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To: **COUNCILLOR JOHN RILEY**
CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND
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COUNCILLOR MARTIN GODDARD
CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE

c.c. All Members of the Public Safety & Transport
Select Committee
c.c. Caroline Haywood – Place Directorate
c.c. Perry Scott – Corporate Director of Place
c.c. Conservative and Labour Group Offices
(inspection copy)

Date: 14 March 2022

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (MARCH 2022) **TRANSPORT AND PLANNING POLICY ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME** **2021/22** **RELEASE NO: 1**

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 22 March 2022** 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.

Steve Clarke
Democratic Services Officer

Title of Report: Capital Release Report (March 2022) - Transport And Planning Policy Road Safety Programme 2021/22 - Release No: 1

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 Public Safety & Transport / Cabinet Member for Finance

CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (MARCH 2022)
TRANSPORT AND PLANNING POLICY ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME
2021/22
RELEASE NO: 1

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| Cabinet Members | Councillor Martin Goddard Councillor John Riley |
| Cabinet Portfolio | Cabinet Member for Finance Cabinet Member for Public Safety & Transport |
| Officer Contact | Caroline Haywood – Place Directorate |
| Papers with report | Appendix A - Capital release request for approval |

HEADLINE INFORMATION

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| Purpose of report | To seek approval for the release of capital funds. |
| Putting our residents First | This reports the Council's objectives of Our People; Our Built Environment |
| Financial Cost | This report seeks the release of £130k of capital funding for the 2021/2022 road safety programme. All schemes have been approved by the Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport. |
| Relevant Select Committee | Public Safety and Transport Select Committee |
| Ward(s) affected | All |

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport agree to the following capital release request for funding for Road Safety Programme schemes to a total value of £120k (Appendix A).

Reasons for recommendation

This is to enable the release of capital resources in order to progress the project and capital programme that was agreed by the Council and are included within the Council's 2021/2022 Capital Programme Budget.

Alternative options considered

If the release of Capital Funds is not approved, these schemes cannot be delivered.

Select Committee Comments

None at this stage.

Supporting Information

1. Carriageway and Footway improvements (£80k)

The schemes included in Appendix A will improve safety and access for all road users.

1.1. Harefield Road, Uxbridge - £40k - Installation of three sets of two speed cushions to help reduce vehicle speeds and accident risk. Following a request through the Road Safety Programme and investigation including a 24h/7day speed survey which showed the majority of vehicles were exceeding the 30mph speed limit in the northern section of the road. An informal consultation with residents has shown that the majority of residents support this proposal. It also has the support of the local Ward Councillors.

| Harefield Road, Uxbridge | £ |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Contract - Building Works | 35,200 |
| Fees | 4,800 |
| Total | 40,000 |

The costs quoted are for the works. There are no other associated costs.

1.2 Bourne Avenue, Hayes - £40k - Installation of raised tables and a 7.5T weight limited except for access in the eastern end of the road. These are to help reduce vehicle speeds and accident risk and help deter HGV's from accessing this end of Bourne Avenue. Following concerns from Ward Members and local residents, traffic surveys were undertaken on Bourne Avenue, which is a no-through road in the Pinkwell area leading off Dawley Road, with a barriered entry for buses only on to the Prologis Park site. These showed a high level of HGVs mistakenly trying to access Prologis Estate and high speeds on the 'dead end' section.

This is to be part funded by S106 funds from a nearby development. The contribution totals £10k, capital release of this £10k is being sought via this report. A S106 allocation report is being progressed in parallel to this Capital Release.

| Bourne Avenue, Hayes | £ |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Contract - Building Works | 36,400 |
| Fees | 3,600 |
| Total | 40,000 |

The costs quoted are for the works. There are no other associated costs.

2. Street furniture (£50k)

2.1. Vehicle Activate signs - £30K - Purchase and installation of 10 vehicle activated signs to be installed at various locations across the Borough. The locations will be agreed by the Cabinet Member on a case-by-case basis.

2.2 Zebrites - £20k – To purchase and install a series of 'zebrite' high-conspicuity Belisha Beacon haloes on existing zebra crossings across the Borough, in order to enhance their visibility where this is an issue of particular concern. The precise specifications, bespoke crossing layouts and locations will be agreed by the Cabinet Member on a case-by-case basis.

The relevant approval for capital release is set out in Appendix A and included are the dates when the Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport approved the individual schemes.

All budget estimates have been calculated using the schedule of rates contained in the Council's term contracts.

Financial Implications

Revised Budget £238k (Pending S106 Allocation requested in a separate Cabinet Member report), Previously Released/Pending Release £108k Capital Release Requested £130k – Appendix A

The 2021/22 capital programme approved by Cabinet and Council in February 2021 included a capital budget for the road safety programme of £120k. Cabinet, in June 2021, approved the re-phasing of £108k of the unspent 2020/21 budget into 2021/22. This gives a revised budget of £228k, funded from Council resources.

There is currently a separate Cabinet Member Report in process to request an allocation of £10k from a development nearby to Bourne Avenue for a contribution towards the installation of raised tables and a 7.5T weight limited except for access in the eastern end of the road to help reduce vehicle speeds and accident risk and help deter HGV's from accessing this end of Bourne Avenue. This will increase the revised road safety programme budget to £238k.

Previously £108k has been released for Road Safety Schemes at Hillside Road, Cheney Street, Cherry Lane, Glencoe Road / Broadmead Road, Whitehall Road and 70 schools across the Borough.

This report is seeking the release of £130k for the Road Safety Schemes described above, which have been approved by the Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport.

The release request includes the cost of the recommended quotation through the highways term contract and the Road Safety carriageway and footway improvements include an internal fee of 13.6% of the quoted building works cost.

Corporate Property and Construction

There are no property implications resulting from the recommendation set out in this report.

Corporate Finance Comments

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and associated financial implications, confirming the budgetary position set out above and noting that this investment in road safety is to be funded from the 2021/22 approved revised Road Safety Programme capital budget, mainly financed from Council Resources.

Legal Comments

The Borough Solicitor confirms that the Council is responsible for carrying out this function pursuant to Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980.

Any contract that is awarded following this capital release must be in accordance with the Council's Procurement and Contract Standing Orders.

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. 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 at a later date. 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.

APPENDIX A - CAPITAL RELEASE REQUEST

2021/2022 ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME – Phase I March 2022 - List of approved schemes

All schemes approved in principle by Councillor Riley as per date approved column

| Scheme Name | Project Detail | Date approved | Reason for installation | Allocation (£000) | Approve | Hold | More Information Required |
|---|---|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------|------|---------------------------|
| Carriageway and Footway improvements | | | | | | | |
| VAS programme | Purchase a number of vehicle activated signs | 28/01/2022 | To reduce accident risk | 30 | | | |
| Zebrites | Purchase a number of Zebrites | 28/01/2022 | To reduce accident risk | 20 | | | |
| Bourne Avenue, Hayes | Install a 20mph speed limit, raised tables and HGV signs. | 16/04/2021 | To reduce accident risk | 40 | | | |
| Harefield Road, Uxbridge | Install speed cushions | 04/11/2021 | To reduce accident risk | 40 | | | |
| Carriageway and Footway improvements | | | Sub Total | 130 | | | |

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| Total Schemes Seeking Release | 130 | | | |
| Total Schemes previously released | 108 | | | |
| Total Budget 2021/22 | 238 | | | |
| Unallocated Budget | 0 | | | |