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To: COUNCILLOR JONATHAN BIANCO

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COUNCILLOR MARTIN GODDARD CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE

c.c. All Members of the Property, Highways and

**Transport Select Committee** 

c.c. Gurmeet Matharu – Place Directorate

c.c. Perry Scott - Corporate Director of Place

c.c. All Councillors

Date: 16 December 2022

## **Non-Key Decision request**

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**CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (December 2023)** 

**DEPARTMENT: Place** 

SERVICE AREA/ PROGRAMME: Highways Structural Programme 2022/23 (Release No 2) & Transport for London LIP Principal

Borough Roads 2022/23 (Release No 5)

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 28 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.

Anisha Teji Democratic Services Officer

**Title of Report:** Highways Structural Programme 2022/23 (Release No 2) & Transport for London LIP Principal Borough Roads 2022/23 (Release No 5)

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

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

## **CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (December 2023)**

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SERVICE AREA/ PROGRAMME: Highways Structural Programme 2022/23 (Release No 2)

& Transport for London LIP Principal Borough Roads 2022/23 (Release No 5)

Cabinet Member(s)

Councillor Jonathan Bianco Councillor Martin Goddard

Cabinet Portfolio(s)

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

Officer Contact(s)

Gurmeet Matharu – Place Directorate

Papers with report

Appendix A - Capital release requests for approval

## **HEADLINES**

**Summary** 

To seek Cabinet Member approval for the release of capital (£128,996) Highways Structural Programme and Transport for London LIP 2022/23 Principal Road grant (£200,000) to progress Phase 2 of the Highways 2022/23 programme.

Putting our Residents First

This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: Be / feel safe from harm

Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026

This report supports our commitments to residents of: Safe and Strong Communities

**Financial Cost** 

The report seeks the release approval of £129k from the Highways Structural Works 2022/23 capital budget and £200k Transport for London LIP 2022/23 Principal Roads grant for carriageway resurfacing works.

Relevant Select Committee

Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee

Relevant Ward(s)

Colham & Cowley, Hillingdon West and South Ruislip

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport and the Cabinet Member for Finance agree to the following capital release request of £328,996 for carriageway resurfacing to two sections of A4020 Uxbridge, and one section of A4180 West End Road to be funded from the following budgets: -

1) the Highways Structural Programme 2022/23 capital budget £128,996 (Appendix A1).

# 2) the Transport for London LIP Principal Borough Road 2022/23 grant budget £200,000 (Appendix A2).

#### Reasons for recommendations

The recommendations enable the release of resources in order to progress the Highways programme for carriageway schemes informally approved by the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport and detailed in Appendix A.

The list contains schemes to limit the deterioration of the fabric of the Borough's highways asset that may have resulted in serious failure of the carriageway surface and improve the serviceability of the highway network (for example the visual appearance, the ride quality and structural integrity of the roads and pavements).

The schemes listed in Appendix A have either been completed or have been programmed for commencement by the Council's term contractor.

### Alternative options considered / risk management

There are no alternatives due to the level of deterioration as delaying these schemes would have placed additional pressure on the Council's financial resources if permanent repairs are not implemented in a timely manner.

In many instances, any delay of this programme may also have safety implications with a possible consequent impact on the Public Liability Insurance budget.

#### **Select Committee comments**

None at this stage.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

All costs in Table 1 below have been calculated using the schedule of rates contained in the Council's Highways term contract.

The cost of the carriageway and footway resurfacing programme is to be funded from the 2022/23 capital programme for Highways Structural Works. The resurfacing programme of work is estimated to be a total of £329k as detailed in Appendices A1 and A2 and Table 1 below.

Table 1: 2022/23 Highways Carriageway Resurfacing Cost Plan

Item	Cost (£)
A4020 Hillingdon Road (Hillingdon West) Highways Structural Programme & TfL Principal Road 2022/23 Grant funding	162,395
A4020 Hillingdon Road (Colham & Cowley) TfL Principal Road 2022/23 Grant funding	115,605
A4180 West End Road, South Ruislip Highways Structural Programme	50,996
Total Project Cost	£328,996

### **Financial Implications**

# Highways Structural Programme 2022/23 Revised Budget £5,320k; Previously Released £5,189k; Capital Release Requested £129k – Appendix A1

The 2022/23 capital programme, approved by Cabinet and Council in February 2022 included a budget of £6,000k which was subsequently reduced to £4,500k for the Highways Structural Programme. In July 2022 Cabinet approved the re-phasing of £820k unspent funds from 2021/22 to 2022/23 which had been previously released for schemes completing this year, giving a total revised budget of £5,320k funded from Council resources. A further £4,369k was released in July 2022.

The report seeks the release of £129k from the Highways Structural Programme to enable carriageway resurfacing works for 2 sections of the A4020 Hillingdon Road and one section of A4180 West End Road to progress. The total cost of the works is £329k with the remaining £200k being funded from the TFL LIP Principal Road Renewal 2022/23 Grant budget.

# TFL LIP Budget 2022/23 Revised Budget £2,889k; Previously Released / Pending Release £2,470k; Capital Release Requested £200k - Appendix A2

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. Total confirmed allocations for 2022/23 amount to £2,889k.

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 the TfL Principal Road Renewal 2022/23 grant of £200k, for carriageway resurfacing works for 2 sections of the A4020 Hillingdon Road. The total cost of the

works is £329k with the remaining £129k which also includes funding for one section of A4180 West End Road being funded from the Highways Structural Programme capital budget.

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.

The cost plan for the project is based on the schedule of rates within the approved highways term contract. There are no contingencies included in the estimated cost and no fees are to be charged for these works.

## **RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION**

#### The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities

The carriageway resurfacing improvement programme will limit the deterioration of the fabric of the Borough's highways asset that can result in serious failure of road surface and improve the serviceability of the highway network for the benefit of residents and other road users.

## CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the budgetary position set out above, noting that the proposed highway structural works will be funded from a combination of different sources which include the approved Capital Budget for Highways Structural Works 2022/23 and the Transport for London LIP Principal Road Renewal 2022/23 grant. Projects recommended for release totalling £329k across the funds are based on the schedule of rates within the approved highways term contract. There are no contingencies included and no fees are to be charged for these works.

#### Legal

The Borough Solicitor confirms that the Council is responsible for carrying out this function pursuant to Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980. There are no legal impediments to the Council authorising the necessary capital release.

## Infrastructure/ Asset Management

Infrastructure/ Asset Management officers have authored 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 Cabinet Member for Finance and other relevant Cabinet Members). 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 general release of funds for projects to be identified at a later date. No block releases of capital 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**

# **Highways Structural Programme 2022/23 (Release No 2)**

Location (Ward)	Project/ Expenditure Title	Information	Funds Release Sought £'000s	More Information Required
A4020 Hillingdon Road (Hillingdon West)	Carriageway surfacing	The Greenway to Kingston Lane	78,000	
A4180 West End Road (South Ruislip)	Carriageway surfacing	New Pond Parade to Bedford Road	50,996	
Total seeking release			128,996	
Previously released	5,189,000			
Budget	5,320,000			
Remaining budget	2,004			

# **APPENDIX A2**

# Transport for London 2022/23: Funding Release 5 – Principal Road Renewal

Location (Ward)	Project/ Expenditure Title	Information	Funds Release Sought £'s	More Information Required
A4020 Hillingdon Road (Colham & Cowley)	Carriageway surfacing	Kingston Lane to The Greenway	115,605	
A4020 Hillingdon Road (Hillingdon West)	Carriageway surfacing	The Greenway to Kingston Lane	84,395	
Total seeking release	200,000			
Previously released / P	2,470,000			
Budget	2,889,000			
Remaining budget	219,000			