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c.c. All Members of the Public Safety & Transport
Select Committee
c.c. All Councillors
c.c. Perry Scott – Infrastructure, Transport & Building
Services
c.c. Sophie Wilmot - Infrastructure, Transport and
Building Services
c.c. Conservative and Labour Group Offices
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Date: 20 August 2021

Non-Key Decision request

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CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT AUGUST 2021

DEPARTMENT: Residents Services

SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: Transport for London (TfL) Local Implementation
Plan 3 (LIP3) 2021/22 RELEASE NO: 2

Dear Cabinet Member

Attached is a report requesting that a decision be made by you as an individual Cabinet Member. Democratic Services confirm that this is not a key decision, as such the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 notice period does not apply.

You should take a decision **on or after Tuesday 31 August 2021** in order to meet Constitutional requirements about publication of decisions that are to be made. You may wish to discuss the report with the Corporate Director before it is made. Please indicate your decision on the duplicate memo supplied and return it to me when you have made your decision. I will then arrange for the formal notice of decision to be published.

Anisha Teji
Democratic Services Officer

Title of Report: Transport for London (TfL) Local Implementation Plan 3 (LIP3)
2021/22 RELEASE NO: 2

Decision made:

Reasons for your decision: (e.g. as stated in report)

Alternatives considered and rejected: (e.g. as stated in report)

SignedDate.....
Cabinet Member for Finance/ Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport

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SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: Transport for London (TfL) Local Implementation Plan 3 (LIP3) 2021/22

RELEASE NO: 2

Cabinet Members	Councillor Martin Goddard Councillor John Riley
Cabinet Portfolios	Cabinet Member for Finance Cabinet Member for Public Safety & Transport
Officer Contact	Sophie Wilmot - Infrastructure, Transport and Building Services
Papers with report	Appendix A with capital release requests for approval

HEADLINES

Summary	To seek Cabinet Member approval for the release of capital funds.
Putting our Residents First	This report supports the Council objective of strong financial management. The Hillingdon Local Plan: Part One - Strategic Policies (2012). The Hillingdon Local Plan: Part Two - Development Management Policies (2020). Transport for London, London Borough of Hillingdon, Local Implementation Plan 3 (March 2019). Hillingdon's Sustainable Community Strategy 2011.
Financial Cost	This report seeks the release of £178k from the 2021/22 TfL LIP programme of work detailed in this report. The funds being requested to be released have been awarded to the Council to enable the delivery of specific schemes in agreement with TfL. The funds have various spend deadlines, any funds unspent after the deadlines will need to be returned to TfL.
Relevant Select Committee	Public Safety and Transport
Ward(s) affected	All

**Portfolio Member
approval**

Councillor John Riley

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport approve the following capital release requests of £178k from the 2021/22 TfL LIP programme budget (Appendix A).

Reasons for recommendation

The proposal fully complies with and supports the intentions of the 2018 Mayor of London's Transport Strategy and the proposals set out in the Council's LIP3 which covers the period from 2019 to 2041.

The recommendation will enable Hillingdon to sustain its past LIP performance which is critically important to secure future funding to the Borough. Any undue delay in implementation, or failure to meet agreed performance measures, could adversely influence future TfL funding opportunities for the Council. All costs will be borne in their entirety by TfL.

Alternative options considered

Hillingdon could decide not to deliver the programme of measures already approved by Cabinet. Such a decision would adversely affect both the delivery of the TfL approved LIP allocation and the contribution this would make to the delivery of the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy.

Select Committee comments

None at this stage

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. London Borough of Hillingdon's LIP3 submission which covers the period from 2019 to 2041 was approved by the Mayor of London on the 10th June 2019.

1.1 Transport for London's financial position was severely impacted by the decline in public transport use due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this resulted in TfL making changes to the annual Local Implementation Plan allocation.

1.2. On the 12th April 2021 TfL announced Hillingdon's LIP grant interim funding package for 2021/22 up to 18th May 2021 as follows:

- £312k for Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures
- £13k for Local Transport Fund
- £99k re-profiled grant for West Drayton Crossrail Complimentary Measures (please refer to paragraph 1.4)

1.3. On the 18th May 2021 TfL announced Hillingdon's LIP grant further interim funding package for 2021/22 covering the period of the 19th May to the 28th May 2021 as follows:

- £65k for Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures
- £3k for Local Transport Fund
- £21k re-profiled grant for West Drayton Crossrail Complimentary Measures (please refer to paragraph 1.4)

1.4. In November 2014, there was confirmation of a total allocation of £1,600k for Crossrail Complementary Measures in West Drayton, covering the years 2015/16 to 2018/19, to improve the environment outside the station and provide better transport interchange, in conjunction with the Elizabeth Line service, however, due to delays with Network Rail in delivering this programme, this allocation has been re-profiled. The 2021/22 Allocation up to the 28th May 2021 is £120k, these funds have been released in prior years.

1.5. TfL confirmed the re-profiling of £21k from the Cycle Skills Training 2020/21 Allocation into 2021/22 to cover the cycle skills training up to the end of June 2021, these funds have been released in the prior year. On 25th June 2021 TfL confirmed a grant of £26k to allow the continuation of the cycle skills training to cover the period from July to September 2021.

1.6. On 16th June 2021 TfL confirmed funding of £15k for the design and delivery of Bus Priority Schemes between June 2021 and the 11th December 2021. On the 9th July a further £132k funding was confirmed by TfL for the design and delivery of further Bus Priority Schemes, on 29th July a further £5k was confirmed by TfL to fund TfL signals required for the schemes, which brings the total allocation to £152k

1.5. The above allocations total £712k.

Scope of Works - Transport for London 2021/22

Table 1: Transport for London Funding 2021/22

2021/22 LIP Scheme Headings	Total Budget £'000	Previous/ Pending Release £'000	Seeking Release £'000	Balance £'000
Transport Interchange & Healthy Streets	11	11	0	0
North South Links and Supporting Growth	84	84	0	0
Vision Zero School Travel Plan and Local Road Safety Schemes	134	134	0	0
Accessibility and Mobility for all	5	5	0	0
Parking Management Schemes	0	0	0	0
Public Footpaths and Cycleways	57	57	0	0
Transport Impacts	3	3	0	0
Road Safety Education Training and Publicity and Travel Awareness	83	83	0	0
Cycle Skills Training	47	21	26	0
Corridors Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures Sub Total	424	398	26	0
Local Transport Fund	16	16	0	0
Bus Priority	152	0	152	0
Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	0	0	0	0
Principal Road Renewal	0	0	0	0
West Drayton Crossrail Complementary Measures	120	120	0	0

Grand Total	712	534	178	0
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1.9. This report outlines the schemes that have been identified for implementation and agreed in principle with the fund holder, TfL, and for which capital release is now requested.

1.10. This is the second TfL LIP Capital Release Decision Report for 2021/22. It requests the release of £178k of the TfL funding from an 2021/22 annual total allocation of £712k.

2. Cycle Skills Training: Release Requested: £26k

2.1 Transport for London (TfL) have awarded the Council funds for Cycle Skills Training to cover the period between July and September 2021, inclusive. Capital release of £26k is sought to allow the delivery of the following programmes across the Borough;

Child Cycle Training

2.2 The nationally recognised standard for child cycle training is known as 'Bikeability'. The cycle trainers who deliver the training are casual employees and paid per session worked. The trainers take children out on the highway and teach them to cycle safely in real life situations. The offer is open to all schools in the Borough. 'Bikeability' trainers are funded in full from TfL grant allocations, without this funding, 'Bikeability' training could not be provided as the Council does not have any other resources to deliver this programme.

Adult Cycle Skills Training

2.3 Adult Cycle Skills Training is provided either on a one-to-one basis or a group setting. Using TfL funding the Council can also offer family sessions for a parent and child to come along and learn to ride a bike together. Again, all training is provided by the Council's casual cycle instructors, paid on a session rate.

3. Bus Priority Funding: Release Requested: £152k

3.1 Transport for London (TfL) have awarded the Council Bus Priority funding for the design and implementation of works which will benefit the efficient movement of buses and make public transport a more viable choice for people instead of using the private car. The funding under the bus priority funding is required to be spent by 11th December 2021, after which time any unspent funds would need to be returned.

3.2 Schemes under bus priority can include but not limited to removing pinch points on bus routes or improving junction operation. The funding which has been received is to carry out the following schemes:

Falling Lane, Yiewsley

3.3 Council Officers in liaison with TfL have been discussing the benefits of converting the current zebra crossing on Falling Lane, Yiewsley by Rabbsfarm Primary School to a signalised pelican crossing. This will have safety benefits for pedestrians and help to improve bus punctuality as the signals in this location and the main signals at the junction with High Street, Yiewsley and Trout Road can be synchronised so that they work in a coordinated approach. The works will include crossing improvements over the service road to ensure continued connection into Rabbsfarm Primary School. Capital release of £80k is being sought to take forward design and implementation of this scheme. The cost is based upon rates of the Council's term contractor O'Hara who will undertake the civils works and from TfL who will undertake the installation of the traffic signals, as all traffic signals are owned, operated and maintained by TfL.

Fairey's Corner, Hayes

3.4 At Fairey's corner, Hayes a total of six high frequency bus routes operate, with around 25no. buses serving each stop within the peak hours. The southbound bus stop is located just after the busy signalised junction of Station Road / North Hyde Road / Dawley Road, resulting in congestion at both the bus stop and towards the signalised junction. Therefore, funding has been awarded by TfL to allow for preliminary designs to be undertaken to remodel and realign this bus stop to better accommodate the high frequency of buses at this location without impacting upon the service or the operation of the junction. Capital release of £21k is being sought to engage the Council's terms consultations Project Centre Ltd to undertake the design works.

Hillingdon Hospital

3.5 Proposals are currently being considered for the large-scale redevelopment of Hillingdon Hospital which will include consideration of the layout of the number of bus services currently serving the site. In order to support this redevelopment, it is proposed to look at bus priority of all the key bus routes towards the hospital which include: Pield Heath Road, Kingston Lane, Church Road and Colham Green Road. TfL have awarded funding to allow the Council to engage our term consultants Project Centre Ltd to undertake a feasibility study to consider improvements to bus priority on the approaches to Hillingdon Hospital. Capital release of £23.5k is being sought to undertake the study.

Cowley Road, Cowley

3.6 West Drayton Station has been upgraded to benefit from Elizabeth Line services, which once completed will connect Reading with East London. There has been a long-term ambition by the Council to improve the access between the new Elizabeth line services and our metropolitan town centre of Uxbridge. The 222 bus services is currently the most direct bus route using High Street, Yiewsley and High Road, Cowley, a current average journey time of 26 minutes. In order to improve this connection, funds have been provided by TfL to undertake a feasibility study on the potential bus priority improvements which could be made on this link to ensure a quicker and

more reliable service on the 222 bus route. It is proposed that the study would be undertaken by the Council's term consultants, Project Centre Ltd. Capital release of £27.5k is being sought to undertake this study.

Project cost breakdown of TfL LIP for Release one

Table 2: Cost Plan for Schemes Where Reallocation and New Release is Requested

TfL Scheme	Internal Fees / Staffing £000's	Services / Works £000's	Seeking release £000's
<u>Cycle Training</u> : Cycle Skills Training	26	0	26
<u>Bus Priority Funding</u> : Bus Priority works	8	144	152
Total	34	144	178

Financial Implications

Transport for London Total Confirmed 2021/22 Budget £712k, Previously Released £534k, Release Requested £178k – Appendix A

The 2021/22 Transport for London funding programme is set out in the table below.

CAPITAL Funding 2021/22	Confirmed Grant Allocation £000's	Previous released/ Pending release £000's	Capital release request £000's	Balance Confirmed Grant £'000's
Corridors, Neighbourhoods & Supporting Measures	424	398	26	0
Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	0	0	0	0
Bus Priority	152	0	152	0
Cross Rail Complementary Measures (West Drayton)	120	120	0	0
Local Transport Fund	16	16	0	0
Sub Total TFL Grant	712	534	178	0
Section 106 Contribution	30	0	0	30
Total Capital	742	534	178	30

The 2021/22 Transport for London capital programme original budget, approved by Council in February 2021, amounted to £3,178k based on the LIP grant settlement from previous years prior to the Covid-19 Pandemic. In June 2021, Cabinet approved the re-phasing of £878k funding, including West Drayton Crossrail Complementary Measures (£848k) from 2020/21, and £30k Section 106 funding in relation to West Drayton Crossrail Complimentary Measures.

However, Transport for London's financial position has been severely impacted by the decline in public transport use due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and this has resulted in changes to the annual Local Implementation Plan allocation. As noted in the body of the report, total confirmed allocations amount to £712k as set out in the above table, of which £534k has previously been released and the remaining £178k release is requested in this report.

The allocations awarded for the period 1st April to 28th May are to be spent by the 28th May, the allocations awarded for the Cycle Skills Training are to be spent by the end of September and allocations awarded for the Bus Priority Schemes are to be spent by the 11th December, any underspends against these allocations on the specified deadlines are to be returned to the Transport for London.

This report requests the release of £26k from Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures and £152k for the Bus Priority funding awards as shown above and detailed in Appendix A.

Any future additional TfL funding awards will be reported to Cabinet and included in subsequent capital release reports.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon residents, service users and communities

The various travel awareness projects seek to primarily promote and encourage more sustainable forms of travel for residents and businesses.

Consultation carried out or required

Consultation is to be carried out as part of the submission development, as appropriate.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate finance notes that TFL grant allocations remain significantly lower than pre-pandemic levels, and that the outlook is uncertain for any further awards this financial year.

Legal

The Borough Solicitor confirms that the Council is responsible for carrying out this function pursuant to Section 151 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. There are no legal impediments to the Council authorising the capital release.

Infrastructure / Asset Management

Infrastructure / Asset Management comments are included within the body of the report.

Capital Release Protocol

The release of all capital funds, and certain revenue funds, held by the Council is to be made by a formal democratic decision (by the Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Property and Business Services). No expenditure can be placed or committed by officers until this formal approval is given by Democratic Services. Release of funds must be for identified projects only and strictly not for the general release of funds for projects to be identified later. No block releases of capital or funding will be allowed, except if authorised by the Leader of the Council in advance to Corporate Finance. The release of funds will only be made if previous Council, Cabinet or Cabinet Member agreement has been given to the project and only if there is an approved budget.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

APPENDIX A1

Transport for London 2021/22: Cycle Skills Training and Bus Priority Funding Release 2

<i>Location</i>	<i>Project / Expenditure Title</i>	<i>Information</i>	<i>Funds Release Sought £000's</i>	<i>Approve</i>	<i>Hold</i>	<i>More Information Required</i>
Boroughwide	Cycle Training	Provision of Adult Cycle Skills Training and 'Bikeability'; training for Children in the Borough.	26			
Boroughwide	Bus Priority	Feasibility and detailed design of schemes to improve the efficiency and journey times of buses around the Borough.	152			
Total seeking release			178			
Previously released			534			
Budget			742			
Remaining budget			30			