

To receive a report on the Great Western Railway Customer & Community Improvement Fund and consider any actions or associated expenditure

Report to: Services Committee

Date of Report: 02/02/2026

Officer Writing the Report: Development and Engagement Manager

Purpose of the report: To provide members with an update on the funding application to the Great Western Railway Customer & Community Improvement Fund for 2026/27. The Station Property Sub-Committee were informed of the submission, and this report provides an update to the Services Committee.

Officer's Recommendations

Members are asked to consider the following:

- 1) To note the submission of the funding application made by the DEM for the Great Western Railway Customer & Community Improvement Fund for 2026/27;
- 2) To approve the allocation of match funding for this project, should the funding application be successful, to be met from 6473 SA EMF Station Building (Purchase & Capital Works). Please refer to the budget section of this report for further details.

Report Summary

In line with the agreed fundraising strategy, and following discussion with the Town Clerk, the DEM has submitted a funding application to the Great Western Railway Customer & Community Improvement Fund 2026/27.

The application relates to an all-in-one project to improve access and the overall environment at Saltash Station, specifically outside Isambard House. The project focuses on enhancing the station through integrated improvements including seating, secure cycle parking, improved wayfinding, planting, and measures to prevent pavement parking, creating a safer, more welcoming space.

How Does This Meet the Business Plan?

This project directly supports the Council's strategic priorities by improving travel and transport through safer, more accessible walking and cycling routes and better integration with public transport services.

Enhancements to accessibility, seating, and wayfinding contribute to health and wellbeing by creating a more inclusive and welcoming environment for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

In addition, the promotion of sustainable travel helps address the climate emergency by reducing reliance on private vehicles and supporting lower-carbon transport choices.

Budget Overview

Three suppliers were approached for costs, with only one responding with estimations. The total project cost is currently estimated at between £10,000 and £15,000, subject to change as designs and quotations are developed.

An application has been made for £10,000 from the GWR Customer & Community Improvement Fund, and members are asked to consider allocating up to £5,000 to provide match funding and absorb any remaining costs, as well as to consider future maintenance requirements.

Rough Cost Estimates

Cost Item	Estimated Cost (£)
Design & Specification	1,200
Fabrication & Materials	6,800
Plants, Soil & Landscaping Elements	1,100
Painting, Finishing & Detailing	900
Transport & Delivery	750
Installation & Site Works	1,200
Project Management & Contingency	550
Total (Estimated)	12,500

Budget Code: 6473 SA EMF Station Building (Purchase & Capital Works)

Budget Available: £40,490

Committed Costs: £4,200 (property maintenance planned budget)

Budget left: £36,290

Signature of Officer:

Development and Engagement Manager