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**COUNCILLOR MARTIN GODDARD
CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE**

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

Date: 06 October 2023

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

**CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (OCTOBER 2023)
SERVICE AREA / PROGRAMME: ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME
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 Monday 16 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: Road Safety Programme 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 Property, Highways & Transport / Cabinet Member for Finance

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Cabinet Members	Councillor Martin Goddard Councillor Jonathan Bianco
Cabinet Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Finance Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport
Officer Contact	Caroline Haywood – Place Directorate
Papers with report	Appendix A – Capital release request for approval

HEADLINES

Purpose of report	To seek approval for the release of capital funds.
Putting our Residents First Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026	This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: Live in good quality, affordable homes in connected communities. This report supports our commitments to residents of: Safe and Strong Communities.
Financial Cost	This report seeks the release of £80k of capital funding for Phase 2 of the 2023/2024 Road Safety Programme. All schemes have been approved by the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport.
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Ward(s) affected	Heathrow Villages

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport agree to the following capital release request of £80k for the installation of the traffic calming scheme in Sipson Lane, Cranford Lane and High Street, Harlington within the Road Safety 2023/24 Programme capital budget (Appendix A to this report).

Reasons for recommendation

This is to enable the release of capital resources included within the Council's 2023/2024 Capital Programme Budget in order to progress the traffic calming scheme approved by the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport.

Alternative options considered / risk management

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 (£80k)

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

1.1. Sipson Lane / Cranford Lane / High Street, Harlington - £80k

Install three raised tables, two sets of two speed cushions, two sets of three speed cushions and change of the speed limit in part of Cranford Lane to help reduce vehicle speeds and reduce the accident risk.

Following a petition and investigation, a proposal was developed to install three raised tables, two sets of two speed cushions, two sets of three speed cushions and change of the speed limit in part of Cranford Lane. These roads are used by children attending William Byrd Primary School and the local shops. It also has the support of the local Ward Councillors.

Table 1: Cost Plan

Costs from Road Safety Fund	£
Contractor - Building Works	70k
Fees	10k
Total	80k

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 democratically 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 £188k, Capital Release Requested £80k – 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, £188k 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 and upgrades to zebra crossings.

This report is seeking the release of £80k 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 £10k.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities

This will improve road safety for all road users and pedestrians.

Consultation carried out or required

The scheme has been taken through a 21-day statutory consultation and objections were received. These have been considered and the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport made the decision to proceed with the scheme on 31 August 2023.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

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

The Council has powers to construct road humps under Section 90A of the Highways Act 1980 in a highway maintainable at public expense for which it is the highway authority. Such construction must be in accordance with the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999, Section 90C of the Highways Act 1980 and, for works in London, Section 90CA of the Highways Act 1980.

Section 90G of the Highways Act 1980 also empowers the Council to construct traffic calming works in a highway maintainable at public expense for which it is the highway authority. Such works must be in accordance with the Highways (Traffic Calming) Regulations 1999 and, for works in London, Section 90GA of the Highways Act 1980.

Provided that the works recommended comply with the above-cited rules and regulations, including the statutory consultation requirements contained therein, there are no legal impediments to authorising the capital release sought by this report. Any contract that is entered into, or existing term contract used, as part of the works programme 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.

Background Papers

[Cabinet Member Decision – 31 August 2023](#)
[Associated Cabinet Member report](#)

APPENDIX A - CAPITAL RELEASE REQUEST

2023/2024 ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME - PHASE 2 LIST OF APPROVED SCHEMES

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

Scheme Name	Project Detail	Date approved by Cabinet Member	Reason for installation	Allocation (£000s)	Approve	Hold
Carriageway and Footway improvements						
Sipson Lane / Cranford Lane & High Street, Harlington	Install traffic calming measures	31/08/2023	To improve road and pedestrian safety	80		
Carriageway and Footway improvements			Sub Total	80		

Total Schemes Seeking Release	80
Total Schemes previously released	188
Total Budget 2023/24	268
Unallocated Budget	0