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& TRANSPORT**

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

Date: 20 February 2023

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - BRIDGE ASSESSMENT AND STRENGTHENING 2022/23 - RELEASE NO 7

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 28 February 2023** 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 Local Implementation Plan - Bridge Assessment and Strengthening 2022/23 - Release No 7

Decision made:

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

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

Signed Date.....

*Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance / Cabinet Member for Property,
Highways & Transport*

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Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Ian Edwards Councillor Martin Goddard Councillor Jonathan Bianco
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Leader of the Council Cabinet Member for Finance Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport
Officer Contact(s)	Pam Siva-Kumar – Infrastructure, Transport and Building Services
Papers with report	Appendix A with capital release requests for approval

HEADLINES

Summary	This report seeks approval to recommendations to accept the Grant Allocation from Transport for London of £23k for the Bridge Assessment and Strengthening Local Implementation Plan and to approve the capital release of these funds.
Putting our Residents First Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026	<p>This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: Live in a sustainable borough that is carbon neutral</p> <p>This report supports our commitments to residents of: A Green and Sustainable Borough</p> <p>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).</p>
Financial Cost	This report seeks the release of £23k from the 2022/23 TfL LIP Bridge Assessment and Strengthening fund 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 & Transport

Relevant Ward(s)

Yeading, Belmore

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the Leader of the Council accepts the Transport for London Grant 2022/23 allocation of £23k for the Bridge Assessment and Strengthening Local Implementation Plan; and,
- 2) That the Cabinet Member for Finance and Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport agree to the capital release request of £23k from the Transport for London Grant 2022/23 Bridge Assessment and Strengthening programme budget to support the schemes outlined in this report.

Reasons for recommendations

The Council has received a funding allocation through the Transport for London (TfL) - Bridge Assessment and Strengthening Programme for the financial year 2022/23. 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 LIP3 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 / risk management

The Council does not have alternative funding or resources to cover the work involved. 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.

Delivery of the schemes presented in this report is time critical as the money made available by TfL is for the 2022/23 financial year only and cannot be carried forward. Delay to any authorisation may jeopardise the completion of these schemes and receipt of funding as adequate time is needed for preparatory work and implementation.

Democratic compliance

The acceptance of external grants is ordinarily a function of the Cabinet; however, the Leader of the Council may accept this on behalf of Cabinet. Capital release approval is jointly from the Cabinet Member for Finance and relevant Cabinet portfolio holder.

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
 - £162 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 the 31 March 2022

- 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 On 18 October 2022, TfL confirmed an allocation for Bridge Assessment and Strengthening of £23k.

1.7 On 6 December 2022, TfL confirmed an allocation for Principal Road Renewals of £200k.

1.8 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.

1.9 The above allocations total £2,912k.

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	1,287	0	0	0
Borough Cycle Training	76	76	0	0	0
Cycle Parking	34	34	0	0	0
Cycleways Network Development	10	10	0	0	0
Green and Healthy Streets	172	172	0	0	0
Local Transport Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Bus Priority	250	250	0	0	0
Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	23	0	0	23	0
Principal Road Renewal	200	200	0	0	0
West Drayton Crossrail Complementary Measures	860	842	0	0	18
Grand Total	2,912	2,871	0	23	18

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 seventh TfL LIP Capital Release Decision Report for 2022/23. It requests the release of £23k of the TfL funding from a 2022/23 annual total allocation of £2,912k..

2. Bridge Assessment & Strengthening Programme - Total £23k

2.1 Yeading Lane Bridge, Hayes (Release requested £10k)

Yeading Lane Bridge carries Yeading Lane, a two-lane single carriageway with grass verge and footway on either side, over Yeading Brook. Yeading Lane is an important, busy road within the

Borough and is the main diversion route for A312 Hayes-By-Pass which takes traffic to and from Heathrow Airport. Yeading Lane is also a bus route.

The bridge was assessed and found to be deficient in its load carrying capacity which required a weight restriction of 25 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight to be imposed. Reconstruction of the bridge will enable the weight restriction to be lifted. The majority of the detailed design and preparation of the specification have been completed. The funding of £10k is for liaising with statutory undertakers, consultation with other stakeholders and finalising the design.

2.2 London Bridge Engineering Group (LoBEG) Sector Leader (Release requested £13k)

TfL, through the London Bridge Engineering Group (LoBEG), is funding the Hillingdon Sector Leader role which is the Lead Borough role for the London North West Area to assist TfL and LoBEG with the prioritisation process for the funding of projects throughout London and the allocation of funding for individual projects. This entails working with the other three Sector Leaders assessing the bids submitted by the London boroughs under the Bridge Assessment and Strengthening programme, prioritising them and making recommendations to TfL for funding.

Project cost breakdown of TfL LIP programme for Release Seven

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

Scheme	Internal Fees £000's	Services / Works £000's	Seeking release £000's
Yeading Lane Bridge - Design	10	0	10
London Bridge Engineering Group (LoBEG) are funding the Sector Leader	13		13
Grand Totals	23	0	23

Financial Implications

Transport for London Total Confirmed 2022/23 Budget £2,912k, Previously Released £2,871k, Release Requested £23k – Appendix A

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

CAPITAL Funding 2022/23	Confirmed Grant Allocation £000's	Previous released/ Pending release £000's	Allocation request £000's	Capital release request £000's	Balance Confirmed Grant £'000's
Corridors, Neighbourhoods & Supporting Measures	1,287	1,287	0	0	0
Borough Cycle Training	76	76	0	0	0
Cycle Parking	34	34	0	0	0
Cycleways Network Development	10	10	0	0	0
Green and Healthy Streets	172	172	0	0	0
Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	23	0	0	0	0
Bus Priority	250	250	0	0	0
Principal Road Renewal	200	200	0		
Cross Rail Complementary Measures (West Drayton)	860	842	0	0	18
Local Transport Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total TFL Grant	2,912	2,871	0	23	18
Section 106 Contribution	0	0	0	0	0
Network Rail Funding towards West Drayton Cross Rail	397	0	0	0	397
Total Capital	3,309	2,871	0	23	415

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. In December 2022, Cabinet agreed to enter into a funding agreement with Network Rail of up to £397k for the Council to undertake essential carriageway reconstruction on land owned by Network Rail in relation to West Drayton Crossrail. Cabinet also agreed the re-profiling of £856k into 2023/24 financial year, including £826k of West Drayton Complementary Measures funding and £30k Section 106 funding.

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. In October funding was announced for Bridge Assessment and Strengthening. In December funding was announced for Principal Road Renewals. As noted in the body of the report, total confirmed allocations for 2022/23 amount to £2,912k 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 allocations awarded for the period 25 June to 13 July are to be committed by 13 July and the allocation awarded through the Borough Cycle Training Quarter 1 funding stream is to be committed by the 24 June. All the aforementioned funding awards are to be spent by 31 March 2023. The allocations awarded on the 27 September and 6 December along with the Bridge Assessment and Strengthening and Principal Roads 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 £23k from Bridge Assessment and Strengthening 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.

Any future additional TfL funding awards will be reported to Cabinet and included in subsequent capital release reports.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The project 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, 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, and allocated further funds for Principal Roads and Bridge Assessment and Strengthening, whilst still below the grant funding prior to the pandemic, is an improvement on the previously reported position.

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 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.

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A - Transport for London 2022/23 Local Implementation Plan - Bridge Assessment and Strengthening- Release 7

CAPITAL RELEASE APPENDIX A

Transport for London 2022/23 Bridge Assessment and Strengthening - Release 7

Location	Project / Expenditure Title	Information	Funds Release Sought £000's	Approve	Hold	More Information Required
Yeading Lane Bridge	Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	Design	10			
London Bridge Engineering Group (LoBEG)	LoBEG Sector Leader	LoBEG, NW Area Lead Borough	13			
Total seeking release			23			
Previously released/pending release			2,871			
Budget			3,309			
Remaining budget			415			