

Title: Assets Update

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1.0 Issue

- 1.1. To receive an update on Council-owned assets.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. Members are requested to:
 - i) Note the update on Council-owned assets, and
 - ii) Note the expenditure tracking sheet at Appendix 1.

3.0 Background/Options

- 3.1. On 27 March 2025 (Agenda Item 8), the Finance & Assets Committee received a report detailing Council-owned assets, which provided a summary of each asset. This report provides an update on assets contained within that report.
- 3.2. The Asset Management budget expenditure sheet at Appendix 1 identifies areas of planned expenditure and provides an update on actual spend to date. Members will continue to receive the expenditure tracking sheet as part of the Asset Update.

4.0 Council Assets Update

- 4.1. **Inclusive Play Audit-** The audit continues, and there is nothing significant to report since the last update.
- 4.2. Members will be aware that funds are being set aside from the Community Infrastructure Levy towards Inclusive Play and Open Spaces. This fund currently stands at £176,862.45 (14 November 2025). Parish Councils can apply to the Council for match funding to assist with the delivery of inclusive play and open spaces.
- 4.3. **Lake View Bereavement Centre**
 - 4.3.1. The project remains on schedule and within budget.
 - 4.3.2. The site is now fully fenced and secure, with security patrols continuing as an additional precaution.
 - 4.3.3. The contractors have completed the foundations and steel framework. During excavation, several significant below-ground structures were uncovered, resulting

in increased costs for this phase. These costs have been absorbed by the contingency allowance, and where feasible, the uncovered structures have been integrated into the new foundations to reduce removal expenses.

4.3.4. Habitat re-creation has been successfully carried out in accordance with the Wildlife Trust's recommendations to mitigate ecological impacts. This work includes replanting deadwood and re-profiling the bunds with the existing seed bank to encourage the return of site-specific flora. Additional bunds have also been created to the south of the site, which will provide additional natural habitats and visual interest.

4.3.5. The next stage of work will include completing the roof, pouring the floor slab for the main building, and constructing the waiting-room structure.

4.4. Portley Hill Depot, Littleport

4.4.1. In September 2025, Members approved expenditure of £215,000 for the extension of the car park and internal refurbishment work.

4.4.2. Work is now being undertaken to put together a programme for work to be completed whilst balancing the operational needs of the Depot.

5.0 Additional Implications Assessment

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Financial Implications No	Legal Implications No	Human Resources (HR) Implications No
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) No	Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) No	Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) No

6.0 Appendices

Appendix 1- Asset Spend Tracker

7.0 Background documents

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