

Capital Programme Application Form



Corporate Priority	Providing Value
Proposed Scheme	At the Council owned gypsy site at Cinderhill, Matfield to replace existing pumped sewerage system, with one that reduces both running and maintenance costs.
Outline of Proposal, including timescales	Currently the sewage at Cinderhill is removed to a central collection chamber, then macerated and pumped 100m or more to the mains sewerage system. The proposal is to alter the existing drainage run to facilitate discharge of sewage into a sewage treatment plant.
Sources of funding	Invest to Save Reserve
Objectives	To remove the costly pumped system with one that utilises gravity, so costs associated with running costs and maintenance costs are reduced or eliminated.
Benefits	Reduction in electricity costs associated with running the pumps estimated to be £690 per annum. Elimination of need to replace pumps and emergency call outs, two pumps were replaced in 2017 at a cost of around £1,700. Reduction in the level of service visits from the current 5 per annum at a cost of approximately £6,000 p/a. Potential reduction in wastewater costs as not utilising mains drainage
How will the proposal contribute towards: Corporate Priority? Local Area Agreement? Asset	The purpose of the works is to reduce costs associated with normal operation along with the emergency and planned maintenance costs.

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<p>Management Plan?</p> <p>Other plans and strategies (please specify)?</p>	
<p>Constraints (e.g. time, reliance on external funding, legal or technical factors)</p>	<p>Provision of such a system will be dependent upon whether the Environmental Agency approval is required (currently being checked) and Building Control regulation approval. There are site constraint's as part of Cinderhill lies within a nature reserve although it is understood that works can be undertaken outside of the designated area.</p>
<p>Is this scheme already in the Capital Programme? (If so, has the work started or has the contract been let?)</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Does this scheme create new assets, which the Council will need to replace in due course? If so, please give the asset life expectancies.</p>	<p>Yes, it creates additional drain run which would need replacing in 100 years, the sewage treatment plant has few moving parts so limited maintenance, with only an annual inspection and the life span of between 25 and 50 years.</p>
<p>Have Accountancy agreed that the</p>	

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<p>proposed expenditure should correctly be treated as capital?</p>	<p>Given the guidance received from finance we are creating a new asset and costs would be over £10,000</p>
<p>Implications of proposal being rejected</p>	<p>Dependent of all other approvals, if the proposal was rejected costs for the running and maintenance of the current arrangements would continue.</p>
<p>Implications of proposal being delayed</p>	<p>The current status quo would continue.</p>
<p>Alternative solutions (If capital funding not available)</p>	<p>There is no alternative solution</p>
<p>Risks (outline risks and action required to meet them)</p>	<p>The risks are principally at the current feasibility stage when either the Environment Agency don't agree to the proposals or via earlier discussions with manufacturers and Building Control works can't continue. There are limited responses we can do at this stage other alternative locations would be suggested to mitigate any concerns raised.</p> <p>The second area of risk is of course during construction. However by liaising with Property Services and Building Control we should be able to minimise unexpected additional costs, although with any improvement a contingency would be in place.</p>
<p>How does this proposal impact on equalities?</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Are there any VAT implications?</p>	<p></p>

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Capital Costs				
Expenditure	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Site Acquisition	Nil			
Construction	£25,000			
Structural Maintenance	Nil			
Fees	£3,750			
Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment	Nil			
Grants and Contributions	Nil			
Other expenditure	£3,750 (contingency)			
Total	£32,500			
Less external grants and contributions	Nil			
Less sales of related fixed assets	Nil			
Net cost to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	£32,500			

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Revenue Effects of Capital Expenditure				
Expenditure / Income	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Loss of Interest (3% of net cost)				
Additional revenue costs (please specify)				
Reduced revenue costs (please specify)	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Additional income (please specify)				
Net cost to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000