

Executive

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**Report of the Corporate Director of Economy & Place
Portfolio of the Executive Member for Transport & Planning**

Highways Funding Overview

Summary

1. The Highways Maintenance and Transport teams within the Economy & Place Directorate are developing a variety of schemes for delivery in 2017/18 and beyond. The schemes will realise a wide range of benefits for the residents, businesses and visitors to the city.
2. Core capital funding from a range of sources including grants from the Department for Transport, Local Transport Plan (LTP) settlement, developer contributions, West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund and the Council's own capital resources are approved and developed through the Decisions of the Executive Member for Transport and Planning and the Corporate Director of Economy & Place. This paper has been provided to the Executive to detail the wider capital funding sources that are being accessed, the schemes that they are funding and the outcomes that will be achieved, endorsement is sought for the schemes that are outlined in this paper.
3. The Background section of the paper reviews all of the funding sources. Annex 1 details the individual schemes, their source funding and the benefits that they will realise.

Recommendations

4. City of York Council continues to develop new and innovative ways to maintain and manage our highway network and transportation initiatives, a wide range of funding sources have been attracted to achieve these outcomes.

It is recommended that:

- i. The Executive approves the proposed allocation of funding as detailed in this paper and its annex.
- ii. To delegate to the appropriate Executive Members the implementation decisions as proposed in this report.
- iii. To delegate to the Corporate Director of Economy and Place to proceed with the schemes as outlined in this report.

Reason – To implement the councils transport policy identified in York's third Local Transport Plan, deliver innovative and effective approaches to highway asset management, grow the economy and provide wide ranging improvements to the built and natural environment across the city.

Background

5. The core revenue and capital funding of the Transport and Highways teams have been subject to the decisions of the Executive Member for Transport and Planning and the Corporate Director of Economy & Place, links can be found to the papers below:

Economy & Place Transport Capital Programme

<http://modgov.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=738&MIId=9483&Ver=4>

Economy & Place Highways Maintenance Programme

<http://modgov.york.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=4888>

6. A range of additional City of York Council and external capital funds are available in 2017/18 for delivery of highway and transportation improvement schemes. Individual project governance and assurance measures will be carried out by lead officers for each scheme and detailed descriptions of the schemes and their outputs will be made available through the appropriate processes.
7. All schemes, their funding source and budgets are shown in annex 1, a description of the individual funding streams is detailed below.

8. **Lendal Bridge Reserve - £676k** - As indicated in the Council budget this reserve was set up for the cost of settling claims for repayment of Penalty Charge Notices in relation to the restrictions at Lendal Bridge and Coppergate. There are no further claims outstanding therefore the remaining **£676k** is available to fund one off investment initiatives. The Executive budget report in February indicated that the funding will include investigating options for cycling improvements and a cycle hire scheme, pothole repairs, and footway repairs. Indicative allocations for the proposed schemes to be funded from this reserve are identified in the table below. It is proposed that the schemes will be brought forward for a decision by the Executive Member for Transport and Planning following development of detailed options.

Lendal Bridge Reserve Proposed Scheme	Proposed Allocation (£,000)
<p>Cycle Hire Scheme Development of a potential cycle hire scheme with stakeholders from key destinations in the city such as the universities, hospital, station.</p>	50
<p>Business Cycle Scheme Support Match funding to support the provision of cycle parking at businesses across the city. Extension to an existing LTP funded scheme.</p>	50
<p>DfT Pothole Spotter Materials Trial Repair to additional potholes identified through the DfT Pothole Spotter trial including the provision of new materials and the trial of innovative repair methods to complement the trial. It is intended that these trials will include the whole highway network including cycle margins, footpaths and cycle ways ensuring that all road users benefit from the application of new technology.</p>	250

<p>DfT Challenge Fund Match Funding</p> <p>Match funding for the Challenge Fund bid for the maintenance and upgrade of the National Cycle Network Route 65 within the council boundary.</p>	<p>100</p>
<p>Increase Access Funding Programme for Sustainable Transport 2017-20</p> <p>Enhancement to the existing Access Fund programme – approx. £45k per year over the next 3 years. The first year will be concentrated on enhanced marketing of smart ticketing and the Park & Ride operation to maximise the use of these services. Future years will be allocated to supporting the public transport element of the Access Fund programme and continue the Better Bus Area enhanced management of bus services and traffic in the city.</p>	<p>226</p>

9. **National Productivity Investment Funding (NPIF) -£626k.** The Department for Transport announced a suite of funding on the 13th January 2017, £185m has been made available to Highways Authorities in 2017/18 to achieve at least one of the following goals:
- To ease congestion and provide upgrades on important national, regional or local routes
 - To unlock economic and job creation opportunities
 - To enable the delivery of vital new housing developments to meet the needs of a generation of would-be home owners
10. The £185m available in 2017/18 has been distributed to Highways Authority in accordance with the formula need process based on the extent and range of highways within each authority – City of York Council received £626k. The Corporate Director of Economy and Place approved an indicative programme of schemes subject to approval of the Executive to meet the DfT deadline of 31 March publication.
11. A further £490m of funding has recently been announced by the DfT for allocation through a competitive process with bids to be submitted by 30 June 2017. Details of proposed schemes are identified in the table below for implementation by the Corporate Director of Economy and Place.

National Productivity Investment Fund Proposed Scheme	Proposed Allocation (£,000)
<p>Extend and Accelerate Traffic Signals Asset Renewal Programme</p> <p>Extension of the existing LTP funded programme to upgrade at least a further 3 signalised junctions/crossings in 2017/18 to increase capacity, overcome a maintenance backlog and reduce ongoing revenue and disruption costs.</p>	300
<p>Increase Fibre Reinstatement Funding</p> <p>Funding to be used to provide improved reinstatement of super fast broadband trenches in the city. For example provision of new paving flags where existing flags are broken rather than reinstatement with original materials.</p>	50
<p>Improved City Centre Signage BID Match Funding</p> <p>Contributions delegated to the Corporate Director of Economy & Place in consultation with the Executive Member for Transport and Planning Contribution to wayfinding signage scheme being led by the Business Improvement District and Make it York in the city centre.</p>	50
<p>City Centre Natural Stone Replacement</p> <p>Funding to enable appropriate materials to be used to repair priority defects in city centre areas such as St.Helen's Square, Stonegate, Swinegate etc.</p>	50
<p>Park & Ride Additional Signs</p> <p>Project to update and improve the Enhancement to the existing Access Fund programme – approx. £45k per year over the next 3 years. The first year will be concentrated on enhanced marketing of smart ticketing and the Park & Ride operation to maximise the use of these services. Future years will be allocated to supporting the</p>	100

public transport element of the Access Fund programme and continue the enhanced management of bus services in the area.	
<p>DfT Pothole Spotter Materials Trial</p> <p>Repair to additional potholes identified through the DfT Pothole Spotter trial including the provision of new materials and the trial of innovative repair methods to complement the trial. It is intended that these trials will include the whole highway network including cycle margins, footpaths and cycle ways ensuring that all road users benefit from the application of new technology.</p>	76

12. **Local Growth Fund (LGF3).** York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership were awarded £23.7m from the 3rd tranche of Local Growth Funding in January 2017. An initial allocation of £5m has been provided to help de-risk and unlock the transformational York Central Enterprise Zone. This includes a £1m as a contribution to the Scarborough Bridge Foot/Cycle bridge upgrade scheme also funded by Council Resources and Cycle City Ambition Grant Funding. Subject to the completion of a successful feasibility study currently being undertaken by Network Rail consultation on the proposal will commence in June 2017. This project will be subject to further decisions by the Executive.
13. **Battery Project - £50kFunding** approved by CYC Executive as part of the budget allocation process to develop a programme of studies to facilitate schemes to develop battery storage from solar panels, a university partner will be identified to provide input and extend the reach of the work Energy storage devices have the potential to enable greater utilisation of renewable energy, reduce carbon, and provide Electricity grid capacity solutions. This study is to identify short and long term opportunities for the wider use of energy storage in York and to facilitate the implementation of energy storage devices in association **with renewable generation** and electric vehicle charging. It is proposed that future decisions on this project are reported to the Executive Member for Environment.
14. **Targeted Highways Fund- £100k** the Targeted highways budget has been allocated as match funding to the Challenge Fund bid for maintenance and improvements to National Cycle Network Route

65. This allocation enabled a more effective bid to be submitted with an anticipated higher potential for success and therefore enhanced the targeted Highway outcomes for the City.

15. **Built Environment Fund - £2,022k.** the Built Environment Fund will be used to target commercial centre schemes to enhance and renew public spaces that are better able to support the needs of residents, businesses and visitors to York. Note: Includes £135k to renew road markings and replace Belisha Beacons approved by the Executive Member for Transport and Planning in March 2017.

Built Environment Fund Proposed Scheme	Proposed Allocation (£,000)
<p>Fossgate</p> <p>Delivery of a resurfacing scheme to enhance the environment in Fossgate. Subject to the outcome of consultation with local residents and businesses and following a decision by the Executive Member for Transport and Planning an experimental traffic order changing the traffic direction will be progressed. Further consultation on the potential surfacing changes will be progressed prior to a decision on delivery.</p>	500
<p>Enhancing economic growth for secondary shopping areas</p> <p>A review of the layout of the Acomb and Haxby shopping areas and ways to achieve additional economic growth in these shopping areas will be undertaken and costed interventions proposed, following local consultation. A further report will be taken to the Deputy Leader (Executive Member for Economic Development) to consider proposed interventions.</p>	100
<p>City Centre Natural Stone Replacement Match Funding</p> <p>Additional funding to contribute to existing schemes or developments to enable appropriate materials to be used. Implementation delegated to Corporate Director of Economy and Place.</p>	50

<p>Minor Public Realm enhancement Match Funding. Funding to be used to contribute to delivering public space enhancements being progressed by other bodies within the city such as the Civic Trust. Contributions delegated to the Corporate Director of Economy & Place in consultation with the Executive Member for Transport and Planning. Projects may include items such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches (refurbishment or replacement) • Refurbishment of railings • Street name plate refurbishment 	50
<p>Public Realm investment for economic growth - Outline Business Case</p> <p>The funding will be used to prepare a business case for the redevelopment of the public realm, including within the cities historic core and surrounding business district. This will be an assessment of the existing condition and the provision of an outline specification. A further report will be brought back to Executive with recommendations and long term funding requirements.</p>	1,187
<p>Upgraded Belisha Beacons - to improve safety at Zebra Crossings – Approved by Executive Member for Transport and Planning</p>	65
<p>Road Markings – Renewal of Road Markings on main arterial routes in city – Approved by Executive Member for Transport and Planning</p>	70

16. **2017/18 Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund Bid - £920k.** Highways Authorities were advised in January that the Department for Transport were providing funding for major maintenance projects that would be otherwise difficult to fund through the usual formula needs element of funding allocations. Cycling initiatives featured heavily in the bid documentation and in accordance with the guidance a bid was submitted by the 31st March 2017 deadline for the 2017/18 funding.
17. The scheme submitted was for the maintenance and upgrade of the National Cycle Network Route 65 which runs north-south principally along the River Ouse in the city. The funds would be used to

maintain sections which are in poor condition and provide more resilience during future flood events. The upgrades would also complement the proposed replacement of the Scarborough Bridge

18. Details of the bid are available at https://www.york.gov.uk/downloads/download/3726/challenge_fund_2017-18
19. It is anticipated that successful schemes will be confirmed in April/May. It is also anticipated that further funding and the bidding process will be announced shortly for future years of the Challenge Fund.

Consultation

20. Individual consultation will be carried out through the relevant governance and assurance mechanisms for each project as appropriate.

Options

21. The option proposed within this paper reflects the decisions made by council in respect of its budget and the specific outcome requirements of grants which the authority has been awarded or is bidding for.

Council Plan

22. The range of projects detailed in this report support Council Plan objectives to deliver 'a prosperous city for all'.

Implications

23. There are no implications associated with this cover report, wider implications of individual projects will be brought before the relevant governance and assurance groups as the schemes are developed further.

Financial

The budget allocations covered in the reports were approved by Full Council in February 2017. Regular monitoring reports will be brought as part of the normal capital monitoring report to Executive and to the Executive Members referred to in the report.

Human Resources (HR)

There are no Human Resources implications associated with this report.

One Planet Council/Equalities

There are no One Planet Council/Equalities implications associated with this report.

Legal

There are no Legal implications associated with this report.

Crime and Disorder

There are no Crime and Disorder implications associated with this report

Information Technology (IT)

There are no IT associated with this report.

Property

There are no Property implications associated with this report.

Other

There are no Other implications associated with this report.

Risks

24. There are no risks associated with this cover report, wider implications of individual projects will be brought before the relevant governance and assurance groups as the schemes are developed further.

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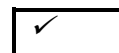
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Wards Affected:

All



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Annexes: Annex 1 - Capital Scheme Overview with Funding Sources and Key Outcomes

List of Abbreviations Used in this Report

LTP - Local Transport Plan

DfT – Department for Transport

NPIF - National Productivity Investment Funding (NPIF)

LGF – Local Growth Fund