

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	4 June 2019
Title:	Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 Update
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the success of the County Council's Tranche 1 bids to the Department for Transport's (DfT) Transforming Cities Fund, and also on the preparation of draft Strategic Outline Business Cases (SOBC) for Tranche 2, in partnership with the respective city councils, to be submitted in June this year. The report also recommends legal arrangements to secure the funding for Tranche 1 that has been paid by DfT direct to the city councils as lead bidding authorities.

Recommendations

2. That the success of the Tranche 1 Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) bids for Portsmouth and Southampton, and progress with the delivery phase, is noted.
3. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to enter into legal and other arrangements with the respective lead authorities to secure the necessary funding to deliver the TCF programme.
4. That the proposed candidate projects listed at paragraph 11 of the supporting report form the basis of the draft Strategic Outline Business Case for Tranche 2 Transforming Cities Fund bids for Portsmouth and Southampton.
5. That authority is delegated to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to finalise and submit the draft Strategic Outline Business Case for Tranche 2 Transforming Cities Fund bids for each programme area to the Department for Transport, through the established joint working arrangements with Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council.

Contextual Information

Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 1

6. Following the Department for Transport's (DfT) acceptance of proposals centred on the cities of Portsmouth and Southampton for entry into the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) programme, the Government announced the award of Tranche 1 funding through the Chancellor's Spring Statement.

7. The award provided all the requested funding for all the schemes submitted for Hampshire, namely:
 - a. Enhanced busway extension (retention of Rowner Road bridge, Gosport);
 - b. Further deployment of real time information at bus stops on bus corridors in Havant and Waterlooville; and
 - c. Further development of three of the Cycle Corridors as set out in the Southampton Cycle Network (SCN) between Southampton, the New Forest, and Chandlers Ford:
 - i. Corridor 1a Test Lane Cycle Route
 - ii. Corridor 2 Hut Hill Cycle Route
 - iii. Corridor 1 Redbridge Causeway to Eling Pedestrian and Cycle improvements.
8. Authority to procure and spend has already been granted through Project Appraisals for the busway extension (23 April 2019) and real time information (17 January 2017) schemes, and further approval will be sought through Project Appraisals for the three cycle network corridors in due course.

Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2

9. Work continues on the Strategic Outline Business Cases (SOBC) for each of the Tranche 2 submissions to DfT on 20 June 2019. It is important to note that the DfT regards the June submission as part of the co-development process that it is following with all cities participating in the TCF programme, and therefore it is work in progress towards the final SOBC submission on 28 November 2019.
10. Overviews of the draft Strategic Outline Business Cases are on the County Council website, please follow this link to the relevant page: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/strategies/fundingbids> .
11. The table below lists the candidate schemes for further work and potential inclusion in the final submission in November.

Table 1: Candidate Schemes for consideration for Tranche 2 Draft Strategic Outline Business Case Submission

Portsmouth TCF	Southampton TCF
£2,000,000 - £5,000,000	<£500,000
Havant Town Centre (Park Road and Pedestrian access improvements)	Improved Cycle Access to Winchester Station
Havant Corridor (Bus priority on Havant Road)	Hamble Lane - demand responsive bus service
Fareham Welborne (Bus priority and accessibility improvements south of M27)	Southampton city boundary to Windhover Missing Cycle Link along A3024
Portchester A27 Corridor (Bus priority measures)	

Gosport Highway (corridor improvements between Busway and Ferry Terminal, including Stoke Road)		£500,000 - £2,000,000
		Improved pedestrian and cycle access to Swanwick Rail Station
£5,000,000 - £15,000,000		Romsey to Rownhams Bus Priority Measures at key junctions
Gosport Bus Station Interchange		Advanced Ticket Purchase facilities
Waterlooville Corridor (Additional bus priority measures on A3, south of Waterlooville)		Romsey Rail and Bus station (Access improvements for pedestrians and cyclists)
Waterlooville Town Centre (Bus priority measures for town centre roads and precinct)		Access improvements to Hamble Rail Station from Hamble Village for pedestrians and cyclists
Havant A2030 Rusty Cutter Roundabout (bus priority and pedestrian and cycling measures)		Hamble Station (accessibility improvements)
Fareham Bus Station (improved bus access bus interchange enhancements)		Redbridge Viaduct (raised parapets for cyclist safety)
Fareham A27 Delme Roundabout (bus priority and highway improvements)		Missing Cycle Link (A27 North Baddesley to Chilworth)
A27 Cosham Corridor (bus priority and cycle improvements) (part in PCC area)		Waterside Bus Priority (A35 and A326)
Portchester District Centre (Public realm, bus priority and road safety improvements)		Wide Lane to Eastleigh town centre cycle route
		Hut Hill, Chandlers Ford to Southampton boundary (cycle route extension)
£15,000,000 +		
Gosport Busway Completion (Rowner Road to Lees Lane plus upgrade to existing busway (including Brewers Arch additional bus stop)		£2,000,000 +
		Eling to Fawley Cycle Route Measures
		Southampton city boundary to Hedge End Bus Corridor Improvements
		Southampton city boundary to Eastleigh Bus Corridor Improvements
		Eastleigh to Winchester Bus Corridor Improvements

Finance

12. The funding arrangements for the TCF Tranche 1 schemes referenced above are as follows:

	TCF Funding	Match Funding
Enhanced busway extension (retention of Rowner Road bridge, Gosport)	£1,400,000	£140,000
Further deployment of real time information at bus stops on bus corridors in Havant and Waterlooville	£398,000	£40,000
Corridor 1a Test Lane Cycle Route	£74,500	£228,000
Corridor 2 Hut Hill Cycle Route	£770,000	£370,000
Corridor 1 Redbridge Causeway to Eling Pedestrian and Cycle improvements	£700,000	£50,000

13. TCF funding is being made available by the DfT to Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council as lead bidding authorities. Therefore, it will be necessary for the County Council to enter into legal arrangements with each authority to secure the required TCF funding.
14. The DfT has committed £50,000 for each city to help with the development of the proposals for the Tranche 2 Strategic Outline Business Case. This has been received by the city councils and will be shared across the work to develop the proposals centred upon Portsmouth and Southampton, including those parts within Hampshire. This will be the subject of collaborative working arrangements by the County Council with the two city councils.

Consultation and Equalities

15. Through established partnership board arrangements, the County Council and the city councils have developed strong working relationships with public transport operators and the relevant local authorities. The provision of improved accessibility by public transport, including the whole end to end journey on foot, bicycle, or other transport mode can help deliver easy access to essential services, including employment, education, and health facilities.
16. The proposal will have a specific focus upon customer experience by enhancing the quality of the passenger waiting facilities and information and improving the quality of the vehicle fleet. This specific decision has been assessed as having a neutral impact on people with protected characteristics by virtue of the fact that it concerns procedures and process. Detailed proposals will be further assessed prior to approval.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	Yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	Yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents	
<p>The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

This specific decision has been assessed as having a neutral impact on people with protected characteristics by virtue of the fact that it concerns procedures and process. Detailed proposals will be further assessed prior to approval.