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c.c. All Members of the Property, Highways and
Transport Select Committee
c.c. Sophie Wilmot – Place Directorate
c.c. Perry Scott – Corporate Director of Place

Date: 29 November 2022

Non-Key Decision request

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CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (NOVEMBER 2022)

SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: Transport for London (TfL) Local
Implementation Plan 3 (LIP3) 2022/23 - RELEASE NO: 4

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 07 December 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: Transport for London (TfL) Local Implementation Plan 3 (LIP3) 2022/23 -
Release No: 4

Decision made:

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

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

Signed Date.....

Cabinet Member for Finance / Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport

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Cabinet Members	Councillor Martin Goddard Councillor Jonathan Bianco
Cabinet Portfolios	Cabinet Member for Finance Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport
Officer Contact	Sophie Wilmot – Place Directorate
Papers with report	Appendix A - Capital Release Requests for Approval

HEADLINES

Summary	To seek Cabinet Member approval for the release of capital funds.
Putting our Residents First Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026	This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: Live in a sustainable borough that is carbon neutral and to live active and healthy lives This report supports our commitments to residents of: A Green and Sustainable Borough
Financial Cost	This report seeks the release of £1,063k and the allocation of £120k from the 2022/23 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	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Ward(s) affected	All

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport approve the following capital release requests of £1,036k and the allocation of £120k from the 2022/23 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 23 March 2022, TfL announced Hillingdon's LIP grant interim funding package for 2022/23 up to 24 June 2022 would be as follows:

- Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures
 - £51k for Staff Costs
 - £162k for Schemes

1.3 On 30 March 2022 TfL confirmed a grant of £20k for Borough Cycle Training to cover Quarter 1 of 2022/23.

1.4 On 24 June 2022, TfL announce a further LIP grant interim funding package for 2022/23 up to 13 July 2022 of £40k to meet costs for core staffing and existing projects.

1.5 On 15 July 2022, TfL confirmed a grant of £172k from the Green & Healthy Streets Programme for the delivery of the North Hyde Road Air Quality Focus Scheme.

1.6 On 27 September 2022, TfL announced Hillingdon's LIP grant funding package for the remainder of 2022/23 up to 31 March 2023

- Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods £1,034k
- Cycleways Network Development £10k
- Bus Priority £250k
- Crossrail Complimentary Measures £860k
- Cycle Training £56k
- Cycle Parking £34k

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 2022/23 allocation up to 31 March 2023 of £860k; of the £860k £842k has been released in prior years.

1.8 The above allocations total £2,689k.

Scope of Works - Transport for London 2022/23

Table 1: Transport for London Funding 2022/23

2022/23 LIP Scheme Headings	Total Budget £'000	Previous/ Pending Release £'000	Allocation Request £'000	Seeking Release £'000	Balance £'000
Safer Corridors Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures	1,287	253	120	713	201
Borough Cycle Training	76	20	0	56	0
Cycle Parking	34	0	0	34	0
Cycleways Network Development	10	0	0	10	0
Green and Healthy Streets	172	172	0	0	0
Local Transport Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Bus Priority	250	0	0	250	0
Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	0	0	0	0	0

Principal Road Renewal	0	0	0	0	0
West Drayton Crossrail Complementary Measures	860	842	0	0	18
Grand Total	2,689	1,287	120	1,063	219

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 fourth TfL LIP Capital Release Decision Report for 2022/23. It requests the release of £1,063k and the allocation of £120k of the TfL funding from a 2022/23 annual total allocation of £2,689k.

2. Cycle Training

2.2 Cycle Training: Release Requested: £56k

Child Cycle Training

2.2.1 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 by 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

2.2.2 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 sessional rate.

3. Cycle Parking

3.1 Cycling Parking – Uxbridge Town Centre: Release Requested: £4k

3.3.1 There have been a number of requests raised for improved and increased cycle parking in Uxbridge Town Centre, this includes from the Council's Parking Enforcement team who are experiencing issues with 'fly-parked' bikes on the gates in Uxbridge High Street. Capital release is requested for the review of cycle parking in Uxbridge Town Centre. Any potential changes to cycle parking will be agreed with the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transportation prior to implementation.

3.2 Cycle Parking Grants for Schools: Release Requested: £30k

3.2.1 Previously, the Council's School Travel and Road Safety Team have worked with schools offering grants to help improve cycle and scooter parking at their school to make it easier to travel to and from the school by sustainable and active modes. Schools can apply for grants via a specially created application form. The applications will be assessed by Officers and presented to the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport before being awarded. The improved cycle parking can form part of the school's travel plan and towards their accreditation status.

4. Cycle Network Development

4.2 Wayfinding on the Grand Union Canal: Release Requested: £10k

4.2.1 TfL have provided a ring-fenced allocation for producing a strategy and design for wayfinding to and along the Grand Union Canal. This work would support the upgrade of the Canal towpath which has been undertaken to provide a wider, sealed surface to make walking and cycling easier for all. The strategy will be created alongside the Canal and Rivers Trust who own the Canal towpath. The Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport will be keep updated as the strategy develops. Capital release is requested for the engagement of the Council's term consultants Project Centre Limited to create a strategy.

5. Bus Priority Funding

5.1 Cowley Road: Release Requested: £150K

5.1.1 The existing 222 bus service offers an easy connection between the new Elizabeth Line services at West Drayton Station and Uxbridge Town Centre. However, this route regularly suffers delays due to traffic travelling between the two destinations. Capital release is requested for the detailed design and implementation of measures to improve the journey time of the 222 bus. It is intended that a side benefit of this scheme will be improved crossing arrangements which will benefit the separate project to create a new largely off-highway cycle route which is being co-developed with Brunel University, parts of which are to be funded and undertaken by them. The Cowley Road scheme will be designed by the Council's term consultants Project Centre and discussed with the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport prior to implementation.

5.2 Falling Lane crossing conversion: Release Requested: £100k

5.2.1 The Council was approached by TfL to consider converting the heavily used zebra crossing on Falling Lane to a signalised crossing, not only would this allow coordination with the signals at the junction to allow better traffic flow, it would also provide a safer crossing for those accessing the busy schools in the area, notably Rabbsfarm Primary School. Capital release is requested to progress implementation of the scheme, the civics works will be undertaken by the Council Contractor O'Hara with the signal works being carried out by TfL.

6. Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods

6.1 Cycle Training: Release Requested: £14k

Child Cycle Training

6.1.1 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 of 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

6.1.2 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 sessional rate.

6.2 Pedestrian Training: Release Requested: £20k

6.2.1 Hillingdon employs a team of seven trainers to deliver practical pedestrian training to school children aged 4 to 11 years old (Nursery to Year 6). The budget is used to fund the trainers who will teach the rules of the road as a pedestrian, educate them on safer crossings, the green cross code and distractions that could affect their decisions when crossing the road. Training takes place indoors for EYFS and KS1 pupils using pretend road setups and outside on-road training for KS2 pupils. This budget estimate is based upon the trainers' hourly rate and the time taken to train groups of pupils across all schools.

6.3 Other Cycle Activities: Release Requested: £7k

6.3.1 Capital Release is being requested for funds to allow Cycle Instructors to engage in a variety of activities to support and encourage cycling in the Borough. These activities include, but are not limited to:

Dr Bike Sessions

6.3.2 A Dr Bike session is an initiative that gives people the opportunity to have their bicycle checked over free of charge by an experienced mechanic and if necessary, adjustments are made, or advice given. All these sessions are currently run by our casually employed Cycle Instructors.

School Cycle Days/Guided Rides

6.3.3 Encouraging and assisting schools to run guided bike rides during the summer months to encourage families to ride together around the local area. Providing knowledge of local cycle routes close to the school may further encourage cycling to school as a mode of transport for both parent and child.

Information Events

6.3.4 The Borough's Cycle Instructors have a wealth of knowledge in regard to cycling and the London Borough of Hillingdon and often support events by other Council's departments such as the Community Safety Team, where they provide advice on securely locking bikes and provide a secure bike marking service.

Disability Cycle Hub Support

6.3.5 The Council's Wellbeing Team are currently working on setting up a Disability Cycle Hub at Field Health School to allow those with disabilities or other illnesses such as dementia come and experience cycling in a safe environment. The Cycle Instructors will offer support, basic training and maintenance of the hub during sessions.

6.4 Boroughwide Accessibility Schemes: Release Requested: £119k

Uxbridge Road / Hewens Road / West Drayton Road

6.4.1 Transport for London are looking to invest £200k, on the modernisation of the signals at the junction of Uxbridge Road / Hewens Road / West Drayton to ensure traffic and pedestrian operations can be maintained and improved at this location. In order to complement the works, the Council proposes to compliment the works with improvements to the accessibility of the junction.

6.4.2 Capital Release of £46k is being requested to improve the refuge island on West Drayton Road as well as improve the align of the dropped kerbs to provide better crossing. Tactile paving will also be provided. The crossing will be increased in width from 2m to 2.4m to improve the standard and accessibility of the crossing. The scheme will be undertaken by Transport for London in conjunction with the works to upgrade the signals.

Local Accessibility Schemes

6.4.3 The remainder of the Boroughwide Accessibility budget (£34k) will be used to improve the ease and convenience with which people with disabilities as well as the elderly and frail can move around the Borough. The money is typically invested in facilities to help people cross busy roads such as dropped kerbs, pedestrian footways, and pedestrian refuges. The programme of schemes shown in the table below has been prepared by the Council's Principal Mobility Officers in consultation with the Hillingdon Mobility Forum and from resident's requests. Capital release is requested to engage the Council's term contractor O'Hara to undertake the civil works required to achieve the improvements. All the schemes will be discussed with the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport prior to implementation.

Brickwell Lane, Ruislip

6.4.4 Brickwell Lane is a key route to and from Ruislip Town Centre for local residents. The condition of the footway is poor and narrow in places resulting in accessibility issues for those trying to access local services. Capital Release of £39k is request for a contribution to the upgrade of the footway on Brickwell Lane. The funds have already been released from the Council funded

Highways budget, following release of this contribution, this can be provided back to the Highways team for reallocation to a different project.

6.5 Springfield Road, Hayes – Traffic Calming Scheme: Release Requested: £25k

6.5.1 Springfield Road, Hayes accommodates a range of land uses all with different and sometimes competing demands for the limited amount of road space available. Staff parking, customer parking, hot food vans, deliveries and overnight lorry parking are just some examples. Whilst the majority of the land use along Springfield Road are businesses, Springfield Road also provides the only vehicle access to Guru Nanak Sikh Academy, Minet Country Park and Hillingdon Cycle Circuit.

6.5.2 In response to a number of complaints received from residents and businesses in the area the Council implemented two zebra crossings, a mini roundabout and localised improvements for cycling. These have improved the area for those aiming to travel to and from the area by sustainable modes of transport. However, further concerns have been raised by users of Springfield Road and the local Police of the area being used by so called 'boy racers' to speed and drift cars.

6.5.3 In order to discourage the use of Springfield Road in an anti-social manner and reduce speeds close to the school it is proposed to install some speed cushions on Springfield Road and to raise the existing zebra crossing on Beaconsfield Road. Springfield Road and Beaconsfield Road will also be made a 20mph zone. Capital Release is being sorted to engage the Council's term contractor O'Hara to undertake the civils work related to the scheme.

6.6 Harlyns Drive / Catlins Lane / Chamberlain Way – Road Safety Scheme: Release Requested: £50k

6.6.1 Harlyns Drive, Catlins Lane and Chamberlain Way are intersecting roads in Northwood which lead to a number of residential properties as well as Harlyn Primary School. The Council has received a number of petitions from local residents concerned about rat running and speeds on these roads. These concerns have been supported by the results of independent vehicle classification and speed surveys undertaken in the area.

6.6.2 Therefore, it is proposed to undertake traffic calming measures on these roads to reduce speeds. The following is proposed for each of the roads:

- **Harlyn Drive:** traffic calming tables; red surface marking; reduction to 20mph speed limit with related signage and road markings and incorporation of the parking management scheme.
- **Chamberlain Way:** provision of two sets of speed cushions and provision of two areas of read road survey with 'SLOW' road markings.
- **Catlins Lane:** provision of two sets of speed cushions and provision of two areas of read road survey with 'SLOW' road markings.

6.6.3 The total cost to bring forward all the proposals is £98k based on rates from the Council's Term Contractor, O'Hara. Capital Release of £60k is being sought to bring forward the initial elements of the scheme, excluding the speed humps on Harlyn Drive at this stage, to allow for

these to be considered alongside the potential installation of a proposed parking management scheme on Harlins Drive. For avoidance of doubt, the scheme to be delivered using these funds is the one already approved in principle by the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport.

6.7 School Travel and Road Safety Initiatives: Release Requested: £95K

School Wide Road Safety Promotion

6.7.1 A package of measures to allow promotion of road safety messages to schools and the wider community. Schemes will include but not be limited to the successful 'Be Safe Be Seen' campaign. This looks to promote ways to make yourself seen when travelling actively in the darker months. Capital Release is requested for funds to secure resources and promotional materials to allow the schemes to be progressed.

School Engineering and Minor Works

6.7.2 Due to retirement of a number of school crossing patrol officers, there has been a natural decline in the service at schools around the Borough. In order to secure safety at these sites and all schools across the Borough to improve safety. Capital release is requested to allow works to be undertaken outside schools such as remarking lines, additional signage and zebrites at existing zebra crossing points. The table below shows the schools already identified for improvements. Schemes will be agreed with the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport prior to implementation.

Proposed School Engineering Schemes

School Name	Proposed Works
Uxbridge High School	Zebrites, remarking & improved road markings, improved 20mph parking, footway bollards to protect those waiting at the bus stop.
Coteford Junior School	Extension of the existing 20mph zone with signs & road marking. Informal crossing point (dropped kerb and tactile paving).
Yeading Infant & Junior School	Installation of 20mph zone outside the school – signs and road markings only. Low level barrier around the grass area to prevent car driving over it.
Northwood College for Girls	Extension of the existing 20mph zone with signs and lines only.
Haydon Secondary School	Accessibility improvements, provision of informal crossing point, improved signages, provision of 20mph roundels.

Travel Ambassadors

- Infant and Junior Travel Ambassadors - (JTA)
- Youth Travel Ambassadors - Secondary Schools (YTA)

6.7.3 The above projects are peer-led schemes where pupils themselves take up the lead for promoting road safety and school travel within their school. Projects originate from and are promoted by TfL itself; as LIP funding is provided by TfL, there is an expectation that the Boroughs take part.

6.7.4 Along with the support from officers, TfL and relative literature designed specifically for these schemes, the role of JTA and YTA's is to get their fellow pupils and school community thinking about road safety issues and the opportunities for active travel around their school. Projects and campaigns available for implementation have been designed to suit the school calendar along with road safety concerns that arise in and around school areas. The initiative also connects closely with the School Travel Plan and the accreditation opportunities altogether streamlining the process.

6.7.5 Capital Release is being sought to support the schools with these projects including the purchase of resources and funds to allow engagement with schools for the purchase of equipment to support schemes devised by the school officers and the Travel Plan accreditation process.

Active Travel to School

6.7.6 Active Travel and Public Health events and campaigns are an effective means of raising public awareness of the impact that road traffic growth is having on the economy, the environment and public health. They encourage residents to consider the alternatives to driving alone in a private car by for example highlighting the health benefits of walking or the money that could be saved on petrol if they car shared instead.

6.7.7 In previous years, the funds have been used to run various promotional events across the borough, including the highly successful annual 'Bikespiration on Tour' event. As we are unable to hold these events this year due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, we propose to use these funds to run virtual promotional events and purchase promotional materials for distribution across the Borough. Capital Release is sought to take these activities forward.

6.8 Parking Management Schemes: Allocation Requested: £120k

6.8.1 On the 26/09/2022 Cabinet Members approved the release of £120k of Council resources for the Parking Management Schemes detailed in below text. This request is to allocate £120k from the TfL grant funding to replace the council resource financing and reduce the call on Council resources.

6.8.2 The predecessor of the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport heard 27 petitions in the period April 2021 to April 2022, each of them supported by complex officer reports which for the most part was wholly written by the Transport & Projects Team. In addition, a further 28 petitions were submitted by residents and some of these have been dealt through 'Intelligent Intervention' and some others are currently being programmed for consideration at future hearings.

6.8.3 Of the 55 petitions received, 21 contained requests for managed parking, whether that is in the form of waiting restrictions (yellow lines), Parking Management Scheme (Residents Parking Permits) or 'Stop and Shop' Parking Schemes – in other words around 40%.

6.8.4 The Covid-19 Pandemic impacted the ability of officers and the Council in general to progress Parking Management Schemes; consultations involve the creation of and distribution of paper documents to residents (it is not tenable to simply move to an on-line system and comply with the present legal framework; officers do however ensure that public notices and plans are made available on the Council's website, but this is an 'over-and-above' action not required by law).

6.8.5 The Parking Management Schemes which have Cabinet Member approval to implement and other possible Parking Management Schemes that have been subject to an informal consultation, which the results have been reported to the Cabinet Member are listed below.

Approved Parking Management Schemes

- Northwood Hills – Extension - Zone NWH
- Dawley Parade Stop and Shop
- Eastcote Area – Extension – Zone E2
- Langworth Drive, Hayes New Parking Management Scheme
- Halland Way, Northwood – Changes to existing operation times
- Cygnet Close, Northwood – Minor amendments to existing scheme.

Proposed Parking Management Schemes

- Beech Avenue & Oak Grove, Eastcote – Extension Zone E3
- Witney Close, Ickenham – Extension Zone IC5
- Cowley Road, Cowley Stop and Shop
- Hyde Way, Hayes Minor adjustments to existing scheme
- Drayton Gardens, West Drayton New Parking Management Scheme
- Kirby Close, Northwood New Parking Management Scheme
- Pondside Close, Harlington amendments to existing scheme

6.9 Grand Union Canal Quietway: Release Requested: £150k

6.9.1 The Council have been working with the Canal and River Trust on a programme of upgrading the Grand Union Canal Towpath to Quietway standard where the canal towpath is widened to 2m, where possible, and finished with a bound resin surface. To date, over 2km of towpath has been upgraded using a combination of developer funding and funds from Transport for London.

6.9.2 Capital release is being sought to provide match funding with Section 106 funds to resurface the canal towpath between Rockingham Road and Oxford Road, a distance of approximately 830m. This will complement the section upgraded between Cowley Mill Road and Rockingham Road during the last financial year. The request is based on rates from the Council's Term Contractors, O'Hara who will undertake the works.

6.10 Ruislip Town Centre Improvements: Release Requested: £30k

6.10.1 Ruislip Town Centre is a busy local shopping location and also a busy link for vehicles and buses in the area. Currently the town centre operates a confusing 'tidal parking' system with parking only permitted on certain times of the day, on a particular side of the road. A number of complaints have been received following penalty charge notices being issued and from businesses who say they are suffering as people cannot easily stop when they are passing by. The primary reason for the tidal parking was to reduce congestion and delay for the bus services

6.10.2 In order to improve the viability of Ruislip Town Centre and the ease of use for all, Capital Release is being requested to design a new parking option for the area and to inset the loading bays to ensure that two-way bus movement can be maintained. In order to design the scheme in detail, surveys and consultation will be required from this budget. This work will allow Section 106 and future Transport for London funding to be unlocked for the subsequent implementation of the works.

6.11 A408 Stockley Road Cycleway: Release Requested: £100k

6.11.1 The A408 Stockley Road is a busy dual carriageway road linking to junction 4 of the M4 motorway, it also provides access to the Stockley Business Park. The Stockley Park Estates team are active in the implementation of the travel plan for the site and encouraging travel to and from the site by active travel modes. It has been identified that a key barrier to active travel in the Stockley Road.

6.11.2 In order to provide a safe route for cyclists, it is proposed to upgrade an existing off-road path alongside the dual carriageway to a shared use footpath. Capital release is requested for the implementation of the works between West Drayton Road and the 'A' bridge, the cost is based on rates from the Council's term contractor, O'Hara who will undertake the works.

6.12 Air Quality Focus Area – Long Lane: Release Requested: £100k

6.12.1 As part of the Council's Air Quality Action Plan, a number of air quality focus areas are identified which are areas where air quality is high and exposure is great. Previous Transport for London, Local Implementation Plan funds have undertaken feasibility considerations in the Long Lane Focus Area.

6.12.2 One proposal was accessibility improvements alongside low-level planting at the junction of Long Lane with Sutton Court Road. Capital release is requested to progress to detailed design and implementation of the scheme of the scheme at this junction. This work would look to complement and enhance the works being undertaken at the local shopping parade on Sutton Court Road by the Council's Town Centre Improvements Team.

6.13 Oak Farm Healthy Streets Initiative: Release Requested: £3k

6.13.1 The Oak Farm area has been subject to a successful Healthy Streets Transport Study carried out by the Council's term consultants Project Centre Ltd in 2018. The outcome of this work was a report containing a series of recommendations as to how the Council could improve road safety, address parking issues, encourage and enable active travel and improve accessibility and mobility for all. As part of this work a 'Planning for Real' event was held at Oak Farm Library. By implementing the measures recommended the Oak Farm area would begin to be characterised by the ten Healthy Streets indicators.

6.13.2 Capital release is now sought to redevelop and redesign the scheme along Clifton Gardens, Snowden Avenue and Burleigh Road. The objective of this scheme is to improve road safety and address 'rat running'. This scheme is supported by Ward Members. Capital release is requested to engage the Council's Term Contractor Project Centre, to undertake the design works.

Project cost breakdown of TfL LIP for Release Four

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
<u>Cycle Training</u> : Bikeability and Adult Cycle Skills Training	56	0	56
<u>Cycle Parking</u> : Cycle Parking	0	34	34
<u>Cycle Network Development</u> : Wayfinding along the Grand Union Canal	10	0	10
<u>Bus Priority</u> : Cowley Road Bus Lanes	5	145	150
<u>Bus Priority</u> : Falling Lane zebra crossing conversion	10	90	100
<u>Safer Corridors & Neighbourhoods</u> : Cycle Scheme Delivery	14	0	14
<u>Safer Corridors & Neighbourhoods</u> : Pedestrian Training	20	0	20
<u>Safer Corridors & Neighbourhoods</u> : Other Cycling Activities	6	1	7
<u>Safer Corridors & Neighbourhoods</u> : Catlins Lane / Harlins Drive Traffic Calming measures	5	45	50

<u>Safer Corridors & Neighbourhoods:</u> Boroughwide Accessibility Schemes	6	113	119
<u>Safer Corridors & Neighbourhoods:</u> School Travel and Road Safety Initiatives	11	84	95
<u>Safer Corridors & Neighbourhoods:</u> Grand Union Canal Quietway	15	135	150
<u>Safer Corridors & Neighbourhoods:</u> Ruislip Town Centre	20	10	30
<u>Safer Corridors & Neighbourhoods:</u> A408 Stockley Road Cycleway	10	90	100
<u>Safer Corridors & Neighbourhoods:</u> Springfield Road, Traffic Calming	2	23	25
<u>Safer Corridors & Neighbourhoods:</u> Air Quality Focus Areas – Long Lane	5	95	100
<u>Safer Corridors & Neighbourhoods:</u> Oak Farm Healthy Streets Initiative	0	3	3
Total	195	868	1,063

Table 3: Cost Plan for Parking Management Schemes Allocation.

TfL Scheme	Internal Fees / Staffing £000's	Services / Works £000's	Seeking release £000's
<u>Safer Corridors & Neighbourhoods:</u> Parking Management Schemes	12	108	120
Total	12	108	120

Financial Implications

Transport for London Total Confirmed 2022/23 Budget £2,689k, Previously Released £1,287k, Allocation Requested £120k, Release Requested £1,063k – Appendix A

The 2022/23 Transport for London funding programme is set out in the table below.

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Cycleways Network Development	10	0	0	10	0
Green and Healthy Streets	172	172	0	0	0
Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	0	0	0	0	0
Bus Priority	250	0	0	250	0
Cross Rail Complementary Measures (West Drayton)	860	842	0	0	18
Local Transport Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total TFL Grant	2,689	1,287	120	1,063	219
Section 106 Contribution	30	0		0	30
Total Capital	2,719	1,287	120	1,063	249

The 2022/23 Transport for London capital programme original budget, approved by Council in February 2022, amounted to £2,673k based on the LIP grant settlement from previous years prior to the Covid-19 Pandemic. In July 2022, Cabinet approved the re-phasing of £872k, including £842k of West Drayton Crossrail Complementary Measures funding and £30k Section 106 funding from 2021/22.

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. In March, June and July 2022 TfL secured with Central Government interim funding deals, In August 2022, TfL reached an agreement with Central

Government on a funding settlement until the 31st of March 2024, which has now enabled TfL to reinstate the LIP funding at the level provided in 2021/22, however this funding is still lower than pre-pandemic levels. As noted in the body of the report, total confirmed allocations for 2022/23 amount to £2,689k as set out in the above table.

The allocations awarded through the LIP Corridors funding stream for the period 1 April to 24 June are to be committed by 25 June, the allocation awarded for the period 25 June to 13 July are to be committed by 13 July the allocation awarded through the Borough Cycle Training Quarter 1 funding stream is to be committed by the 24 June, all the forementioned funding awards are to be spent by 31 March 2023. The allocations awarded on the 27 September are to be spent by 31 March 2023. Any underspends against these allocations are to be returned to Transport for London. The Green and Healthy Streets funding is available to be spent by the 31 December 2023.

The funds are the subject of this capital release, and those allocated to the London Borough of Hillingdon, which the Council can make claims for in arrears.

This report requests the release of

- £713k from Safer Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures funding award
- £56k from the Borough Cycle Training funding award
- £34k from the Cycle Parking funding award
- £10k from the Cycleways Network Development funding award
- £250k from the Bus Priority funding award

The specific schemes / projects that are being requested for release from the above funding awards are detailed above within the report and in Appendix A.

This report also requests the allocation of £120k from TfL Safer Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures funding award to replace the council resource financing approved for release on 26/09/2022 by Cabinet Members for the Parking Management Schemes. The allocation will reduce the call on Council resources.

The remaining £219k confirmed TfL grant allocation is subject to agreement with the fund holder, TfL, once agreement in principle has been received a further capital release will be requested.

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 concurs with the financial implications above, noting that the recent funding agreement between Central Government and TfL in August 2022 has now enabled TfL to reinstate the LIP funding for 2022/23 to the level provided in 2021/22, whilst still below the grant funding prior to the pandemic, is an improvement on the previously reported position.

The allocation of £120k of TfL funding for the previously released Parking Management Schemes capital programme will reduce the call on Council resources.

Legal

Legal Services 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 – CAPITAL RELEASE REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL

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<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 run Bikeability Training in schools and Adult Cycle Skills training.	56			
Borough Wide	Cycle Parking	New and upgraded public cycle parking. Cycle and scooter parking in schools.	34			
Borough wide	Cycle Network Development	Development of a wayfinding strategy to and from the Grand Union Canal.	10			
Cowley Road, Cowley	Bus Priority	Development of measures to improve journey times for the 222 bus service.	150			
Falling Lane, Yiewsley	Bus Priority	Conversion of a zebra crossing to a signalised crossing to reduce bus delay.	100			
Borough wide	Cycle Programme Delivery	Funds to delivery cycle promotion including cycle training and Dr bike.	14			
Borough wide	Pedestrian Training	Delivery of pedestrian training to schools across the Borough.	20			
Catlin's Lane, Northwood	Road Safety Scheme	Funds to delivery road safety improvements in Catlin's Lane; Chamberlain Way and Harlyn Drive.	50			
Borough wide	Accessibility Improvements	Schemes to improve the accessibility for those with mobility issues.	119			

Borough wide	Campaigns	Funds to allow road safety campaigns to be run across the Borough.	7			
Borough wide	School Travel and School Engineering Schemes	Funds to support the schools in achieving their school travel plans and to allow small scale engineer measures to be undertaken outside schools.	95			
Uxbridge	Grand Union Canal Quietway	Funds to support the resurfacing of the Cabal towpath between Rockingham Road and Oxford Road.	150			
High Street, Ruislip	Improved parking and access	Funds to allow design, surveys and consultation on a scheme to remove the current tidal parking.	30			
A408 Stockley Road	Cycleway	Upgrade of existing footpath to shared use.	100			
Springfield Road, Hayes	Road Safety Improvements	Installation of measures to calm traffic and discourage 'boy racers' from the area.	25			
Long Lane, Hillingdon	Air Quality Focus Area	Delivery of air quality improvements at the junction of Long Lane / Sutton Court Road.	100			
Oak Farm Estate	Healthy Streets	Redesign of the healthy streets scheme.	3			
Total seeking release			1,063			
Allocation Request		Allocation of TfL Funding for previously released Parking Management Schemes to reduce the call on council resources	120			
Previously released			1,287			
Budget			2,719			
Remaining budget			249			