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c.c. All Members of the Property, Highways and
Transport Select Committee
c.c. Pam Siva-Kumar – Place Directorate
c.c. Perry Scott – Corporate Director of Place

Date: 28 September 2023

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - BRIDGE ASSESSMENT AND STRENGTHENING 2023/24 - RELEASE NO 4

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 Friday 06 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.

Steve Clarke
Democratic Services Officer

Title of Report: Transport for London Local Implementation Plan - Bridge Assessment and Strengthening 2023/24 - Release No 4

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 Property, Highways & Transport / Cabinet Member for Finance

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Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Jonathan Bianco Councillor Martin Goddard
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport Cabinet Member for Finance
Officer Contact(s)	Pam Siva-Kumar – Place
Papers with report	Appendix A - 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 good quality, affordable homes in connected communities.</p> <p>This report supports our commitments to residents of: Safe and Strong Communities.</p>
Financial Cost	This report seeks the release of £23k from the 2023/24 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 2024.
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Relevant Ward(s)	Yeading and Belmore

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport and the Cabinet Member for Finance:

- 1) Accept the Transport for London Grant 2023/24 allocation of £23k for the Bridge Assessment and Strengthening Local Implementation Plan; and,**
- 2) Agree to the capital release request of £23k from the Transport for London Grant 2023/24 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 2023/24. 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 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 2023/24 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.

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 £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, 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 August 2023, TfL confirmed funding of £23k for Bridge Assessment and Strengthening.
 - 1.9. 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.
 - 1.10. 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.
 - 1.11. The above TfL allocations total £2,873k 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	215	0	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	23	0	23	0
Principal Road Renewal	0	0	0	0
West Drayton Crossrail Complementary Measures	834	834	0	0
TfL Funding Sub Total	2,873	2,850	23	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	3,300	3,277	23	0

1.12. 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.

1.13. This is the fourth TfL LIP Capital Release Decision Report for 2023/24. It requests the acceptance and release of £23k from the 2023/24 TfL funding.

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 Five

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

Scheme	Internal Fees £000s	Services / Works £000s	Seeking release £000s
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 2023/24 Budget £3,300k, Previously Released £3,247k, Release Requested £23k – 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	215	0	0
Green and Healthy Streets	155	155	0	0
Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	23	0	23	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	2,873	2,850	23	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	3,300	3,277	23	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 £3,300k, 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 £23k of Bridge Assessment and Strengthening funding award as detailed above within the report and in Appendix A.

The TfL programme budget for 2023/24 is held for budget management purposes within the capital programme, although the release request includes a mixture of capital and revenue expenditure. Where there are works included in this release request which upon review do not meet the Council's criteria for capitalisation, these will be accounted for as revenue and the TfL grant treated as revenue grant for statutory reporting purposes. Consequently, there are no funding implications for the Council's other General Fund budgets arising from this report.

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 Hillingdon residents, service users and communities

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 the recent allocation from Transport for London of £23k for Bridge Assessment and Strengthening for 2023/24 which requires to be spent this financial year. Corporate Finance further notes 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 and section 92 of the Highways Act 1980. 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 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 2023/24 Local Implementation Plan - Bridge Assessment and Strengthening - Release 4

CAPITAL RELEASE APPENDIX A

Transport for London 2023/24 Bridge Assessment and Strengthening - Release 4

Location	Project / Expenditure Title	Information	Funds Release Sought £000s	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			3,277			
Budget			3,300			
Remaining budget			0			