

- 5.83 The **Place and area based priorities** budget of £0.2m has been retained in 2025/26 to allow for the delivery of Place and other area based priorities in year. Work will progress with local communities to identify projects in response to the approved Place Plans.
- 5.84 The design stage to deliver the **Lenzie Public Hall refurbishment** project has concluded with costs to deliver the project in full now estimated at £6m. This represents a significant increase in projected costs when compared with previous cost estimates. It is the opinion of officers that the project no longer represents value for money and that all work should cease on the project immediately. It is recommended that the Council formally withdraw from the agreement to lease the building to the proposed tenant (LEAP), that the property be declared surplus to operational requirements and that offers are thereafter sought for its sale/transfer or lease to interested third parties for the provision of community facilities. As part of that process the Council will look to provide advice and signposting for any interested party who would be seeking external funding to refurbish the facility in addition to the provision of technical information gathered to date as part of the project. The outcome of this process will be reported to Council or appropriate service committee for consideration.
- 5.85 Work on the design of the proposed **Depot & Fleet Workshop** is ongoing. The project will be delivered on a phased basis on the existing Broomhill Depot site. The projected cost of the project is estimated to be circa £8m; this reflects current cost estimates and accurately reflects current construction cost pressures, although this remains subject to change. Data relating to the future size and type (i.e. Electric, Hydrogen etc) of the Council's Fleet remains under discussion; this is a key factor in determining the size of the depot and is crucial in determining constraints relating primarily to electrical grid capacity which could impact the project both in terms of cost and viability if grid capacity requires to be increased to support the project. Officers continue to engage with Scottish Power in this regard. Minor repairs will continue to be progressed at all depot sites to ensure remaining depots continue to provide suitable accommodation until such times as the new facility is delivered.
- 5.86 Design work to deliver a new **Recycling Centre** on the Hilton Depot will be progressed as part of the Depot project given both projects are intrinsically linked, with the recycling proposal being dependent upon the new depot being completed thereby enabling Hilton Depot to be vacated.
- 5.87 A budget of £0.1m has been included in the programme to support the further introduction of **Off Street Parking** in Bearsden, and to support the introduction of **On Street Parking** across East Dunbartonshire. The budget will be used to fund infrastructure and all other associated costs necessary to support this area of activity during 2025/26.
- 5.88 A budget of £0.02m has been retained in the programme to fund works aligned to **Town Centre Regeneration**. Updates on the use of this funding will be provided via Capital Monitoring reports throughout the financial year.