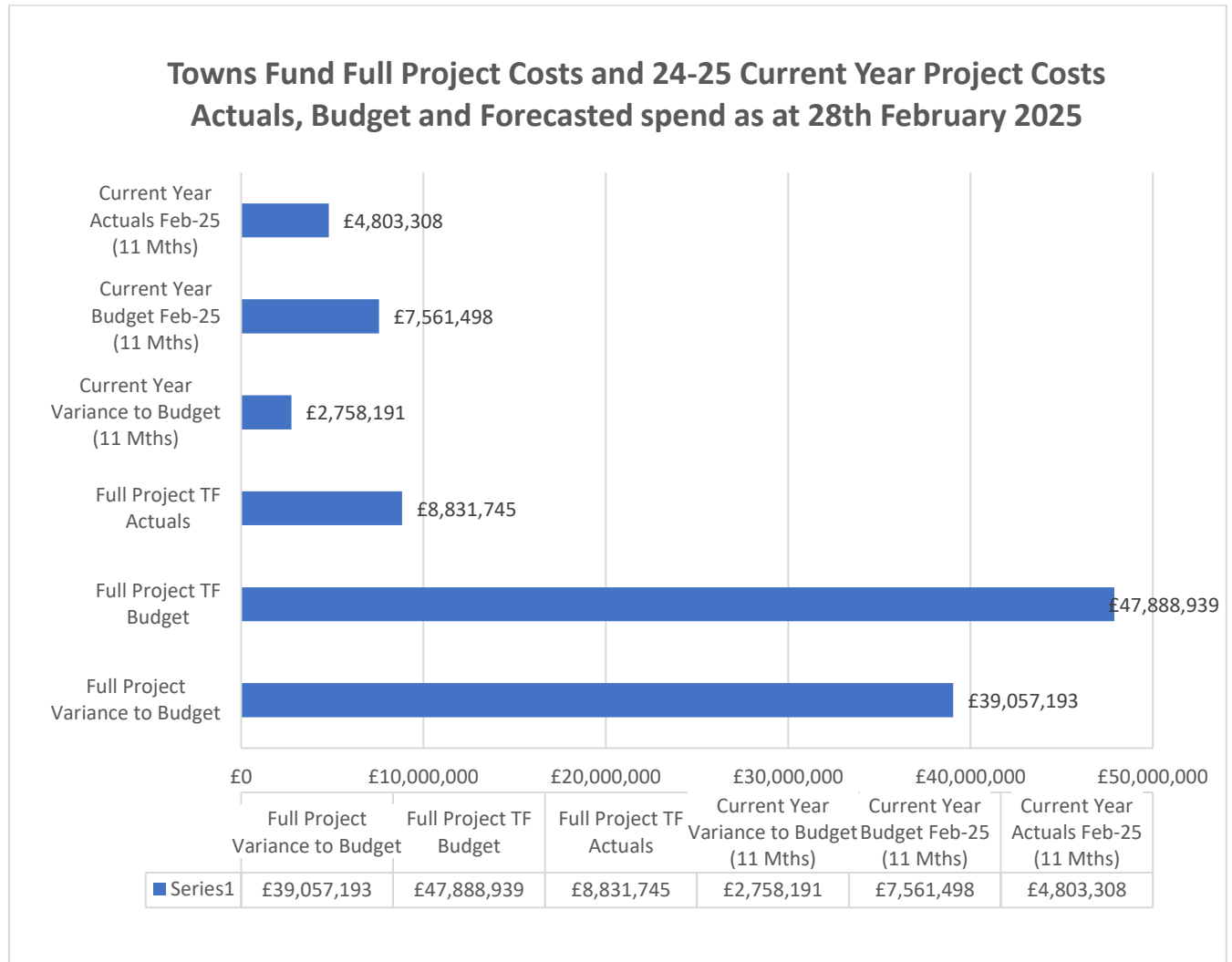


Town Deal Programme

Financials as at 28th February 2025



The full project actuals spent from inception in 2021 to 28th February 2025 are £8.8m of costs against a budget of £47.9m, to date £18.7m of the £25m funding has been received from MHCLG covering a large proportion of the costs spent to date.

The 2025-26 budget at full year as at 31st March 2025 is £8.2m.

The 2025/25 Actuals, Budget and Variance to 28th February 2025 is as below:

- 11 Months Actuals to 28th Feb-25 £4.8m
- 11 Months Budget to 28th Feb-25 £7.6m
- Variance – Underspend (£2.8m)

The £2.8m underspend primarily relates to MUCH which is £2.7m underspent to date, MUCH expenditure in March is forecast at £1.2m which will partially reduce the underspend at full year.

MUCH's underspend in 2024-25 is due to the timing of the works, it is expected that sufficient costs are due in early 2025-26 to bring costs back in line and within the minimum target spend.

DEEP DIVE

The minimum target at full year 2024-25 is £6.2m (75% of £8.2m 24-25 budget) at 31st March 2025.

Current Year 2024-25 Deep Dive Position as at end of February 2025 (11 months)

- Actual spend £4.8m
- Minimum targeted spend to date £5.7m
- Variance actual vs minimum target (£0.9m)

The minimum target to Feb-25 is £5.7m, with current year actuals are £4.8m giving £0.9m under the expected minimum target.

The £0.9m underspend is primary related to the MUCH project, due to timing of the works, sufficient costs are expected in early 2025-26 to bring costs back in line and within the minimum target spend. **It is therefore unlikely that a deep dive would be triggered with the short delay of costs coming through in early 2025-26.**

MHCLG Funds Received and Due

Town Deal Grant monies received to date are £18.7m the next tranche from MHCLG is due in May 2025, c£3m, primarily to the Guildhall project, this is subject to satisfactory Monitoring & Evaluation return being accepted by MHCLG in May 2025.

In January 2025, following the request from MHCLG to permit revised cash flow with forecast spend into 25/26 in exceptional circumstances, the Borough Council reprofiled the budgets moving costs into future years, the build stage for many of the projects will involve the largest expenditure on materials and contractors, with most projects at RIBA Stage 4, which will give cost certainty in the budgets going forward.

Riverfront £2m PAR to Guildhall – Funding Change

As discussed in the previous board a PAR for £2m was being prepared and due to be submitted to MHCLG in March 2025 for a funding transfer to the Guildhall project, the board will be updated with the outcome when a decision has been made by MHCLG. If approved, the current Town Deal funding allocation across each project will be per the pie chart below.

