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# PULSE

## PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT OFFICE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



### Welcome to the June 2026 edition of the PULSE!

In our previous issue, we highlighted key milestones across several major projects, including the ground-breaking ceremony for the New Prison, progress on the Primary School Reorganisation Project, and ongoing maintenance works across the island.

In this edition, we are pleased to confirm that the FCDO have provided EDIP with an additional £40 million to support the ongoing pipeline projects over the next three financial years. This issue also summarises the 2025/26 capital investment highlights and progress on key infrastructure projects, including the Bulk Fuel Installation (BFI), Aviation Fuel Facility (AFF), Water Resource Management, and New Prison Project.

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# CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN 2025/26- SPEND SUMMARY

In the 2025/26 financial year a total capital spend of £12,543,871 was invested across St Helena's key infrastructure and development programmes.

The largest share of expenditure was attributed to the Economic Development Infrastructure Programme (EDIP), which accounted for £7,760,316, reflecting the continued pace of delivery across the island's major infrastructure projects.

Essential Equipment procurement represented the second largest area of spend at £3,196,151, ensuring that critical operational needs across the public service are met and maintained. This includes £1.45m for airport equipment of which £741k was for the new LIDAR system.

The AFF and Phase 1 of the Fuel Infrastructure Project (FIP) aka BFI, recorded a spend of £1,587,404, supporting the ongoing advancement of these important facilities. From 2026 the FIP will be funded directly from EDIP.

We would like to thank FCDO for providing an additional £40 million through the Economic Investment Programme to support the ongoing pipeline projects over the next three financial years. This level of investment shows the partnership between the UK and St Helena Governments and their continued commitment to building resilient infrastructure and delivering meaningful improvements for the people of St Helena.



***Playground Equipment***




***Essential Equipment – Port truck***



***Essential Equipment - generator***



***Repainted St. Johns Flats - upper Jamestown***

# COMPLETED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN 25/26-FINANCIAL YEAR



***Port gates***



***Container Freight Station***



***Road works***



***Ruperts Cargo Facility***



***Completed Longwood Avenue Road***

# FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (FIP aka BFI) - COMMISSIONING UPDATE

The FIP commenced in late April 2026, when the Project Management Consultants, Chemie Tech, and the Director of the Main Works Contractor, Texas Oilfields, both UAE-based companies, visited the island.

This visit was to undertake pre-contractor mobilisation planning and preparatory activities ahead of the arrival of the first mobilisation team.

The first members team arrived in May 2026 to begin setting up the BFI site for Phase 1 of the project, which focuses on health and functionality checks of the entire facility.

Initial activities during this period centred on establishing health and safety protocols for the site and reviewing all documentation pertaining to the original build, including identifying any deviation from the as-built records.

Shortly thereafter, a specialist testing team from South Africa arrived on the island to assess the condition of the facility's tanks and piping. Preparatory works to support this assessment are being carried out by a local contractor.

Additional teams are expected to arrive in the coming weeks and months as the project progresses towards construction activities.




***Arrival of the Specialists on the Island***



***Programme Manager - Richard Gardner and the Team from Chemie Tech and Texas Oilfields***



***BFI infrastructure undergoing commissioning***

# PROGRESS UPDATE ON AVIATION FUEL FACILITY (AFF)

In October 2025, AFF project commenced with site mobilisation and the start of Phase 1 civil works carried out by Inproserv and Isaacs contractors

Early works included the covering of the pumphouse, installation of the fire water tank, and erection of the elevated pipe rack.

Phase 2 followed at the start of this year, with the installation of the pumphouse structure, assembly of the fire water tank, completion of the screen wall, and the implementation of corrosion control measures to ensure the facility long-term usage.

Major mechanical and civil works were also completed during this period, with key infrastructure such as the pipe rack and fire pump station fully erected.

In addition, testing such as, tank soak tests and foam system trials were carried out, to verify that key systems perform to the required operational standards.

Installation works are now largely complete and commissioning is underway. The facility will become fully operational upon the installation of flame detectors, completion of final inspections, and formal handover of the facility.



***The tanks***



***Pump House Covered Area***



***Completed Erected Screen wall***



***Completed Elevated Pipe rack***

# WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The final draft for the Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP) and Drought Trigger Plan were completed earlier this year and subsequently issued for public consultation.

Two community engagement consultations were delivered during the financial year, with public questionnaires distributed alongside each consultation. Over 60 responses were received, reflecting encouraging levels of community interest and engagement.

As part of the WRMP quick-win and low-regret initiatives, leakage detection training was delivered in partnership with SALEAK, a South African water specialist and the training provider.

Two members of Connect Saint Helena Ltd (CSH) staff travelled to SALEAK's training and testing facility in Johannesburg, before a SALEAK trainer visited the island to deliver further practical training to Connect staff on the ground.

For more information on the WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN: Click the link below:
https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/documents/water-resource-management-plan-2020-2050-final-nov.pdf



***Further Practical Training on the Island***



***CSH staff at the Training session in Johannesburg***



***CSH staff at the water testing facility in Johannesburg***

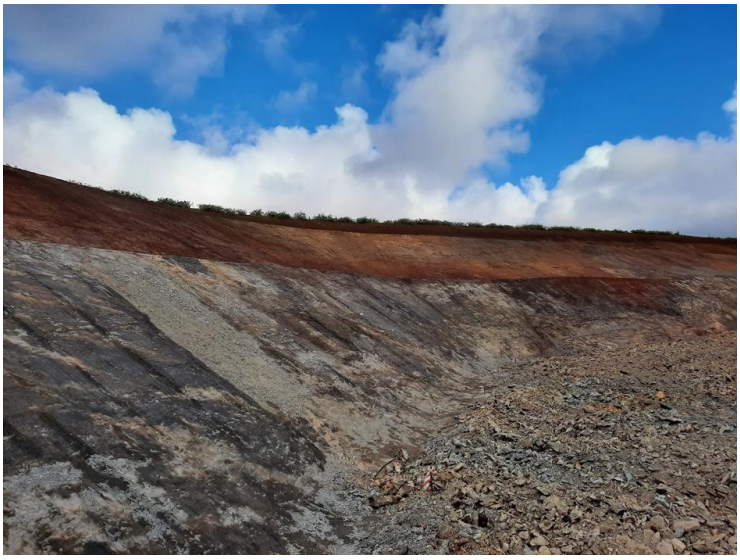
# UPDATE ON THE NEW PRISON PROJECT

Main excavation works have made significant progress, with approximately 40,000 m³ of material excavated, representing around two-thirds of the total volume.

This was achieved over the past quarter since commencement.

Works are now focused on removing the remaining central mound and progressing to the final terrace level.

In addition, placement of approximately 3,000 m³ of fill at the lower north-eastern section of the site has been completed, with compaction currently underway.



***Work underway on final terrace level***



***Ongoing Progress on the excavation works***



***Wide-angle showing remaining earth mound at centre of excavation***



***Approximate 3,000*** m³ ***Fill at North-Eastern Site***



***Drone picture of the site (Official permissions were obtained)***