

Transport Capital Programme 2026/27

Decision Maker: Chief Executive

Service Area: Highways, Engineering & Operations

Directorate: Environment

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Date of Decision: 22 June 2026

1. Power to make the decision

The decision is being taken under the authorisation contained in Section 9C – Delegations to Specific Officers of Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council Constitution for the Chief Executive to take any emergency decisions in respect of the Council's executive functions which cannot be delayed until the next Cabinet meeting.

2. Decision Sought

To approve the Highways Capital Programme for delivery in the financial year 2026/27, as outlined in the Transport Capital Programme Report, attached.

3. Reason for urgency

The capital programme for 2026/27 comprises two sources of funding – City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) and Oldham Council Capital Investment, 2026/27.

The capital programme relates to the highway and structures across the borough. The programme outlined in the attached Cabinet Report and accompanying appendices lists the highway network / roads / structures and footways that will be resurfaced, repaired and / or maintained – all determined using inspection data and boroughwide survey programmes based on national guidance. In addition, the report also covers road safety and drainage related schemes across the borough.

Delays in approving the report will impact the capital delivery programme and could result in it not being completed in the 2026/27 administrative year. Furthermore, the longer the delay, the greater the deterioration of the highway, footway or structure, meaning that the repair and/or maintenance could end up costing more, and in turn, impacting the ability to deliver all the programme (delivered in order of priority).

4. Risk(s) of not taking the decision

- Unable to deliver the capital programme, and therefore, the improvement of the highway / footway and structures
- Unable to address deterioration of the network, and therefore, increasing risk of claims / liability against the Council
- Delays impacting road safety and drainage schemes – subsequent impact on highway safety and water management on the highway network
- Resident complaints about highway and footway condition

5. Financial impact if decision not taken forward

- Risk of having to return CRSTS funding if programme not delivered
- Failure to deliver 2026/27 programme could impact future funding proposals
- Additional costs of repairs due to delays in delivering the programme
- Unable to leverage additional in year funding if agreed programme is not completed – in recent years, due to timely completion, Oldham Council has managed to secure additional in year capital funding – if the delivery is delayed, the Council will not be able to leverage such funding.

6. Statutory Officer clearances

a. Section 151 Officer

Name Lee Walsh
Date 17 June 2026
Comments

The Council has been awarded £5.392m from the Integrated Transport Block funding, CRSTS funding, strategic maintenance funding, and DfT Incentive funding to deliver the 2026/27 transport capital programme, which will be allocated as follows:

Carriageway	Structures	Road Safety	Footway	Drainage	Total
2,890,000	1,245,000	707,000	400,000	150,000	5,392,000

Approval of the Highways Capital Programme for 2026/27 will ensure work can commence to ensure the external funding allocation is fully utilised within the financial year.

b. Monitoring Officer

Name Alan Evans (Deputy Monitoring Officer)
Date 17 June 2026

Comments The exercise of emergency powers should be undertaken in consultation with the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council. However the Council has not yet appointed a Leader or Deputy Leader for the current municipal year so it is not possible to consult them. In addition, there is no certainty about when a Leader or Deputy Leader will be appointed, as the Council has failed at two successive meetings to do so. For the reasons given in the report an urgent decision is required and the matter cannot await the appointment of a Leader and Deputy Leader at some undetermined future date.