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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: 25 September 2023

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

**CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023
DEPARTMENT: TRANSPORT & AVIATION
SERVICE AREA/ PROGRAMME: PLACE
TRANSPORT FOR LONDON (TFL) LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
(LIP3) 2023/24 - RELEASE NO: 3**

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 Tuesday 03 October 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: Transport for London (TfL) Local Implementation Plan (LIP3) 2023/24 – Release No: 3

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 and Transport
Officer Contact	Sophie Wilmot - Place Directorate
Papers with report	Appendix A - Capital Release Requests for Approval

HEADLINES

Summary	To seek for £50k funding from Transport for London (TfL) via the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) to be released for specific projects as outlined in this report.
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). Transport for London, London Borough of Hillingdon, Local Implementation Plan 3 (March 2019).</p>
Financial Cost	This report seeks the release of £50k of capital budget from the 2024/25 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 and Transport Select Committee
Wards affected	All

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport and Cabinet Member for Finance approve the project of a review of the existing cycle infrastructure in Hillingdon and the capital release request of £50k 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 would need to be returned.

Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. The London Borough of Hillingdon's LIP3 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 £834
- 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, which is 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 July 2023, TfL confirmed the reprofiling of the following grant allocations from 2022/23 grant funding into 2023/24 grant funding all of which were released last financial year.
 - £155k from the Green & Healthy Streets Programme for the continued delivery of the North Hyde Road Air Quality Focus Scheme
 - £28k from Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods for the Springfield Road, Hayes – Traffic Calming Scheme
 - £90k from Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods for design and implementation of accessibility improvements alongside low-level planting at the junction of Long Lane with Sutton Court Road to increase air quality
- 1.7. On 16 August 2023, TfL confirmed a further £50k Cycleways Network Development to undertake a comprehensive study of the Hillingdon's existing cycle infrastructure to identify schemes to improve and enhance the cycle provision and identify small missing links which would enhance what we currently have.
- 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 2023/24 allocation up to 31 March 2024 of £834k; of which £816k has been released in prior years.
- 1.9. 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.
- 1.10. The above TfL allocations total £2,850k 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 £000s	Previous/ Pending Release £000s	Seeking Release £000s	Balance £000s
TfL Funding				
Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods	1,320	1,320	0	0
Borough Cycle Training	90	90	0	0
Cycle Parking	66	66	0	0
Cycleways Network Development	215	165	50	0
Green and Healthy Streets	155	155	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	834	0	0
TfL Funding Sub Total	2,850	2,800	50	0
Additional Funding Stream				
Network Rail	397	397	0	0
S106 Contribution	30	30	0	0
Additional Funding Sub Total	427	427	0	0
Grand Total	3,277	3,227	50	0

1.11. 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.

1.12. This is the third TfL LIP Capital Release Decision Report for 2023/24. It requests the release of £50k from the 2023/24 TfL funding.

2. Cycle Network Development – Audit of existing cycle infrastructure: Release requested: £50k (*Scheme cost: £50k*)

2.1. The London Borough of Hillingdon is currently preparing a Hillingdon Cycle Strategy for Cabinet Member approval, to outline a programme of measures to build on and enhance cycling infrastructure and training across Hillingdon to encourage more people to take up this mode of transport. As part of this work, a mapping exercise was undertaken to map out all the existing cycle infrastructure across the borough.

2.2. This exercise showed that Hillingdon has a number of legacy routes which have been developed over time and it was acknowledged that this may no longer be fit for purpose or that there could be scope for small upgrades to create longer routes by identifying missing links in existing provision.

2.3. The need to review existing cycle infrastructure in Hillingdon was discussed with Transport for London, who were supportive and granted the Council an additional £50,000 for 2023/24 to undertake a review of the current cycle provision in Hillingdon.

2.4. Capital release for £50,000 is being requested to allow engagement of the Council's term consultants Project Centre Ltd to review all existing cycle infrastructure in Hillingdon and produce a report detailing upgrade and missing links that could be delivered to improve cycle provision. The outcome of the report will be used to secure implementation funding from organisations such as Transport for London and developer contributions.

Project cost breakdown of TfL LIP for Release Three

Table 2: Cost Plan for Schemes Release is Requested

TfL Scheme	Internal Fees / Staffing £000s	Services / Works £000s	Seeking release £000s
<u>Cycle Network Development</u> : Audit of existing cycle infrastructure		50	50
		50	50

Financial Implications

Transport for London Total Confirmed 2023/24 Budget £3,277k, Previously Released £3,227k, Release Requested £50k – Appendix A

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

CAPITAL Funding 2023/24	Confirmed Grant Allocation £000s	Previous released/ Pending release £000s	Capital release request £000s	Balance Confirmed Grant £000s
Safer Corridors and Neighbourhoods	1,320	1,320	0	0
Borough Cycle Training	90	90	0	0
Cycle Parking	66	66	0	0
Cycleways Network Development	215	165	50	0
Green and Healthy Streets	155	155	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	834	0	0
Local Transport Fund	0	0	0	0
Sub Total TFL Grant	2,850	2,800	50	0
Section 106 Contribution toward West Drayton Cross Rail	30	30	0	0
Network Rail Funding towards West Drayton Cross Rail (To be approved as part of Year End Re-phasing)	397	397	0	0
Total Capital	3,277	3,227	50	0

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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. In June 2023, Council approved the rephasing of £767k from 2022/23 into 2023/24, which gives a revised budget of £3,107. As at Month 5, the 2023/24 Transport for London capital programme revised budget is £3,277k, based on the actual grant funding confirmed by TfL for 2023/24 confirmed Network Rail contribution and confirmed contributions from s.106.

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 £50k from the Cycleways Network Development funding award, the specific scheme that is being requested for release from this funding award is 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 confirm that the Council is responsible for carrying out this function pursuant to section 151 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. Thus, there are no legal impediments to the Council authorising the capital release recommended in this report, although any contract that is entered into must comply with the Council's Procurement and Contract Standing Orders.

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 3

Location	Project / Expenditure Title	Information	Funds Release Sought £000s	Approve	Hold	More Information Required
Borough wide	Audit of Cycle Infrastructure	Funds to allow a review of existing cycle infrastructure across the borough.	50			
Total seeking release			50			
Previously released			3,227			
Budget			3,277			
Remaining budget			0			