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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
c.c. Ward Councillors for Hillingdon East and Yiewsley

Date: 08 August 2023

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON (TFL) LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (LIP3) 2023/24 - RELEASE NO 2

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 Wednesday 16 August 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.

Rebecca Reid
Democratic Services Apprentice

Title of Report: TRANSPORT FOR LONDON (TFL) LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
(LIP3) 2023/24 – RELEASE NO 2

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

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON (TfL) LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (LIP3) 2023/24 – RELEASE NO 2

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

HEADLINES

Summary	To seek approval to recommendation to accept additional Grant Allocations from Transport for London (TfL) and approval for £114k to be released for specific projects and their associated capital funds provided from grant funding from Transport for London (TfL) via the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding.
Putting our Residents First Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026	<p>This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: An efficient, well-run, digital-enabled council working with partners to deliver services to improve the lives of all our residents.</p> <p>This report supports our commitments to residents of: Safe and Strong Communities.</p> <p>The report 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).</p> <p>Transport for London, London Borough of Hillingdon, Local Implementation Plan 3 (March 2019).</p>
Financial Cost	This report seeks the release of £114k of capital budget from the 2023/24 TfL LIP programme to undertake the programme of works 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 of 31 st March 2024; any funds unspent after the deadline will need to be returned to TfL.
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways & Transport Select Committee

Ward(s) affected

Hillingdon East and Yiewsley

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport and Cabinet Member for Finance approve the projects at St Andrew's Road and West Drayton Station and the capital release request of £114k from the 2023/24 TfL LIP Programme (Appendix A).

Reasons for recommendations

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 recommendations 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 outlined within this report. Such a decision would adversely affect the delivery of the TfL LIP allocation and funds being returned.

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. A total of £138m was made available to boroughs as part of the TfL's funding deal with the government for 2022/23 and 2023/24, of which £59m was invested by boroughs in 2022/23, £63m has been allocated to boroughs for 2023/24. Of the remaining £16m, a proportion will be within carried forward grant allocations and the remaining amounts will be allocated to boroughs during 2023/24.

1.2. On 27 September 2022, TfL announced Hillingdon's LIP grant provisional funding package for 2023/24 would be as follows:

- Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods £1,202k.
- Cycle Parking £36k

1.3. On 27 March 2023, TfL announced Hillingdon's LIP actual grant funding package for 2023/24 would be as follows:

- Safer Corridors and Neighbourhood £1,192k (a reduction of £10k from the provisional announcement).
- Cycleways Network Development £165k
- Bus Priority £165k
- Crossrail Complimentary Measures £834k
- Cycle Training £90k
- Cycle Parking £36k
- Additional Cycle Parking £30k.

1.4. On 4 April 2023, TfL confirmed a further £5k Bus Priority Funding to complete the 2022/23 Falling Lane Bus Priority project, to convert the zebra crossing on Falling Lane to signals to allow better coordination with nearby signals to improve bus journey time.

1.5. On 23 May 2023, TfL confirmed the reduction of £10k mentioned in paragraph 1.3 was to be re-awarded to bring Hillingdon's LIP funding package for Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods to increase the funding award back in line with the provisional announcement, resulting in Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods funding package now being £1,202k.

1.6. 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 2023/24 allocation up to 31 March 2024 of £834k; of which £816k has been released in prior years.

1.7. On 15 December 2022, Cabinet agreed that the Council could enter into a funding agreement with Network Rail of up to £397k to undertake essential carriageway reconstruction on the land owned by Network Rail in Station Approach, West Drayton, which forms part of the Crossrail Complimentary Measure in West Drayton. Cabinet also approved the re-phasing of £30k Section 106 funding allocated toward the Crossrail Complimentary Measures from 2022/23 into 2023/24.

1.8. The above TfL allocations total £2,527k and the above additional funding for West Drayton Crossrail from other sources total £427k.

Scope of Works - Transport for London 2023/24

Table 1: Transport for London Funding 2023/24 Including the additional funding from other sources.

2023/24 LIP Scheme Headings	Total Budget £'000	Previous/ Pending Release £'000	Seeking Release £'000	Balance £'000
TfL Funding				
Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods	1,202	1,192	10	0
Borough Cycle Training	90	90	0	0
Cycle Parking	66	66	0	0
Cycleways Network Development	165	165	0	0
Green and Healthy Streets	0	0	0	0
Local Transport Fund	0	0	0	0
Bus Priority	170	170	0	0
Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	0	0	0	0
Principal Road Renewal	0	0	0	0
West Drayton Crossrail Complementary Measures	834	816	18	0
TfL Funding Sub Total	2,527	2,499	28	0
Additional Funding Stream				
Network Rail	397	341	56	0
S106 Contribution	30	0	30	0
Additional Funding Sub Total	427	341	86	0
Grand Total	2,954	2,840	114	0

1.7. 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.

1.8. This is the second TfL LIP Capital Release Decision Report for 2023/24. It requests the release of £28k from the 2023/24 TfL funding and £86k contributions from Network Rail and S106 developer contribution.

2. **Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods**

2.1. **Overview**

2.1.1 The Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods fund is used by Transport for London to fund small scale schemes within Borough which look to achieve the Mayor's Transport Strategy including Vision Zero and Healthy Streets. There are criteria within the TfL LIP guidance on the type of scheme which will be funded, that no more than 20 percent of the total fund can be for behavioural change measures, and no more than 10 percent of a scheme (where applicable) can be used to cover staff costs / fees.

2.1.2 All schemes to be funded via the Safer Corridors and Neighbours budget is required to be bid for via TfL's 'FORM A' process; individual schemes are bid for and reviewed by TfL and any that do not fit the criteria are rejected or revisions requested. The schemes submitted in 'FORM A' were approved by Cabinet in December 2022, prior to being submitted to TfL. All schemes under Safer Corridors and Neighbourhood fund, for which capital release is being sought, have been approved by TfL.

2.2. **St Andrew's Road, Road Safety: Release requested: £10k (Scheme cost: £5k; Staff Costs: £5k)**

2.2.1 St Andrew's Road, Uxbridge forms part of the St Andrews Park development and a key route to John Locke Academy primary school. There have been concerns raised about safety for all users at the junction of St Andrew's Road with Churchill Road, including from a petition hearing with the Cabinet Member in late 2022. The junction is wide, confusing for motorised vehicles and crossing distances are great. It is, therefore, proposed to improve the junction by creating a mini roundabout which will improve vehicle safety and will allow informal crossing points to be provided to make crossing safer. Capital release is requested for a contribution to the design and associated costs of the bringing forward the scheme, including but not limited to trial holes and independent road safety audits. Further funds for the scheme, can potentially be sourced from the developers of the St Andrews Park development following completion of a design and negotiations with the developer.

3. **West Drayton Crossrail Complimentary Measures: Release requested: £104k (Scheme cost: £104k)**

3.3.1. West Drayton Station now benefits from Elizabeth Line services and the station has been upgraded to ensure step free access to make the station accessible to all. The area in front of the station is a large bus interchange and disabled parking area, so in order to support the upgrade of the station, works are to be undertaken to upgrade the public realm in the area. Previously funding of £1,157k has been released to allow the works to be implemented. Capital release is requested for the remaining £18k TfL funding, £56k Network Rail Contribution and £30k of S106 Contributions to support the work and the reconstruction of the carriageway on Station Approach. All works are to be undertaken by the Council's term contractor O'Hara.

Project cost breakdown of TfL LIP for Release Two

Table 2: Cost Plan for Schemes Release is Requested

TfL Scheme	Internal Fees / Staffing £000's	Services / Works £000's	Seeking release £000's
<u>Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods</u> : St Andrew's Road, Road Safety	5	5	10
<u>Crossrail Complementary Measures</u> : West Drayton Station	0	104	104
	5	109	114

Financial Implications

Transport for London Total Confirmed 2023/24 Budget £2,954k, Previously Released £2,840k, Release Requested £114k – Appendix A

The 2023/24 Transport for London funding programme is set out in the table below.

CAPITAL Funding 2023/24	Confirmed Grant Allocation £000's	Previous released/ Pending release £000's	Capital release request £000's	Balance Confirmed Grant £'000's
Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods	1,202	1,192	10	0
Borough Cycle Training	90	90	0	0
Cycle Parking	66	66	0	0
Cycleways Network Development	165	165	0	0
Green and Healthy Streets	0	0	0	0
Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	0	0	0	0
Bus Priority	170	170	0	0
Principal Road Renewal	0	0		
Cross Rail Complementary Measures (West Drayton)	834	816	18	0

Local Transport Fund	0	0	0	0
Sub Total TFL Grant	2,527	2,499	28	0
Section 106 Contribution toward West Drayton Cross Rail	30	0	30	0
Network Rail Funding towards West Drayton Cross Rail (To be approved as part of Year End Re- phasing)	397	341	56	56
Total Capital	2,954	2,840	114	0

Transport for London's (TfL) financial position has been severely impacted by the decline in public transport use due to the Covid-19 pandemic; this has resulted in TfL making changes to the annual Local Implementation Plan allocation. A total of £138m was made available to boroughs as part of the TfL's funding deal with the government for 2022/23 and 2023/24, of which £59m was invested by boroughs in 2022/23, £63m has been allocated to boroughs for 2023/24, with the remaining £16m, a proportion will be within carried forward grant allocations and the remaining amounts will be allocated to boroughs during 2023/24.

The 2023/24 Transport for London capital programme original budget, approved by Council in February 2023, amounted to £2,340k based on the provisional LIP announcement in September 2022 and further estimated grant allocations based on the previous year's allocations. As at Month 2, the 2023/24 Transport for London capital programme revised budget is £2,557k, based on the actual grant funding confirmed by TfL for 2023/24 and confirmed contributions from S106. The £397k from Network Rail is part of the year end re-phasing to be requested for approval in June Cabinet.

The funds that are the subject of this capital release request, are those allocated to the London Borough of Hillingdon, which the Council can make claims for in arrears. The funding awards from TfL are to be spent by the 31 March 2024, any underspends against these allocations are to be returned to the Transport for London.

This report requests the release of a total of £114k as follows -

- £10k from the Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods funding award
- £18k from the TfL Crossrail Complimentary Measures funding award
- £30k from the S106 Contributions allocated for Crossrail Complimentary Measures
- £56k from the Network Rail Funding Agreement for Crossrail Complimentary Measures

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 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 funding agreement between Central Government and TfL in August 2022 for the years 2022/23 and 2023/24 has now enabled TfL to reinstate the LIP funding to the level provided in 2021/22, whilst the allocations are 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, 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

Transport for London 2023/24: Funding Release 2

<i>Location</i>	<i>Project / Expenditure Title</i>	<i>Information</i>	<i>Funds Release Sought £000's</i>	<i>Approv e</i>	<i>Hold</i>	<i>More Informatio n Required</i>
St Andrew's Road	Road Safety	Design and implementation of improved road safety.	10			
West Drayton Station	Crossrail complimentar y measures	Implementation of Crossrail complimentary measures.	104			
Total seeking release			114			
Previously released			2,840			
Budget			2,954			
Remaining budget			0			