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c.c. All Members of the Property, Highways &
Transport Select Committee
c.c. Pam Siva-Kumar, Place Directorate
c.c. Perry Scott, Corporate Director of Place
c.c. Ward Councillors for Uxbridge, West Drayton and
Yiewsley

Date: 13 September 2022

Non-Key Decision request

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CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (September 2022)

DEPARTMENT: PLACE

SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: HIGHWAY BRIDGES & STRUCTURES 2022 - 2023

RELEASE NO: 1

Dear Cabinet Members

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 Thursday 22 September 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: Highway Bridges & Structures 2022 – 2023: 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 Finance / Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport

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Cabinet Members	Councillor Jonathan Bianco Councillor Martin Goddard
Cabinet Portfolios	Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport Cabinet Member for Finance
Officer Contact	Pam Siva-Kumar, 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 following Council objectives of: <i>Our People; Our Built Environment; Strong financial management.</i>
Financial Cost	This report seeks the release of £300k from the 2022/23 Highway Bridges & Structures Capital Programme budget for the schemes detailed in this report. The works will commence upon release of the funds and are due for completion by March 2023.
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Ward(s) affected	Uxbridge, West Drayton and Yiewsley

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport agree to the capital release request of £300k from the Highways Bridges & Structures 2022/23 budget to support the schemes outlined in this report. (Appendix A)

Reasons for recommendation

The recommendation enables the release of funds to progress the Highways Structures Programme detailed in Appendix A.

The projects listed will limit the deterioration and preserve the structural integrity of the highway structures avoiding any undue failure of the structural elements. The works will improve the condition of the structures and the highway network. These works will be undertaken by the Council's Highways Term Service Contractor, O'Hara Bros Surfacing Ltd.

Alternative options considered

This work is vital as it entails the identification of structural deterioration and the preservation of the structural integrity of highway structures. There is no alternative but to carry out this work because, if left, there would be health and safety implications. Therefore, it is recommended that these projects are progressed without delay to maintain the structural integrity of the Council's highway structures.

Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The highway bridges and structures work programme is funded from the 2022/23 capital programme for highway structures. The estimated costs of the programme totalling £300,000 is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Project Cost Breakdown

Programme Cost Plan	Cost (£000's)
Works	230,000
External fees (consultants)	30,000
Internal fees	20,000
Project Contingency	20,000
Total Cost	£300,000

2. Highway Bridges & Structures 2022-23 - Total £300k

2.1 Foresters Bridge & Stockley Road Viaduct, Hayes (Release requested £220k)

Foresters Bridge and Stockley Road Viaduct both carry Stockley Road (A408) which is on the Borough Principal Road Network (BPRN), an important, busy road within the Borough and an abnormal load route. Stockley Road is a dual carriageway with a central reserve and footways on either side.

Foresters Bridge is a five span structure and carries Stockley Road (A408) over the railway and the Grand Union Canal. Stockley Road Viaduct is a six-span structure which carries Stockley Road (A408) over the Horton Road / Bennetsfield Road roundabout. The funding is for the replacement of the expansion joints which are in a poor condition and associated works.

2.2 Oxford Road Retaining Wall, Uxbridge - (Release requested £10k)

Oxford Road retaining wall supports Oxford Road (A4020) which is on the Borough Principal Road Network (BPRN). The highway structures Principal and General inspections have identified various defects to the masonry, coping stones and expansion joints. The funding is for the remedial works.

2.3 Project Centre Fees (term consultant) - (Release requested £30k)

This funding is for the Project Centre fees for design, principal designer role, obtaining the necessary permits from authorities like the Environment Agency and Canal and River Trust, liaison with other stakeholders and undertake site visits as required.

2.4 Internal Engineers Fees - (Release requested £20k)

This funding is for project management, commissioning of consultant and contractor, contract management, liaison with all stakeholders and site visits as required.

2.5 Contingencies - (Release requested £20k)

An amount of £20k has been allowed for contingencies to cater for any unforeseen circumstances like the repair of any further defects that are exposed after excavation and delays due to inclement weather.

Financial Implications

Highways Bridges and Structures Budget £300k, Previously Released Nil, Capital Release Requested £300k – Appendix A

The 2022/23 capital programme, approved by Cabinet and Council in February 2022, includes as budget of £300k for the Highways Bridges & Structures Programme, funded from Council resources.

The report seeks the release of £300k from the Highways Bridges & Structures budget to progress the works detailed in the body of the report.

The cost plan for the projects is based on schedule of rates within the approved highways term contract and includes external consultant fees, internal fees and contingency of approximately 9% each of quoted works costs.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon residents, service users and communities

The projects will improve the condition of the Council's bridge stock and allow safe passage to all road users.

Consultation carried out or required

Consultation is to be carried out as part of the implementation of each scheme as appropriate.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance concurs with the financial implications above, confirming that the £300k Highways and Bridges Structures programme is in the approved General Fund capital programme, financed by Council resources.

Legal

The Borough Solicitor confirms that the Council is responsible for carrying out this function pursuant to Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980. Thus, there are no legal impediments to the capital release being authorised, although any contract that is entered into must comply with the Council's Procurement and Contract Standing Orders.

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 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.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.

APPENDIX A

Highways Bridges & Structures 2022/23

Location	Project / Expenditure Title	Information	Funds Release Sought £000's	Approve	Hold	More Information Required
Foresters Bridge & Stockley Road Viaduct	Remedial works	Expansion Joint replacement & associated works	220			
Oxford Road Retaining Wall	Remedial works	Repairs to masonry, coping stones and expansion joints	10			
All locations	Consultant fee	Design, liaison with stakeholders, permits and site visits	30			
All locations	Engineers Fees	Planning, project management, liaison with stakeholders and site visits	20			
Above bridges and retaining wall	Remedial works	Contingencies	20			
Total seeking release			300			
Previously released			0			
Budget			300			
Remaining budget			0			