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

Date: 15 March 2022

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT: March 2022
**SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: Transport for London (TfL) Local
Implementation Plan 3 (LIP3) 2021/22 - RELEASE NO: 6**

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 Wednesday 23 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.

Liz Penny
Democratic Services Officer

Title of Report: Transport for London (TfL) Local Implementation Plan 3 (LIP3) 2021/22 -
RELEASE NO: 6

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

SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: Transport for London (TfL) Local Implementation Plan 3 (LIP3) 2021/22 - **RELEASE NO: 6**

Cabinet Members	Councillor Martin Goddard Councillor John Riley
Cabinet Portfolios	Cabinet Member for Finance Cabinet Member for Public Safety & Transport
Officer Contact	Sophie Wilmot – Place Directorate
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 <i>strong financial management</i> . It also supports the following policy documents: 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).
Financial Cost	This report seeks the release of £18k 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 a spend deadline; any funds unspent after the deadlines will need to be returned to TfL.
Relevant Select Committee	Public Safety and Transport
Ward(s) affected	All

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport approve the following capital release requests of £18k 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 Local Implementation Plan (LIP) 3 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

The Cabinet Members could decide not to deliver the programme of measures already approved by Cabinet. Such a decision would adversely affect the delivery of the TfL approved LIP allocation.

Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. The London Borough of Hillingdon's LIP3 ('Local Implementation Plan 3') submission which covers the period from 2019 to 2041 was approved by the Mayor of London on 10 June 2019.

1.1 Transport for London's (TfL) financial position was subsequently 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 12 April 2021, TfL announced Hillingdon's LIP grant interim funding package for 2021/22 up to 18 May 2021 would be 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 1.7)

1.3. On 18 May 2021, TfL announced Hillingdon's LIP grant further interim funding package for 2021/22 covering the period of 19 May to 28 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 1.7)

1.4. TfL confirmed the re-profiling of £21k from the Cycle Skills Training 2020/21 Allocation into 2021/22 to cover the Borough's cycle skills training up to the end of June 2021; these funds having been released in the prior year. On 25 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. In November 2021 TfL confirmed funding of £13k to cover the period from October 2021 to December 2021. In February 2022 TfL confirmed a further £18k to cover the period January 2022 to March 2022.

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

1.6 On 15 September 2021, TfL announced Hillingdon's LIP grant further interim funding package for 2021/22 up to 11 December 2021 as follows:

- £146k for Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures
- £60k re-Profiled grant for West Drayton Crossrail Complimentary Measures (please refer to paragraph 1.7)

1.7. 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 11 December 2021 is £180k; these funds have been released in prior years.

1.8. In October 2021 TfL confirmed funding of £53k for Bridge Assessment and Strengthening.

1.9 The above allocations total £1,002k.

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	33	33	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	27	27	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	180	180	0	0
Cycle Skills Training	78	60	18	0
Corridors Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures Sub Total	601	583	18	0
Local Transport Fund	16	16	0	0
Bus Priority	152	152	0	0
Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	53	53	0	0
Principal Road Renewal	0	0	0	0
West Drayton Crossrail Complementary Measures	180	180	0	0
Grand Total	1,002	984	18	0

1.10. 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.

1.11. This is the sixth TfL LIP Capital Release Decision Report for 2021/22. It requests the release of £18k of the TfL funding from an 2021/22 annual total allocation of £1,002k.

2. Cycle Skills Training: Release Requested: £18k

2.1 Transport for London (TfL) have awarded the Council funds for Cycle Skills Training to cover the period between January and March 2022, inclusive. Capital release of £18k 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.

Project cost breakdown of TfL LIP for Release Six

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

TfL Scheme	Internal Fees / Staffing £000's	Services / Works £000's	Seeking release £000's
Cycle Training: Bikeability and Adult Cycle Skills	18	0	18
Total	18	0	18

Financial Implications

Transport for London Total Confirmed 2021/22 Budget £1,002k, Previously Released £984k, Release Requested £18k – 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	601	583	18	0
Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	53	53	0	0
Bus Priority	152	152	0	0
Cross Rail Complementary Measures (West Drayton)	180	180	0	0
Local Transport Fund	16	16	0	0
Sub Total TFL Grant	1,002	984	18	0
Section 106 Contribution	30	0	0	30
Total Capital	1,032	984	18	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 £1,002k as set out in the above table, of which £984k has previously been released and the remaining £18k release is requested in this report.

The allocations awarded for the period 1 April to 28 May are to be spent by 28 May, the allocations awarded for the Cycle Skills Training, Bus Priority Schemes, Bridge Assessment and Strengthening along with the allocations awarded on 16 September are to be spent by 31 March 2022, any underspends against these allocations are to be returned to the Transport for London.

This report requests the release of £18k from Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures funding award 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 the recent allocation from Transport for London of £18k for Cycle Skills Training to cover the period between January and March 2022 and that the total confirmed funding remains significantly lower than pre pandemic levels, with the future funding from TfL remaining uncertain.

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. 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 A

Transport for London 2021/22: Funding Release 6

<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>
Borough wide	Cycle Training	Funds to undertake Bikeability and adult cycle skills training.	18			
Total seeking release			18			
Previously released			984			
Budget			1,032			
Remaining budget			30			