

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the success of the Tranche 1 Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) bids for Portsmouth and Southampton, and progress with the delivery phase, is noted.
- 1.2. 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.
- 1.3. 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.
- 1.4. 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.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Acceptance by the Department for Transport (DfT) of the TCF bids for both Portsmouth and Southampton represents a very significant funding opportunity for Hampshire County Council to deliver infrastructure to support public transport, walking and cycling in the parts of Hampshire adjacent to the two cities.
- 2.2. In the Spring Statement in March, the Government announced an award from the Tranche 1 Transforming Cities Fund, including £1.4million for the enhanced eclipse busway extension and £398,000 for real time information for passengers at bus stops in Waterlooville and Havant, together with £1,599,500 for cycle route enhancements at Hut Hill Eastleigh, Redbridge Causeway, Eling and Test Lane, Nursling.
- 2.3. The DfT has awarded the Tranche 1 funding to the lead authority for each of the TCF bids, under the terms of a grant determination letter, and in both

cases this is the respective city council. It will be necessary to enter into suitable arrangements with each city council to secure the funding allocated to each of the Tranche 1 schemes within Hampshire.

- 2.4. Draft Strategic Outline Business Cases (SOBC) are now being co-developed by the County Council with the respective city councils for each Tranche 2 bid. In the case of Portsmouth and south east Hampshire, this includes the Isle of Wight Council in respect of renewed transport interchange facilities at Ryde Esplanade, connected to Portsmouth by the Wightlink and Hover travel services across the Solent.
- 2.5. The deadline for SOBC submission to DfT is 20 June 2019, and governance arrangements have been established to support joint approval once the SOBC details have been finalised.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not to submit a Tranche 2 bid. This option has been rejected on the basis that having been accepted by the DfT onto the TCF programme, there is a very reasonable prospect that capital funding will be forthcoming from a Tranche 2 submission.
- 3.2. Not to co-develop proposals with the respective city councils. This option has been rejected on the basis that the key criteria set out by the DfT for the TCF seeks to address the productivity gap caused by connectivity issues between the city centre and the surrounding suburbs. It is therefore highly probable that a bid based entirely upon the county areas would be unsuccessful as it would fail to meet the basic criteria.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

4 June 2019

**Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Rob Humby**