

TO: THE EXECUTIVE
DATE: 14 MARCH 2017

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18
INTEGRATED TRANSPORT

Director of Environment, Culture & Communities

1 PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1 To approve the Capital Programme for Integrated Transport for 2017/18 and its implementation as set out in the body of the report and (Annex 1).

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Integrated Transport Capital Programme for 2017/18 (Annex 1) be approved.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To facilitate transport services in line with the Council's Local Transport Plan 3.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Failure to approve Integrated Transport Capital Programme would prevent the delivery of local transport services contrary to the requirements set out in the Council's adopted Transport Policy (LPT3).

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Integrated Transport Capital Programme is formed to support the adopted Local Transport Plan which sets out the key challenges facing Bracknell Forest through the period 2011-2026. Schemes are developed taking account of the wider policy goals and issues such as deliverability and public impact/acceptability.
- 5.2 Historically, funding for the programme has been made up of an Integrated Transport Grant from Central Government, alongside developer contributions (S106) for transport mitigation measures.
- 5.3 However, in addition to grant allocation of (£520k) and S106 funds (£350k), the Council has been successful in securing additional funds from Central Government through the Local Growth Fund towards implementing transport measures linked to economic growth and carbon reduction with a focus on unlocking the Town Centre regeneration and housing development. This work began with Warfield Link Road and Coral Reef Junction improvements in 2015/16 along with Town Centre accessibility improvements which will continue into 2017/18.
- 5.4 Further Local Growth funds of £2.9m have now been secured for the A329 London Road Corridor improvements which are due to start in 2017/18 and continue into 2018/19. The total cost of the project is £3.8m with the funding gap of £900k coming from additional Borough capital. This has been included in the corporate capital programme and will be spread over two years.

- 5.5 As well as these schemes, the Council continues to implement local improvements that support the Local Transport Plan. These focus on improving access, mobility and travel choice, highway capacity and road space allocation, road safety and traffic management.
- 5.6 **Annex 1** shows the Integrated Transport Capital Programme for 2017/18. These schemes align with the transport policies and objectives within the Local Transport Plan but with a reduction in grant allocation of £200k (the Executive previously made a decision to prioritise £200k of the Integrated Transport Block for highway maintenance). This reduced allocation has resulted in a greater need to focus local improvements on identifiable road safety, traffic management and accessibility issues where intervention is considered a priority for the Council.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The approval of the Recommendation falls within the decision making remit of the Executive under Part 2, Section 5 of the Council Constitution. Paragraph 6.3 confirms the steps taken to ensure compliance with the Council's equalities duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The sums detailed within the report form part of the 2017/18 Capital Programme for Environment, Culture and Communities this report identifies the specific schemes on which this funding is to be allocated.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 An Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken in preparation for the formal publication of the adopted LTP3. There are no direct negative equality/diversity impacts arising from the works proposed in this report. The identified schemes improve safety and accessibility for all road users.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 Stakeholders will vary dependant on individual schemes and their impact. Applicable consultation processes will precede scheme implementation.

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 Not applicable at this time.

Representations Received

- 7.3 Not applicable at this time.

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