

2025/26 Capital Programme

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Approval/Scrutiny route:	Business Executive Team
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<p>Purpose</p> <p>This report provides the Executive team with an update on the planned capital expenditure, discretionary and strategic, for 2025/26. Along with an overview of the strategic capital replacement programme. Strategic schemes are those that are submitted to Welsh Government for funding, as items of this value cannot be accommodated from within the discretionary funding.</p> <p>The Board is asked to approve the proposed plan, and to delegate the management of the approved plan to the capital-monitoring group.</p>
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Recommendation:				
APPROVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CONSIDER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RECOMMEND <input type="checkbox"/>	ADOPT <input type="checkbox"/>	ASSURANCE <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>The Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the proposed discretionary capital spending plans for 2025/26 Note the strategic allocation for 2025/26, proposed strategic capital replacement programmes, and associated business cases. 				
<p>Link to Public Health Wales Strategic Plan</p> <p>Public Health Wales has an agreed strategic plan, which has identified seven strategic priorities and well-being objectives.</p>				

This report contributes to the following:	
Strategic Priority/Well-being Objective	All Strategic Priorities/Well-being Objectives
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Summary impact analysis	
Equality and Health Impact Assessment	Not Applicable
Risk and Assurance	All financial risks are reflected in the paper
Health and Care Standards	This report supports and/or takes into account the Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales Quality Themes
	Governance, Leadership and Accountability
	Theme 7 - Staff and Resources
	Choose an item.
Financial implications	Financial information included in the paper
People implications	Not applicable

1. Introduction

This report provides the Board with the planned discretionary capital expenditure for 2025/26. As well as Public Health Wales current strategic allocation for 2025/26, proposed strategic capital replacement programmes and associated business cases.

The Board is asked to approve the proposed plan and recommendation to delegate the management of the approved plan to the capital-monitoring group.

2. Discretionary Capital Funding 2025/26

The Public Health Wales discretionary capital allocation has increased by £120k from £1.580m to £1.700m for 2025/26. The main purpose of our discretionary allocation is to fund our replacement programme.

Requests have been invited from across Public Health Wales to access the discretionary capital funding. Directorates submit requests through the completion of a Statement of Need. The Statements of Need are reviewed and allocated indicative funding by the Capital Planning Group for recommendation to Business Executive Team for approval.

The Capital Planning Group membership includes the Deputy Director of Finance, Head of Estates and Health and Safety, Head of Financial Planning, Head of Digital Experience and Services, Assistant Director of Operations for Health Protection and Screening Services, Chair of the Business and Planning leads Group and Strategy and Planning Manager.

Once approved the spending plan will be managed through the Capital Monitoring Group, consisting of relevant service representation.

All capital requests require different levels of assurance based on the value of request submitted:

- £0-25k – Statement of Need and three quotes
- £25k-£100k – Detailed Statement of Need and three quotes
- £100k - £170k – Business case based on the five-case business model. Capital Planning Group will assess whether these requests can be accommodated within the discretionary capital allocation or submitted to Welsh Government for Strategic funding.
- £170k+ (10% of Discretionary allocation) - Business case to Welsh Government based on the five-case business model

Bids should be submitted by Directorates in line with the best practice process outlined above and include indicative quotes and informed estimates. The bids received have been scrutinised and reviewed by the Capital Planning Group during April 2025. The approved schemes are required to obtain further quotes/tenders to comply with our procurement

requirements and therefore costings may need to be adjusted as a result. **Table A** summarises the capital schemes and their estimated values recommended for approval by the Capital Planning Group:

Table A

Division	Capital Scheme	Total £
Digital Services	Dell PCs & Monitors	396,287
	Cloud Services	150,000
	Development & DBA software Tools	35,000
	Replacement Printers & Scanners	18,000
	IT Equipment (5 x laptops - Lab Director, BTW Admin Team, DESW Reg Nurse Coord, Trainee Biomedical scientists (2) and lab scanners for LIMS)	6,000
	IT equipment - investment posts	16,000
	B/F from 2024/25 - Network Switches	9,903
Digital Services Total		631,190
Estates	Access control system to BTW Cardiff and Magden Park	36,766
	Purchase of Computer Aided Facilities Management System (CAFM)	84,000
	Access control system/door entry intercom, automation of main front door and associated electrical enabling works at Llys Castan Bangor	12,000
	Replace CCTV system at BTW Cardiff	10,000
	Improvement works to Screening and Infection Services estates	50,000
	30% Contribution to TEF fund should bids be successful	87,300
	B/F from 2024/25 - Fire Compliance Works	32,272
Air conditioning units for BTW (identified after TEF bid approved)	10,000	
Estates Total		322,338
Infection Services	Purchase of new cold room	59,297
	UPS cat 3	8,970
	Hettich rotina 420 centrifuge	9,671
	2 x Qiagen rotor-gene q5-plex hrm machines	95,968
	2 x automated DNA extraction machines	73,000
Qiagen rotor-gene q5 5-plex hrm	37,100	
Infection Service Total		284,006
Screening Division	Integration of the e-form with LIMS2 and WCP for electronic test requesting in cervical screening Wales	35,000
	Redevelopment of NBSWS and AWEBHS clinical IT systems	90,000
	CSWACC redevelopment	30,000
	Redecoration of water damaged areas at BTW, Alexandra Road Swansea and Cardiff	6,355
	B/F from 2024/25 - IT Equipment lab scanners	1,111
Screening Division Total		162,466
Contingency	CAT 3 sealability	150,000
	Contingency - For unknown and unforeseen capital Expenditure	150,000
Contingency Total		300,000
Grand Total		1,700,000

A full list of capital bids submitted can be found in **Appendix A**.

Table A above consists of the top five prioritised capital bids submitted by each division.

There remains an element of discretionary capital, which is yet to be allocated of £300k. This will be held for: -

- ❖ Urgent repairs and replacements, and
- ❖ Sealability issues in the Category/Containment Level 3 (Cat 3/CL3) Laboratories in our Welsh Centre for Mycobacteria (WCM) in Llandough.

3. Strategic Capital Funding 2025/26

Approved Strategic Capital Funding

Public Health Wales submitted a business case to Welsh Government for 3-year programme for Diabetic Eye Screening Wales (DESW) vehicle replacement. The business case was approved for year 1 and we have received a strategic allocation of £0.523m in 2025/26 for this. There is however a requirement to submit annual business cases for years 2 and 3 of the replacement programme. We are working closely with the service to monitor the scheme in year and ensure year 2 and year 3 of the programme progresses

In addition, Public Health Wales has received a strategic allocation of £0.204m for 2025/26 from the Targeted Estates Fund (TEF) for several Estates improvement schemes. The £0.204m is 70% WG contribution, Public Health Wales will contribute the remaining 30% from Discretionary allocation at £0.087m, as referenced in Table A above.

There may be potential to access slippage funding later in the financial year if strategic schemes across Wales slip.

Table B summarises our approved strategic capital funding.

Table B

Scheme/Funding Stream	FY 25-26 £000s	FY 26-27 £000s	FY 27-28 £000s
DESW Vans	523		
Approved All Wales Capital Fund	523	0	0
Improvement works to accommodation to the North Wales Admin Estate	59		
New air conditioning units in 18 Cathedral Road and BTW Swansea	8		
Conversion works of the former Help ME Quit Contact Centre to make provision for prayer and new parent's room	11		
Replace lighting at Clwydian House/Magden Park/Llys Castan	50		
Additional EV charging - 2 sites - Clwydian & Kimberley House	76		
Approved Targeted Estates Fund (TEF) Total	204	0	0
Total Approved Strategic Schemes	727	0	0

Unapproved Strategic Capital Funding

Welsh Government have announced new capital funds for 2025/26, namely:

- ❖ Equipment and Diagnostic Replacement Programme - To support waiting times, sustainability, and fragility in the system, it has been agreed that £30m will be prioritised in 2025-26 and £15m in 2026-27. A Specialist Estates Services Notification was issued on the 10 March 2025 setting out the process to access this fund.

Public Health Wales are in the process of finalising a request against this fund to replace ultrasound machines within the Wales Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening Program (WAAASP).

- ❖ Digital Prioritisation Investment Fund – £40m will be available to bid against. Further work is now required as to how the fund will be targeted which is subject to more detailed advice.

Table C summaries the proposals that Public Health Wales are planning to submit against the new capital funds for 2025/26.

Table C

Scheme/Funding Stream	FY 25-26 £000s	FY 26-27 £000s	FY 27-28 £000s
WAAASP Ultrasound Machine Replacement	456		
Equipment and Diagnostic Replacement Programme Total	456	0	0
Replacement Programmes			
Dell server, switches & storage	250	250	80
Back-up systems ink air-gapped BU		370	
Digital Prioritisation Investment Fund Total	250	620	80
Total Unapproved Strategic Funds	706	620	80

Public Health Wales are working on several business cases, which will require All Wales Strategic Capital Funding, details of which can be found in **Table D**. Timelines for completion and submission of business case are being finalised.

Table D

Scheme/Funding Stream	FY 25-26 £000s	FY 26-27 £000s	FY 27-28 £000s
Replacement Programmes			
Surface Hub Video Conferencing Units	200		
DESW Vans		749	624
Seegene Equipment			1,270
Business Cases			
Digital Health Protection Programme	4,878	4,583	2,552
Various laboratory developments/modernisation			6,000
Total Replacement Programmes and Business Case Capital	5,078	5,332	10,446

Four additional business cases are being developed, namely

- ❖ Sexual Health Management System – business case due in 2025/26,
- ❖ Lung Cancer Screening Programme – a report has been submitted to Welsh Government for consideration. We are awaiting outcome of Welsh Government review and confirmation of when a Full Business Case will be required.
- ❖ Strategic Approach to Screening Digital – business case due in 2026/27, and
- ❖ Digital Health Improvement – business case due in 2026/27.

The estates plan has been amended to reflect the need to scope the significant laboratory modernisation work required. An estimate of £6m funding has been included in 2027/28. However, the scoping work will provide more detail on this during 2025/26.

Table E summaries the total three-year position on strategic capital both approved and unapproved as of 30 April 2025.

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Digital Prioritisation Investment Fund	250	620	80
Replacement Programmes	200	749	1894
Business Cases	4,878	4,583	8552
Total Unapproved Strategic Capital	5,784	5,952	10,526
Total Approved and Unapproved Strategic Capital	6,511	5,952	10,526

Recommendation

That the executive team:

1. Approve the proposed discretionary capital spending plans for 2025/26
2. Note the approved strategic allocation for 2025/26 (Table B), the proposed strategic capital replacement programmes bids (Table C), and the status of the strategic capital business cases (Table D).

Appendix A – Full list of Capital Bids 2025/26

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	3 x Haier 728 litre -86°C freezers	34,002
	Autoclave tins	8,160
	Light microscope	6,577
	Eddyjet spiral plater	18,000
	2 x Qiagen rotor-gene q5-plex hrm machines	95,968
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Grand Total		1,816,739