

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 30 June 2025

Question from: Councillor Monteith

Question to: Councillor Dacre, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources

QUESTION

Now that Brighouse Civic Hall has been sold for £700,000, please can the Cabinet confirm whether the proceeds from this capital sale will be reinvested in capital projects within the Brighouse Ward? For example, will any of the funds be allocated to support the ongoing regeneration in Brighouse?

Response

The Council's Capital Strategy and Investment Programme is approved each year by Full Council.

The purpose of the capital strategy is to:-

- ensure capital expenditure is aligned with the Council's priorities
- maximise the use of resources
- provide a clear framework for decisions relating to capital expenditure
- establish a corporate approach to generating capital resources

The Capital Investment Programme 2024/25 to 2030/31 totals £403.52m covering a vast range of schemes including major highways and infrastructure works, schools maintenance projects, ICT hardware, infrastructure and systems, decarbonisation projects across council buildings such as swimming pools, fleet replacement and regeneration schemes across Calderdale, including investment of £19.1m in Brighouse and £17.5m in Todmorden. This is funded through a combination of government grants, borrowing, capital receipts and contributions from revenue.

To complement external funding and borrowing, the Council has a forward programme of capital receipts covering surplus property, planned release of accommodation and development opportunities. The Asset Management Team manages the disposals process drawing on expertise from the Council's Planning, Legal, Land & Property Services and Finance Services. The capital receipts generated from the disposal of surplus assets are pooled and re-invested according to the Council's priorities, as agreed through the Capital Strategy.