

2023/24 Budget Amendments – Progress Monitoring

	Amendment	Action	Responsibility	Progress	Estimated completion date
1	E Bike Hire Scheme	<p>£150,000 – Revenue (23/24 & 24/25)</p> <p>2-year trial covering equipment purchase and setting up the infrastructure</p>	<p>Cllr David Gray</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>The specification will be released to the market imminently to launch the procurement of a fleet of e-bikes which will be shared amongst the VCS organisations we will be working with in accordance with likely demand and their capacity to store bikes.</p> <p>There has been further engagement with the market and voluntary sector to explore how they may support joint working to administer the scheme in several locations across the County. We are currently in discussion with organisations in Gloucester and Stroud and these are ready and keen to work with the County on this. We are still confirming the likely operational costs as there is some variation in the costs we have been quoted. This will inform the grant requirements of partner organisations and will be considered alongside our financial modelling for the scheme. Alongside, we are exploring scope to use some libraries as the front door for the scheme, subject to there being sufficient secure storage space. This could manage operational costs and complement our library offer.</p> <p>Through the engagement, we are trying to find a model with the right balance between benefitting the greatest number of people</p>	<p>Transition Stroud 20 e-bike scheme live from July / Aug.</p> <p>Awaiting tender submissions back for wider scheme. Orders / mobilisation from June.</p>

				<p>whilst ensuring that the scheme can be administered easily by GCC given potentially limited internal resource.</p> <p>Update meetings with Cllr Gray and Cllr Cody are in place.</p>	
2	Secure Bike storage solutions	<p>£90,000 – Revenue (one off)</p> <p>Provision of secure bike hangars for public use across the districts</p>	<p>Cllr David Gray</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>In March quotes were obtained from several cycle companies to supply and install 8 secure cycle hangers and bike maintenance units; these need to be operated via an App based booking system with entry/exit via a cloud-based App, avoiding the need for keys and enabling space to be booked.</p> <p>Quotes received showed that companies can supply secure cycle hangers, but want GCC to operate, maintain and to use a GCC app for bookings. Officers are now working with MiPermit to create a bespoke bike space booking service using the council's parking app.</p> <p>Bike hangars are being ordered for installation starting in June 24, to coincide with Bike Awareness week (mid-June) and tie into other GCC comms. The 8 locations are mostly transport interchanges/hubs, enabling people with e-bikes and higher value bikes to make longer distance trips by bus, coach and train.</p> <p>Cllrs Cody and Turner were briefed on progress in early April; as prices have been keener than anticipated there is scope to fund additional sites so the project manager is arranging site visits to assess these.</p>	<p>Installation starting in June</p>

				Further update meetings with Cllr Gray and Cllr Cody are in place.	
3	Support for Rivers task Group	<p>£100,000 – Revenue (one off)</p> <p>Part time officer or commissioning an ecology services firm to project manage and support implementation of Rivers task group outcomes, plus some resource to carry out the recommendations. Will need an officer view on what would be a suitable budget line on this.</p>	<p>Cllr David Gray</p> <p>Rob Ayliffe/ Nina Phillipidis</p>	<p>GCC has entered into a 3-year grant agreement with the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. The grant will contribute funding towards a project that will carry out recommendations of the Rivers Task Group through a ‘citizen science’ approach to gathering and analysing data on water quality in partnership with the Environment Agency through the Severn Vale Catchment Partnership. The project will be match-funded by WWT.</p> <p>The project will be overseen by a Steering Group comprising representatives of GCC and WWT and supported by a wider working group comprising a range of local partners.</p>	The project will run until end March 2027.
4	Rights of way	<p>£100,000 – Revenue or RCCO (one off)</p> <p>£10k for each of the 6 PROW officer individual budgets, increased to cover the PROW footpaths improvements.</p>	<p>Cllr Dom Morris</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>All additional works and this spend have been fully delivered within 23/24.</p> <p>The additional revenue funding has allowed the PROW team to advance their programmes for the delivery of smaller works. These have included:</p> <p>A new verge side route for the Cotswold Way enabling greater safety for pedestrians using the National Trail at Chipping Camden.; working with Offas Dyke Association at St Briavels to improve a long set of steps and surface; and steps at Tidenham to improve access to and along the National Trail.</p> <p>As part of the increased programme the team</p>	Complete in 23/24 - budget amendment can now be closed.

				<p>have been using new longer lasting materials for bridges and improving existing footbridges to make them more accessible including bridges at Lechlade (near The Roundhouse) and Ebley, Sapperton, Twigworth and Wotton Under Edge.</p> <p>Works have been completed in Brockworth on one of the connecting Parishes project schemes funded by National Highways with improved bridges and surface improvements.</p> <p>The summer surface cut took place as usual but we were also able to deliver a winter cut back on some 16 km of overgrown paths across Gloucestershire.</p>	
5	Doubling the PROW Budget	<p>£25,000 – Revenue (one off)</p> <p>£25,000 on doubling the PROW budget that to allow further mapping, resurfacing and support of this important infrastructure.</p>	<p>Cllr Dom Morris</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>All additional works and spend delivered in 23/24.</p> <p>The extra funding made available in 2023/24 enabled PROW to address many major longstanding issues that had previously been delayed due to funding and resource. These have been identified by Stakeholders such as Local Councillors, Parish Councils, and local volunteer groups.</p> <p>These included Routes to school surface and drainage and accessibility works at Woodchester, Wotton Under edge, Siddington, Lydney totally over 5km</p> <p>Accessibility and surface improvements at City Bank and Riverside Cirencester, Rudford, Preston, Mead Road Cheltenham, Brockworth, Staunton, Bourton on the Water</p>	<p>Complete in 23/24 - budget amendment can now be closed.</p>

				<p>and the Cotswold Way at Chipping Campden, Hewelsfield, Rodborough totalling over 7km</p> <p>Major repair works arising from badger and flooding in Eastleach, Winchcombe river bank repair,</p> <p>We have many paths that had become very overgrown and not covered by the cyclical surface vegetation cut, so we took the opportunity to do a winter veg cut that had not been possible before due to lack of resource. There were over 18 km of paths, bridleways, byways cleared back.</p>	
6	Footway resurfacing	<p>£100,000 – Capital (one off)</p> <p>Dedicated funding for footpath resurfacing</p>	<p>Cllr Dom Morris</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>All additional works and spend delivered in 23/24.</p> <p>These funds were used to enable the extensive footway works for Cinderford High Street to be prioritised and completed.</p>	Complete in 23/24 - budget amendment can now be closed.
7	Grit bin fund	<p>£80,000 – Revenue (one off)</p> <p>Members to work with local communities to identify the places needed for grit bins, and to work with Parish, Town and District Councils, and schools, to ensure the bins are put into the correct locations, and to discuss arrangements for the filling of them in future years.</p>	<p>Cllr Dom Morris</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>All approved requests for locations have been delivered and bins installed. Further requests are still being received but the stock of bins purchased with these funds will allow us to continue this work and complete these requests.</p>	Complete in 23/24 - budget amendment can now be closed.
8	Reducing cost of disabled parking permits	<p>£43,000 – Revenue (one off)</p> <p>This proposal is to fund a proposed reduction in the application fee for Disabled Marked Bays from £80 to £40</p>	<p>Cllr Dom Morris</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>The new charge of £40 was implemented during 2023.</p>	Complete in 23/24 - budget amendment can now be closed.

		(costing £3k), to support demand pressures and to take other measures to enhance accessibility for disabled residents.			
9	Severe weather planning and community preparations	<p>£65,000 – Revenue (one off)</p> <p>This proposal would establish a proactive, community facing resource to promote, facilitate and support work with towns and parishes, and their communities, with the aim that all areas will have action plans, resources identified and partners in readiness.</p>	<p>Cllr Dom Morris</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>An additional 5 parishes have worked on winter action plans over the last season. No further requests have been received which is unsurprising considering the very wet, but mild, winter we have experienced. Further work is planned with communities this summer to improve community engagement and resilience.</p> <p>Work is being undertaken with Finance to understand how any residual funding can be accessed in 24/25.</p>	
10	Additional resources for TRO resolutions	<p>£150,000 – Revenue (one off)</p> <p>£150,000 to help accelerate the delivery of TROs to reduce the current backlog by creating additional capacity in the team.</p>	<p>Cllr Dom Morris</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>Several additional agency engineers continue to directly support the TRO delivery programme as well as improving our ability to enforce existing TROs.</p> <p>In March a countywide programme of relining and sign work started as the weather improved. Clearer signs and lines enable us to address community concerns about parking, particularly where we know this has been challenged previously, and supports wider enforcement and fine income.</p> <p>We have also started advertising positions for traffic engineers, project managers and TRO officers as part of a transformation programme aimed at increasing in-house capacity and skills to deliver TRO's, road safety, traffic management, active travel and</p>	

				<p>parking improvements. These positions report to four newly appointed managers who lead our Network Management, Parking, Traffic & Active Travel and Road Safety services.</p> <p>Other work underway to improve the efficiency of the service includes digitisation of TRO records, linked to the decision by Parliament in July to grant Gloucestershire powers to enforce moving traffic offences (MTO's). Enforcement of MTO's at 4 key sites within the County commenced in December.</p>	
11	<p>Grant funding to develop community transport providers</p>	<p>£70,000 – Revenue (one off)</p> <p>This proposal is to fund option appraisals and build business cases for the development and enhancement of community transport provision, drawing on the experience of the DfT pilot projects and to help with other forms of assistance such as driver training or car clubs.</p>	<p>Cllr Phil Robinson</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>April 2024 update</p> <p>Customer access: Phase 1 complete, phase 2 underway (complete by June 2024). Phase 3 to follow.</p> <p>Vehicle Replacement: All requested funding paid to CT operators, action complete.</p> <p>March 2024 update:</p> <p>Community Transport – customer access</p> <p>Phase 1: Work has been completed with Lydney Dial-a-Ride and software provider Padam to transfer the Robin call centre to their office.</p> <p>Phase 2: Three new Robin areas launch also be covered as Lydney expands the call centre for the new demand, due to be</p>	<p>Phase 1: Complete</p> <p>Phase 2: Jun 24</p> <p>Phase 3: Dec 24</p> <p>Vehicle Replacement: Complete</p>

				<p>complete by June 2024.</p> <p>Phase 3: To review the wider Community Transport booking system and to assess whether the Robin call centre and Padam software can be utilised for the entire GCC Community Transport network.</p> <p>Vehicle Replacement</p> <p>Community Transport services tend to be delivered by older vehicles that suffer from higher mechanical failure rate and increased requirement for maintenance and servicing. Vehicle replacement fund to support CT operators commenced and bids received from the four main providers. Vehicle upgrades due in 2024.</p> <p>This is anticipated to commit all the available funding.</p>	
12	Road safety - bring forward capital spend	<p>£400,000 – Capital (one off)</p> <p>The Road Safety Capital Investment is set at £400,000 per year for next three years, in line with the Road Safety Policy 2022-32. This amendment brings forward year 3 capital spend to year 1, increasing year 1 spend to £800,000. The focus is this spend is work on the areas that are 'hot-spots' for collisions which result in deaths and serious injuries, to make modifications to the highway where the evidence</p>	<p>Cllr Dave Norman</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>The road safety capital spend is targeted against hot-spot sites from our casualty analysis. A programme of works for around £1.1m (including the additional £400k and some S106 monies) was issued to our consultants in April 23 and delivery has progressed on target in year to complete this programme fully in 23/24. Typically those sites with more straightforward interventions are being delivered first with schemes at the more complex sites being further investigated, designed and delivered towards</p>	<p>Monthly updates continue to be provided to LCM on the completion of the in-year programme and any funding rolled forward for average speed camera delivery in 24/25.</p>

		<p>suggest these will reduce the impact and prevalence of accidents and collisions.</p>		<p>the end of the year.</p> <p>Extensive analysis has also been carried out previously to identify those roads which would benefit most from route treatment and further work is underway to develop a costed multi-year programme with the first average speed camera site likely to be delivered from the 24/25 budget by end of Q2. This programme was informed by the deep dive discussions with LCM and Leader, the most recent update being in February 2024.</p> <p>The focus in March has been on the 24/25 programme, including road safety audits of hot spot sites led by our new Road Safety Manager, liaison with the police roads policing unit and technical feasibility work with suppliers of camera enforcement equipment. Whilst recruitment to permanent posts is underway an interim project manager has joined the team to ensure that we maintain momentum.</p>	
13	<p>Behavioural research and pilot interventions around alcohol consumption</p>	<p>£75,000 – Revenue (one off)</p> <p>To commission a body to act on the Gloucestershire Public Health’s 2011 research into risky drinking behaviours, that found: “The project identified a strong link between harmful drinking and emotional wellbeing; and the role of alcohol as a ‘palliative’ way of coping with stress and unhappiness. Based on their findings, UWE recommend that follow-up interventions address overall wellbeing and that the link between</p>	<p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne</p> <p>Siobhan Farmer</p>	<p>Community insights work in three LSOAs completed showing main drivers of risky drinking and reaffirming findings from 2011 research.</p> <p>Multiagency stakeholder event held to consider risk and preventative factors of risky drinking.</p> <p>Stakeholder consultation - agreed Matson, Robinswood and White City Community Partnership should receive a grant allowing the Partnership to use their knowledge of the community, volunteers and the area to tackle</p>	

		<p>wellbeing and health is made explicit in commissioning policy.” Namely, in line with the report to run a pilot in one LSOA to: a. Address the link between risky drinking and personal and community wellbeing through; b. Commissioning a body to work with local communities in that LSOA to co-design the concept of a community hub and/or volunteer network, and to explore options for how the hub and/or volunteer network could be commissioned and sustained. c. Commissioning the same body to provide a link between service providers, community networks and the community hub to increase trust and take-up of services from those who would benefit most d. With a commitment to bring back to the Director of Public Health and Cabinet for looking at option for future years.</p>		<p>risky drinking in the community and the grant has now been awarded to the MRWCP to deliver on three actions around training, capacity and innovation.</p> <p>Proposals will be scrutinized and collectively decided upon by the community through the partnership with oversight from GCC. GCC will also work with the Partnership to ensure that an evaluation of the project will take place.</p> <p>April: Community organisations across the area are exceptionally under resourced, often going above and beyond and indebted to the support of volunteers. To enable and encourage the prioritisation and participation in the training that has been set up, the time and capacity of staff and volunteers is being recognised in order for the charities to cover those costs and backfill capacity for their other funded projects and activities.</p> <p>Half days of training for employees and volunteers have already started and Commissioners will be meeting with the Community Partnership on the 24th of April to receive an in-depth update on progress with the project.</p>	
14	<p>Children's Services - spend to save review of the recommendations of the MacAlister report "the independent</p>	<p>£75,000 – Revenue (one off)</p> <p>To commission a piece of research to look nationally at models from Councils which have managed to manage demand, thus cutting entrants into the Children-in-Care community. To look at great detail in their budget (where the</p>	<p>Cllr Stephen Davies</p> <p>Ann James</p>	<p>This work is underway and will draw on cipfa benchmarking information, statistical neighbour analyses and the features of those counties judged good or better in their delivery of children’s services.</p> <p>Evidence to date shows the importance of:</p>	<p>No update at the present time</p>

	<p>review of children's social care"</p>	<p>money is spent), their staffing model and structure, and to speak to senior managers about what has allowed this level of success in terms of changing cultures. With a commitment to bring back to the Director of CS and Cabinet for implementation. This a separate (and complimentary) piece of work that is looking at commissioning placements for children already in care – it is specifically aimed at a lower tier to manage the number of children, young people and families entering the care system in the first place.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single vision and plan for children, well led and to which all ascribe (a 'One Gloucestershire' Plan for Children) – linked to available funding/budget recovery measures. • Investment in and commitment to a system wide early intervention model such as that envisaged in the family hub model. • Data informed, evidence-based interventions that target need and reduce demand and instability at every level (e.g. Pause, lifelong links and family network/parental peer advocacy etc). • Commissioning for outcomes and ensuring market engagement and development/combined with in-house delivery models to build resilience against volatility of independent pricing mechanisms and price inflation. • Unwavering corporate and political support for children's services. • A system able to respond to changes in demand and emerging pressures. • A skilled and stable children's services workforce. <p>A report is being prepared.</p>	
<p>15</p>	<p>Youth work</p>	<p>£159,000 – Revenue (one off)</p> <p>This proposal would establish a fund</p>	<p>Cllr Stephen Davies</p>	<p>To date 69 Grants have been awarded totalling £89,048.99</p>	

		<p>equivalent to £3k per County Division for local youth projects to be added to the 2021/25 Build Back Better Councillor Fund or to be administered as a standalone countywide fund to ensure its take up and use for this purpose.</p>	<p>Ann James</p>	<p>A further 25 applications have been received and are being processed. The value of these applications is £18,392.42 There is £51,558.59 remaining to allocate from the 2023/2024 allocation.</p> <p>By District (Awarded):</p> <p>Cheltenham: 11 projects = £13,570.00 Cotswolds: 13 Projects = £18,047.00 Forest of Dean: 15 Projects = £12,968.82 Gloucester: 15 Project = £18,600 Stroud: 21 Project = £25,664.00 Tewkesbury: 18 Project = £16,077.26 1 Joint Project - Tewkesbury, Cheltenham: = £3,000</p> <p>There has been collaboration across Public Health and Children's Services teams to ensure all applications have been funded and, where an application has not met the criteria for this fund, the Build Back Better Fund has been used with councillor's consent.</p>	
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1	Community libraries uplift	<p>£16,000 – Revenue</p> <p>A £2,000 uplift for all Community Libraries to support their invaluable work across the county.</p>	<p>Cllr Dave Norman</p> <p>David Owen</p>	<p>All 8 community library payments have been processed for the 24/25 financial year.</p>	<p>30th April 2024</p>
2	Free bus travel for veterans	<p>£100,000 – Revenue</p> <p>A fund to provide free travel voucher booklets for unemployed veterans valid for bus transport.</p>	<p>Cllr Philip Robinson</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>Officers have been assessing the technical options for delivering this offer using either the council's existing ThinkSmart travel smart cards or an alternative smart card solution. Whilst the alternative would provide better journey usage information it would take longer to implement. The technical and administrative options and timelines will be presented by end of April for a decision.</p>	<p>Dependent upon the preferred option.</p>
3	Keeping children safe on our roads	<p>£100,000 – Revenue and £100,000 – Capital</p> <p>A £100,000 revenue and £100,000 capital pot to implement safety improvements at pick up and drop off around schools.</p>	<p>Cllr Dave Norman</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>Officers have been collating and analysing information provided by several teams in order to shortlist 30 schools across the county which will benefit from simple measures to manage school gate congestion. These measures will then be delivered during the year in three phases to reduce the costs of TRO's and works.</p> <p>Weighting and priority for delivery will take into consideration four key factors: parking enforcement requests, casualties near the school, effectiveness of existing restrictions and whether the school has a travel plan to manage demand by encouraging walking, cycling and scooting. To oversee this work agency</p>	<p>Programme under development for finalising in April.</p>

				<p>staff are being sourced.</p> <p>A programme for this is currently being developed and will be shared with the Leader in April.</p>	
4	Pothole Buster fund	<p>£500,000 – Revenue</p> <p>To procure a JCB Pothole Pro as part of our pioneering approach to potholes, adding to our innovative range of tools like Road Mender, Jet Patcher, Bobcats, Find and Fix gangs and cold material trials.</p>	<p>Cllr Dom Morris</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>An extended trial of JCB Pothole Pro and Roadmender has been secured for the first quarter of 24/25. Remaining funds will be used to carry out trials of other innovative techniques through the course of the year.</p>	31 March 2025
5	Solar school fund	<p>£2 million – Capital</p> <p>An investment fund to install solar panels at all suitable grant-maintained schools in the county to decrease carbon emissions and school energy bills.</p>	<p>Cllr Lynden Stowe</p> <p>Nina Phillipidis</p>	<p>Communications regarding the scheme have been sent to all maintained schools</p> <p>Pilot schools have been identified for the installation of solar panels. These schools have been visited by engineers and surveyors in order to undertake viability assessments and to specify the schemes accordingly.</p> <p>Preparation work is underway to identify the procurement route and timescales for the much bigger remaining project to install panels to all suitable maintained schools.</p>	<p>Phase 1 pilot schemes will be tendered week commencing 2nd April with tenders due back 12th April.</p> <p>The wider project to procure the remainder will happen in the summer. This will be based on feedback and lessons learned from the pilot projects.</p>
6	Public Rights of Way	<p>£25,000 – Revenue</p> <p>Increase for Public Rights of Way</p>	<p>Cllr Dom Morris</p> <p>Jason Humm</p>	<p>PROW officers are identifying works which can be prioritised and brought forward to use this funding.</p>	31 March 2025

7	Lydney flood scheme	£25,000 – Capital Funding towards the Lydney flood scheme	Cllr Dom Morris David Owen	Funding will be allocated to the upper-catchment NFM scheme in partnership with Forestry England in order to boost match funding score for application to (national) Flood Defence Grant in Aid funding.	31 March 2025
8	Car parking freeze	£82,000 – Revenue Freeze for residents on street car parking for a year.	Cllr Dave Norman David Owen	Charges frozen on 1 st April for 23/24	Completed – 1 April 2024
9	Foster carer home improvements	£20,000 – Revenue Work up the governance arrangements and criteria for a scheme to allow foster carers to make improvements to their home to take extra children.	Cllr Stephen Davies Ann James	A project lead has been identified and scoping document developed. It is anticipated that an initial feasibility report will be ready by July 2024.	
10	Road Safety – driver education	£100,000 – Revenue Additional money for road safety focused on driver education concentrating on issues around highest numbers of KSI's.	Cllr Dave Norman Jason Humm	Despite a slight fall in overall KSI's in 2023, KSI's amongst under 16's and over 70's increased. Through the Road Safety Partnership we will be funding older driver assessments delivered in the community by the Older Drivers Forum starting in May. Officers are also exploring a similar approach for under 17's with another VCS organisation and scope to improve comms at KSI sites e.g. refreshing existing casualty signage or installing new signs.	Launch Older Driver Assessments in May
11	Youth Fund	£159,000 – Revenue This proposal would continue the Youth Fund which in 2023/24 has	Cllr Stephen Davies	In February, the Council approved another £3k per County Division, a total of £159k for the Build Back Better Youth Fund for 2024/25.	March 31st 2025

		provided £3k per County Division for local youth projects and organisations who work or support young people. This fund will expire on 31 March 2024 unless included in the 2024/25 budget.	Ann James	The Youth Fund will continue to support local youth projects and organisations who work or support young people.	
12	Flooding Education and Advice	£150,000 – Revenue Provision of assistance and advice for resident’s who have been affected by flooding to help them access support via the Property Flood Resilience repair grant scheme.	Cllr Dom Morris David Owen	An element of this additional funding is being directed to underwriting the financial risk of applicants to the grant scheme undertaking a PFR survey. Following a tender exercise, a contract is being set up with Flood Protection Solutions Environmental to carry out the surveys. Where these surveys result in PFR measures being installed, GCC will claim back £500 per survey from Defra.	
13	Rain Garden Installation	£300,000 – Capital Installation of rain gardens in consultation with Gloucestershire Wildlife and other organisations at locations (GCC buildings) that can act as sustainable drainage by capturing roof water and other ‘clean’ surface water and diverting this from the drainage system.	Cllr Lynden Stowe Nina Phillipidis	This project has been allocated to an officer in order to assess the viability of identifying opportunities.	Initial report on viability expected end May.
14	Natural Flood Alleviation Schemes	£300,000 – Capital NFM using natural processes to slow the flow of water through the catchment. Reprofiling watercourse channels to accommodate more water during storm events, creating small wetland areas and adding	Cllr Dom Morris David Owen	The project team have convened a working group of partners to explore how a portion of the funding could be used to accelerate a number of projects in the Sud & Twyver catchments, benefitting Upton St Leonards, Gloucester and local highways. This would include the Almond Close project put forward by	

		<p>meanders and vegetation to help slow flows.</p>		<p>Gloucester City, as well as a wetland creation project on the outskirts of Upton St Leonards. Gloucester City, the EA and Highways are all likely to be involved.</p> <p>Gloucester City have some additional projects they would like to be considered (outside of the above). We have shared criteria to assist them in choosing projects that meet the objectives of the budget amendment.</p> <p>A 'Stage 0' project (infilling a ditch to allow the watercourse to establish a new, more natural pathway) in Newent is still live but has slowed. We intend to continue scoping work on the Stage 0 over the coming 6-12 months, with the intention of doing as much smaller scale NFM as we can in the upper catchment in the meantime.</p> <p>A forecast schedule for the amendment has been agreed with finance.</p>	
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