

Report to:	Council	Date of Meeting:	Thursday 18 April 2024
Subject:	Financial Management 2024/25 to 2027/28 - Revenue and Capital Budget Update 2024/25 - Additional Estimates		
Report of:	Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services	Wards Affected:	All Wards
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member - Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services		
Is this a Key Decision:	Yes	Included in Forward Plan:	Yes
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

This report sets out a supplementary estimate for approval in the Council's Capital Programme 2024/25 following a recommendation from Cabinet in March.

Recommendation(s):

- 1) Council approves a supplementary capital estimate for £2.644m for the Food Waste Collection grant externally funded by Defra.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

To approve updates to the capital programme so that they can be applied to schemes in the delivery of the Council's overall financial strategy.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

N/A

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

None.

(B) Capital Costs

The total value of the Food Waste Collection grant awarded to Sefton is £2,644,182 externally funded by Defra.

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):	
None	
Legal Implications:	
None	
Equality Implications:	
There are no equality implications.	
Impact on Children and Young People: No	
Climate Emergency Implications:	
The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	N
Have a neutral impact	Y
Have a negative impact	N
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	N
The allocations of funding outlined in this report may be spent on projects that will have a high climate change impact as they could relate to new build, rebuild, refurbishment, retrofit and demolition proposals. Environmental consideration will be taken into account when specific projects are designed and tendered – which will help to mitigate negative impacts.	

Contribution to the Council’s Core Purpose:

Effective Financial Management and the development and delivery of sustainable annual budgets support each theme of the Councils Core Purpose.

Protect the most vulnerable: see comment above
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: see comment above
Commission, broker and provide core services: see comment above
Place – leadership and influencer: see comment above
Drivers of change and reform: see comment above
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: see comment above
Greater income for social investment: see comment above
Cleaner Greener: see comment above

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.7622/24) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.5722/24) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

N/A

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Council meeting.

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Appendices:

There are no appendices to this report

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Food Waste Collections Grant

- 1.1. The Government made an announcement in October 2023 regarding its approach to Simpler Recycling across England and reforms to household and business bin collections including the introduction of weekly food waste collections. This will come into effect for households from 1 April 2026, as required under s45A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (introduced by the Environment Act 2021).
- 1.2. The Council has received confirmation from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in February of an allocation of capital transitional grant to support the delivery of weekly food waste collections. The capital funding is for the purchase of food waste bins (this includes internal kitchen caddies, external kerbside caddies and communal bins) and food waste collection vehicles, provided on a non-ring-fenced basis. Sefton's total allocation of grant for 2023/24 is £2,644,182.