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**To: COUNCILLOR MARTIN GODDARD
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**COUNCILLOR JONATHAN BIANCO
CABINET MEMBER FOR PROPERTY, HIGHWAYS
AND TRANSPORT**

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

Date: 22 August 2023

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (June 2023)

Department: Place

Service Area/ Programme: Road Safety Programme 2023/24

Release No: 1

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 Thursday 31 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.

Ryan Dell
Democratic Services Officer

Title of Report: Road Safety Programme 2023/24. 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)

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 Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Finance Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
Officer Contact	Caroline Haywood – Place Directorate
Papers with report	Appendix A – Capital release request for approval

HEADLINES

Summary	To seek approval for the release of capital funds.
Putting our Residents First Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026	This report supports our commitments to residents of: Safe and Strong Communities. This report supports our ambition for residents/ the Council of: Be / feel safe from harm.
Financial Cost	This report seeks the release of £40k of capital funding for Phase 1 of the 2023/2024 Road Safety Programme. All schemes have been approved by the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport. The Project Manager is Steve Austin and the works will be completed by March 2024.
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Relevant Ward(s)	Various

RECOMMENATION

That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport agree to the following capital release request of £40k for the Illuminated Belisha Beacon poles programme within the Road Safety 2023/24 Programme capital budget (Appendix A).

Reasons for recommendation

This is to enable the release of capital resources in order to progress the project and capital programme that was agreed by the Council and are included within the Council's 2023/2024 Capital Programme Budget.

Alternative options considered

If the release of Capital Funds is not approved, these schemes cannot be delivered.

Select Committee Comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Carriageway and Footway improvements (£40k)

The schemes included in Appendix A will improve safety and access for all road users.

1.1. Illuminated Belisha Beacon poles programme - £40k

This is a programme for improving the visibility of existing zebra crossings by upgrading the belisha beacon posts. Some can be internally illuminated (only lighting up at night) but in a very small number of cases, the full option is not possible. Part of the logic to this programme is to help offset the gradual reduction in School Crossing Patrols across the Borough.

It is proposed to bring forward the upgrades in a phased approach, the locations proposed for upgrades in the 2023/24 financial year are summarised in the table below. Phase One will deliver a total of 12 new illuminated belisha beacon poles and four upgraded poles with reflective tape where illuminated poles cannot be provided.

Location	Associated School
<i>Upgraded with new reflective tape</i>	
Judge Heath Lane, Hayes	Wood End Park Academy
Rockingham Road, Uxbridge	St Marys C of E Primary School
<i>Upgraded to illuminated Belisha Beacon poles</i>	
Belmont Road, Uxbridge	Hermitage Primary School
Coldharbour Lane, Hayes	Minet Infant & Junior School
The Green, West Drayton	St Catherine's Primary School
Lansbury Drive, Hayes	Grange Park Primary School
Joel Street, Northwood Hills	Haydon Secondary School

In terms of funding, TfL has indicated support to fund or part fund appropriate measures at various sites, the TfL funding has been released in a separate capital release report.

Costs from Road Safety Fund	£
Contract - Building Works	35k
Fees	5k
Total	40k

The costs quoted are for the works. There are no other associated costs.

The relevant approval for capital release is set out in Appendix A and includes the dates when the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport approved the individual schemes.

All budget estimates have been calculated using the schedule of rates contained in the Council's term contracts.

Financial Implications

Budget £268k, Previously Released/ Pending Release £148k, Capital Release Requested £40k – Appendix A

The 2023/24 capital programme approved by Cabinet and Council in February 2023 included a capital budget for the road safety programme of £120k. In June 2023, Cabinet approved the rephasing of £148k from 2022/23 into 2023/24, this gives a revised budget for 2023/24 of £268k, funded from Council resources.

Previously, £148k has been released for Road Safety Schemes at Cherry Lane, Glencoe Road/ Broadmead Road, Vine Lane, along with the purchase of Vehicle Activated Signs and Zebra Crossing Illumination.

This report is seeking the release of £40k for the Road Safety Scheme described above, which has been approved by the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport.

The release request is based upon the schedule rates within the Council's Highways Term Contract and includes internal costs of £5k.

Transport for London Funding of £115k for School Engineering Schemes has been approved for release by Cabinet Members on 09 June 2023 with the decision coming into effect from 16 June 2023, the scheme described above compliments these School Engineering Schemes.

The remaining £80k of the Road Safety 2023/24 Programme capital budget is subject to formal allocation to projects and the capital release procedure.

Corporate Property and Construction

There are no property implications resulting from the recommendation set out in this report.

Corporate Finance Comments

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications, confirming the budgetary position set out above and noting that this investment in road safety is to be funded from the approved Road Safety 2023/24 Programme capital budget, financed from Council Resources.

Legal Comments

Legal Services confirm that the Council is responsible for carrying out this function pursuant to section 97 of the Highways Act 1980 and section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. 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.

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.

APPENDIX A – CAPITAL RELEASE REQUEST

2023/2024 ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME – Phase I June 2023 - List of approved schemes

All schemes approved in principle by Councillor Bianco as per date approved column

Scheme Name	Project Detail	Date approved	Reason for installation	Allocation (£000)	Approve	Hold	More Information Required
Carriageway and Footway improvements							
School Road Safety Schemes	Install Illuminated Belisha Beacon Poles	09/05/2023	To improve pedestrian safety	40			
Carriageway and Footway improvements			Sub Total	40			
Total Schemes Seeking Release				40			
Total Schemes previously released				148			
Total Budget 2023/24				268			
Unallocated Budget				80			