, which require Cabinet approval for amendments to the Capital Programme and the reallocation of resources between schemes.
Safeguarding:	N/A
Equalities/Diversity:	N/A
Customer Impact:	N/A
Economic and Social Impact:	The scheme is expected to contribute positively through investment in local infrastructure and improved leisure provision.
Environment, Climate Change and Zero Carbon:	N/A
Consultation/Community/Tenant Engagement:	None.
Risks:	Risks will be managed through normal project governance processes, including cost control, delivery timelines and performance of the scheme. This report helps maintain compliance with the Council's constitution and reduces the risk of unauthorised spending.
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