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| <b>Criteria - Fully Funded External Capital Projects</b> |   |                          |   |  |                             |              |              |              |               |           |                |               |
| C22-015  | Cllr John Woodman                                     | ECI - Highway Operations | Highways Basic Need   | Capital investment in structural maintenance such as surface dressing and resurfacing is the most cost-effective way of preventing roads deteriorating and avoiding much more costly reactive works to rectify safety defects such as potholes or total reconstruction. As Highway Authority we have a duty under the Highways Act 1980 to maintain the highway network and Basic Need is funded through the DFT.  | Health & Safety / Statutory | 24.154       | 0.000        | 0.000        | <b>24.154</b> | 0.000     | 24.154         | <b>24.154</b> |
| C22-016  | Cllr John Woodman                                     | ECI - Highway Operations | Rights of Way - Basic Need  | There are over 6000km of public rights of way across Somerset comprising 4700+ bridges and 36,000+ other structures and assets (stiles, gates, signposts, etc). The extensive network requires a significant capital investment programme to ensure that the network remains available, safe and easy to use for the public. The path network can play a key role in changing travel preferences, economic regeneration and improving health and wellbeing.  | Health & Safety / Statutory | 0.510        | 0.000        | 0.000        | <b>0.510</b>  | 0.000     | 0.510          | <b>0.510</b>  |
| C22-018  | Cllr John Woodman                                     | ECI - Highway Operations | Highway Lighting - Basic Need                                       | Highway Lighting currently maintain and pay energy costs for a total of 57,143 illuminated highways assets in Somerset. The assets are made up of 50,282 street lights, 1733 illuminated bollards, 4,733 illuminated signs and 395 Belisha Beacons/Beacon post lights. The Highway Lighting Team have currently replaced 31,859 (55.75%) of our illuminated assets with LEDs.  | Health & Safety / Statutory | 0.550        | 0.000        | 0.000        | <b>0.550</b>  | 0.000     | 0.550          | <b>0.550</b>  |
| C22-020  | Cllr John Woodman                                     | ECI - Highway Operations | Local Transport Improvement Schemes – Local Safety Scheme Programme | The majority of the schemes are generated through the Road Safety Team as a result of their review of collision sites and deliver accident and casualty reduction benefits which can be quantified as an economic benefit. The allocation of specific funding for safety schemes in addition to the SIS programme will enable the County Council to continue to improve highway safety and accessibility in local communities across Somerset, and address particular sites where safety is a key issue and identified through collision analysis. | Health & Safety / Statutory | 0.650        | 0.000        | 0.000        | <b>0.650</b>  | 0.000     | 0.650          | <b>0.650</b>  |
| C22-022  | Cllr John Woodman                                     | ECI - Highway Operations | Highways Structures Recovery  | Maintaining Somerset’s bridges and other highway structures to make them safe, serviceable and reliable is vital to the economy and social wellbeing of our communities.   | Health & Safety / Statutory | 1.000        | 0.000        | 0.000        | <b>1.000</b>  | 0.000     | 1.000          | <b>1.000</b>  |
| C22-038a   | Cllrs Mandy Chilcott / Frances Nicholson / Clare Paul | ECI - Property           | Schools Condition Programme - External Funding                      | The Council has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient provision of new places. In addition, schools must be maintained in an appropriate condition. This funding is to ensure schools building are safe and functional and that their condition does not detract from teaching and learning, or lead to unplanned school closures.   | Health & Safety / Statutory | 1.831        | 1.169        | 0.000        | <b>3.000</b>  | 0.000     | 3.000          | <b>3.000</b>  |
| C22-039  | Cllr David Hall                                       | ECI - SWP                | SWP - Photovoltaics (PV)  | Section 5 of SWP’s Business Plan 2021-26 focuses on decarbonising our operations, highlighting that whilst what we do (i.e. recycling, decarbonising residual waste treatment etc) is a much more significant impact on our carbon footprint than how we do it, it is still crucial for us to continuously improve in this area.   | Climate Change              | 0.100        | 0.000        | 0.000        | <b>0.100</b>  | 0.000     | 0.100          | <b>0.100</b>  |

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| C22-040  | Cllr David Hall                          | ECI - SWP           | SWP - Electric RCV                                | Action 5.3 of our Business Plan set out that we would work with our vehicle suppliers (primarily Romaquip for recycling vehicles and Dennis Eagle for refuse vehicles) to trial electric vehicles in Somerset. We remain in dialogue with Romaquip about trialling a vehicle in Somerset and are keen that Somerset is the first in England to trial an electric Romaquip. However, our focus has been on exploring e-RCVs given that we want to be well placed to explore alternative fuelled refuse vehicles when we come to a partial re-fleet in 2024 - our 23 2016 plate refuse vehicles.  | Climate Change              | 0.390         | 0.000        | 0.000        | 0.390         | 0.000        | 0.390          | 0.390         |
| C22-041  | Cllrs Mandy Chilcott / Frances Nicholson | ECI - Property      | Homes for Children                                | Secured match funding to support the previous year's proposal to purchase several residential properties for short term placements which at present are solely reliant on third party providers often at significant distances out of county.   | Health & Safety / Statutory |               | 1.100        | 0.000        | 1.100         | 0.000        | 1.100          | 1.100         |
| <b>Fully Externally Funded Capital Projects</b>        |  |                     |   |   |                             | <b>29.185</b> | <b>2.269</b> | <b>0.000</b> | <b>31.454</b> | <b>0.000</b> | <b>31.454</b>  | <b>31.454</b> |
| <b>Criteria - Health &amp; Safety/Partially Funded</b> |  |                     |   |   |                             |               |              |              |               |              |                |               |
| C22-017  | Cllr John Woodman                        | ECI - Highway Ops   | Traffic Signals Recovery Programme                | There are currently 292 Traffic Signals sites across Somerset (in commission on 15th June 2021). 131 of those are currently past their design life of 15 years old, and although we have secured capital investment over the next two years 2021/2 and 2022/3, we are only looking to refurbish 10-15 sites per annum and the number of sites past their design life increases by 48% over the next 5 years. The number of sites in a critical state increases from 131 to 194 in less than 5 years and we would need to complete in excess of 19 sites a year to stand still and over 20 sites a year to start to address the backlog and commence a recovery programme.   | Health & Safety / Statutory | 2.200         | 0.000        | 0.000        | 2.200         | 0.451        | 1.749          | 2.200         |
| <b>Health &amp; Safety/Partially Funded</b>            |  |                     |   |   |                             | <b>2.200</b>  | <b>0.000</b> | <b>0.000</b> | <b>2.200</b>  | <b>0.451</b> | <b>1.749</b>   | <b>2.200</b>  |
| <b>Criteria - Health &amp; Safety</b>                  |  |                     |   |   |                             |               |              |              |               |              |                |               |
| C22-004  | Cllr John Woodman                        | ECI - Fleet         | Fleet Gritter Replacement                         | The scheme is needed to replace the Gritter Fleet of 23 vehicles on a 10 year replacement cycle to ensure that the strategic road network across Somerset is kept open during severe weather events to support and maintain the health & safety of road users and to support the local economy.   | Health & Safety / Statutory | 0.552         | 0.000        | 0.000        | 0.552         | 0.552        | 0.000          | 0.552         |
| C22-005  | Cllr John Woodman                        | ECI - Fleet         | Fleet Vehicle Replacement Programme (8 year)      | The scheme is needed to replace life expired vehicles in SCC's vehicle fleet, which includes a range of vehicles including cars, vans, people carriers, MPV's Minibuses and other ancillary vehicles. The current policy is to replace vehicles every eight years.  | Health & Safety / Statutory | 0.392         | 0.000        | 0.000        | 0.392         | 0.392        | 0.000          | 0.392         |
| C22-008  | Cllr David Hall                          | ECI - Commissioning | Heritage Conservation, Management and Enhancement | SCC, working with the South West Heritage Trust (SWHT), delivers conservation, management and enhancement of the public realm/highway and other sites around the county. Using SCC Capital Funding to support match funding from other sources, important public realm works are carried out each year to protect, improve and enhance Somerset's historic built environment; notably in market towns and villages and in the wider countryside. A capital funding allocation of £50,000 for 2022/23 and beyond will support schemes that enhance the local environment and help to develop local awareness and pride of place. Investing in historic places attracts people, business and spending. The conservation and enhancement of heritage assets makes a positive contribution to local economic vitality and helps to develop sustainable communities. | Statutory                   | 0.055         | 0.000        | 0.000        | 0.055         | 0.055        | 0.000          | 0.055         |

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| C22-023 | Cllrs John Woodman / David Hall          | ECI - Other    | Illegal Encampments Mitigation (Physical Measures) | The number of unauthorised encampments in Glastonbury has increased significantly over the last 24 months. This brings a number of challenges to the wider Glastonbury community and an increase in illegal and dangerous parking and anti-social behaviour. A multi-agency group, led by SCC has been established to look at the measures we can implement to discourage the occupants of these unauthorised encampments. A long term, fully funded strategy is in development with the aim of discouraging unauthorised encampments in Glastonbury and across Somerset.  | Health & Safety / Statutory | 0.143        | 0.000        | 0.000        | <b>0.143</b> | 0.143     | 0.000          | <b>0.143</b> |
| C22-024 | Cllrs Mandy Chilcott / David Hall        | ECI - Property | Wellington Library Optimisation                    | The existing Wellington Library has significant building condition issues, it is not fully accessible for customers and visitors. The 1st and 2nd floors are neither accessible nor have acceptable fire safety standards for accommodation. In addition, there are significant structural issues with the rear workshop/workroom which must be addressed within the next 12-18 months. Options to relocate the library to another suitable site in Wellington have been exhausted. Property and library management have therefore concluded that it is now time to invest capital into the current building to address the condition and accessibility issues, and whilst investing, create a building that is fit for purpose for the future, enabling us to deliver more than a single service from the building, working with complementary Council and partner services considering the future of local government over the coming years. | Health & Safety / Statutory | 0.309        | 0.591        | 0.000        | <b>0.900</b> | 0.900     | 0.000          | <b>0.900</b> |
| C22-025 | Cllrs Mandy Chilcott / Frances Nicholson | ECI - Property | Homes for Children with Disabilities               | standard of accommodation, geographical location and therefore effectiveness of SCC provision as a respite option to meet needs and identified outcomes is mixed and requires a comprehensive review alongside a wider review of how, as a system, Somerset is able to meet the respite needs of our children and young people with complex needs and disabilities requiring specialist care. The responsibility to provide suitable respite and residential accommodation for children with disabilities will not be directly affected by the outcome of the review of the local government structure in Somerset and it is prudent to seek capital funding at this stage in recognition of the investment that will be required to produce better outcomes for the children and their families whilst reducing the cost of maintaining the service.  | Health & Safety / Statutory | 0.075        | 1.275        | 0.150        | <b>1.500</b> | 1.500     | 0.000          | <b>1.500</b> |
| C22-033 | Cllr Mandy Chilcott                      | ECI - Property | Corporate Building Condition Programme             | Funding required to address poor building condition issues across the corporate estate, to ensure buildings are safe and functional and remain operational. It is based on a complete re-survey of the corporate estate in 2020 and only includes funding for those issues identified as being urgent, poor or necessary. The profile is based on the estimated year of need from those surveys. Existing levels of capital approval are insufficient to address a growing backlog of condition issues, which will grow to unsustainable levels year on year.  | Health & Safety / Statutory | 0.900        | 1.260        | 0.240        | <b>2.400</b> | 2.400     | 0.000          | <b>2.400</b> |
| C22-035 | Cllrs Mandy Chilcott / David Hall        | ECI - Property | SW Heritage Trust Building Condition Programme     | Funding is to address poor building condition issues across the SW Heritage Trust estate (specifically the Brick & Tile Museum, The Museum of Somerset, the Rural Life Museum and the Somerset Heritage Centre), for which the County Council retains some liability to fund. It is required to ensure buildings are safe and functional and remain operational. It is based on a complete re-survey of the estate in 2020 and only includes funding for those issues identified as being urgent, poor or necessary. The profile is based on the estimated year of need from those surveys. Existing levels of capital approval are insufficient to address a growing backlog of condition issues, which will grow to unsustainable levels year on year.   | Health & Safety / Statutory | 0.160        | 0.200        | 0.040        | <b>0.400</b> | 0.400     | 0.000          | <b>0.400</b> |

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| C22-036                              | Cllrs Mandy Chilcott / Frances Nicholson / Clare Paul | ECI - Property    | Outdoor Education Centre Building Condition Programme                                       | This funding is to address poor building condition issues at the two Outdoor Education Centres which currently are operated by SSE. With respect to the responsibility for condition and maintenance, they are currently treated as part of the Corporate Estate but due to the nature of the way in which they are funded and operated have been identified and presented separately for the purposes of securing funding. Funding is required to ensure buildings are safe and functional and remain operational. The request is based on a complete re-survey of the estate in 2020 and only includes funding for those issues identified as being urgent, poor or necessary. The profile is based on the estimated year of need from those surveys. Existing levels of capital approval are insufficient to address a growing backlog of condition issues, which will grow to unsustainable levels year on year. | Health & Safety / Statutory | 0.200         | 0.866         | 0.134        | 1.200         | 1.200         | 0.000          | 1.200         |
| C22-038b                             | Cllrs Mandy Chilcott / Frances Nicholson / Clare Paul | ECI - Property    | Schools Condition Programme - SCC Funded  | The Department for Education (DfE) provides an annual capital grant to support this activity. However, there is a major and growing shortfall in funding between the level of need and the grant funding received. In 20/21 the highest priority condition issues identified totalled £9.3m against a grant allocation of £3.3m; a backlog maintenance requirement which will grow to unsustainable levels year on year. In order to ensure an effective condition programme can be delivered to address the growing backlog of unaddressed high priority items, this request is based on the need identified in the most recent condition surveys.  | Health & Safety / Statutory | 0.000         | 3.957         | 0.366        | 4.323         | 4.323         | 0.000          | 4.323         |
| <b>Health &amp; Safety</b>           |   |                   |   |  |                             | <b>2.786</b>  | <b>8.149</b>  | <b>0.930</b> | <b>11.865</b> | <b>11.865</b> | <b>0.000</b>   | <b>11.865</b> |
| <b>Total Bids That Meet Criteria</b> |   |                   |   |  |                             | <b>34.171</b> | <b>10.418</b> | <b>0.930</b> | <b>45.519</b> | <b>12.316</b> | <b>33.203</b>  | <b>45.519</b> |
| <b>Criteria - Priority Schemes</b>   |   |                   |   |  |                             |               |               |              |               |               |                |               |
| C22-021                              | Cllr John Woodman                                     | ECI - Highway Ops | Local Transport Improvement Schemes – Member Requests Programme (Small Improvement Schemes) | The Local Transport Small Improvement Schemes is a programme of minor highway improvements put forward by local members to address traffic and transport issues in their area. Schemes range from accessibility improvements to the provision of footways, crossings and traffic calming. Scheme and project proposals are assessed for their deliverability and for their general value for money in terms of being able to deliver realistic local transport improvements. The schemes are considered against the general aims of the overarching themes of the council's Local Transport Plan (Future Transport Plan), this enables a comparison to be made of the range of benefits of each scheme (road safety, sustainable travel choices, congestion issues and equality of accessibility).   | Policy                      | 1.000         | 0.000         | 0.000        | 1.000         | 1.000         | 0.000          | 1.000         |

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| C22-006  | Cllr John Woodman                                     | ECI - Fleet    | Fleet Vehicle Replacement Programme (8 year) Alternative EV and associated Charging Infrastructure | <p>This is an alternative bid to replace a large percentage of the current diesel/petrol vehicles with electric vehicle replacements<br/>88% in 2022/23, 56% in 23/24 and 94 % in 24/25.<br/>The reason for not achieving 100% each year is in relation to uncertainty about whether there will be EV alternatives in the market for certain vehicles at this time.</p> <p>In order to be able to trial the suitability of these EV cars and vans for our Services and, over the next 3-5 years transition the majority of our fleet to EV's, we need to develop and install a suitable charging infrastructure across our depots and premises to be able to charge our corporate vehicles either overnight or during the day. There are a range of different chargers available ranging from slow/standard 7-22kw chargers which take up to 12 hours for a full charge, to 50-150 kw rapid and ultra-rapid chargers which can fully charge a vehicle in a couple of hours. These chargers' range in price from £700-800 for the slow chargers up to £5,000 for rapid chargers. There can also be considerable costs for grid enablement works to bring a suitable electricity supply from the nearest sub-station to the charging point. For example, the cost of reinforcing the grid to install 6 new chargers at County hall was quoted at £12,000 by Western Power Distribution in 2020.</p> | Climate Change | 0.911         | 0.000         | 0.000        | 0.911         | 0.911         | 0.000          | 0.911         |
| C22-037  | Cllrs Mandy Chilcott / Frances Nicholson / Clare Paul | ECI - Property | Matched funding to support estate de-carbonisation   | <p>Following successful bids for funding in 20/21 and 21/22 to the public sector decarbonisation scheme (PSDS) for a number of properties, it is proposed that investment funding is agreed to enable further bids for grants to decarbonise our buildings (whether through the PSDS scheme or other similar schemes). This funding would provide a flexible facility to support bids for grants, alongside condition or other funding where appropriate. If successful, grant funding will enable us to continue to address condition issues and reduce carbon emissions from our estate at the same time; for example, by replacing failed boilers with low carbon alternative heating systems in conjunction with building fabric upgrades. To date, the grant funding streams available through central government only fund part of the total cost of estate decarbonisation projects and so a flexible match funding investment will increase our chances of further successful bidding in 2022/23.</p>   | Climate Change | 1.000         | 0.000         | 0.000        | 1.000         | 1.000         | 0.000          | 1.000         |
| <b>Priority Schemes</b>                          |   |                |  |   |                | <b>2.911</b>  | <b>0.000</b>  | <b>0.000</b> | <b>2.911</b>  | <b>2.911</b>  | <b>0.000</b>   | <b>2.911</b>  |
| <b>Total Bids that Meet Criteria or Priority</b> |   |                |  |   |                | <b>37.082</b> | <b>10.418</b> | <b>0.930</b> | <b>48.430</b> | <b>15.227</b> | <b>33.203</b>  | <b>48.430</b> |