

MUSEUM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME
Capital Projects to improve efficiency of the museum service

Capital Project	Detail	Total cost	MBC contribution	External funding	Comments
2016-2018					
Project Management costs	Outside the scope of day to day maintenance + there are numerous projects to deliver in a complex site. Where external design, QS and project management expertise is assumed to be required, the estimated costs of such fees are included in the sums below.			No	
Move CCTV system from 1st floor to old reception area	Equipment malfunctioning due to overheating in current space. VSA time unproductive due to monitoring equipment	20,000	20,000	No	
Refurb of Egyptian Gallery into Ancient Civilisations Gallery + associated damp works (already programmed)	Taking advantage of necessary building works to improve a tired and shabby gallery	200,000	10,000	Yes (HLF up to £100K, MMF fundraising £90K)	
Upgrade Old Education room (Upgrade to modern classroom 25m sq)	Additional space for children's parties	30,000	30,000	Potential with ancient civilisations refurb	
Install a chairlift for access to above	Difficult to access for families with buggies / wheelchair users without lift therefore limits use	25,000	25,000	No	
Adapt/upgrade old reception desk	enables a second workstation for VSA + wayfinding in the west wing for customers. Improves security	10,000	10,000	No	
Mark bays to side of museum	efficiency/deliveries/disabled access space and to better manage non-museum cars parking across fire exits	3,000	3,000	No	
Rationalisation and re-fitting of equipment storage areas	storage everywhere including in display spaces. Currently paying for a storage container in the museum carpark. Scope of project to be advised by Museum.	TBC	TBC	No	
Scope improvements to outside of building to improve visibility/attractiveness from Fremlin Walk, St Faith Street and station	Architect procured to create a design - needs a cohesive approach which takes into account listed building consent.	5,000	5,000	No	
Replace electrical distribution boards and upgrade wiring	Existing wired fuses to be replaced with RCBs. Upgrade existing wiring to comply with current standards.	60,000	60,000	No	
		353,000	163,000		
To include in 20 year Strategic Plan					
Godiva Courtyard extension to house a purpose built café (40m sq)	Improved café offer. Park location gives USP and attracts customers from park/station	100,000	£100k	no	
Refit existing café as temporary exhibition space (Current Café 40 m sq)	Better space for hosting and managing paid for exhibitions. Enables easy access in and out & can be closed without detriment to the the rest of the museum	30,000	TBC	yes	
Refit medieval gallery as a collections store & improve access (85m sq)	Improved storage / better access / easier access for staff	100,000	TBC	yes	
Withdrawing room floor	The existing sprung floor causes objects to move in display cases and presents challenges for visitors with mobility issues.	20,000	20,000	No	
Humidity works in vic cellar, upper and lower stores	To care for the collections	100,000	100,000	Possibly as part of wider improvements	
Improve museum IT to enable secure storage for collections databases (IT already involved - requires improved connection with Maidstone House)	Issues with the current system mean that collections database isn't always backed up, risking loss of digital database	IT to advise		No	
Install daytime case alarm system (Sam to confirm number)	no need for patrolling of galleries for security. Assumed to be an extension of the existing intruder alarm system.	25,000	25,000	No	
Install solar panels (£1.42 p KW) 5 Yr payback	Reduce electricity bill / environmentally sustainable. Estimate provided by Marcus Lawler	150,000	150,000	Possibly? Green energy grants?	
Re-lamp East wing with LED (already programmed with property team)		10,000	10,000	No	
Upgrade security of temporary exhibitions space to meet government indemnity standards (SECOM indicated £1100 for panel and 10 case alarms with £500 for each additional 10 Units)	save staff time and money for temporary insurance cover for incoming loans	1,100	1,100	Possibly to be researched	
Swap Japanese gallery with small temp exhibition space	Enables outstanding collection to be viewed during paid for exhibitions and during exhibition change (145m sq) Assume no major alterations or replacement. Allow for redecorations, making good. Estimates for replacement of cases or display units to be provided by Museum.	30,000	30,000	Possibly as part of wider improvements	
Improve visibility of museum entrance from street (signage/lighting/public art?)	improve footfall & customer satisfaction	25,000	25,000	No	
Improved acoustics and lighting to Brenchley Room	Subject to advice from acoustics and lighting consultant	20,000	20,000	No	
External redecorations and repairs	£70k approximately every 5 years - allow x4	280,000	280,000	No	
Major plant and engineering services installations replacement	Suggest that an average of £20k per year should be set aside	400,000	400,000	No	
Improved access throughout museum		120,000	TBC	Possibly	
		1,411,100	1,061,100		