

Meeting: Council

Date: 13th September 2017

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Integrated Transport Block Capital Funding – Scheme Business Cases

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented? As soon as possible

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1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 The Council, at its meeting held on 25 February 2017, approved the Capital Plan subject to the Mayor and Chief Executive reviewing and making recommendations to Council on the specific proposals for expenditure on the capital budget for Integrated Transport. This report and appendices set out the information requested for Council.
- 1.2 The Council, at its meeting held on 27 October 2016, adopted the Torbay Local Transport Implementation Plan (LTIP) 2016-2021 and supported the proportion of capital funding set out in the documents. Council also supported the remainder of the funding to become part of the Council's Capital Plan budget and to use the Capital Plan Prioritisation Matrix to assess the development of transport projects.
- 1.3 The Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan Strategy 2011-2026 (LTP) provides strategic context and sets out the framework for transport investment within Torbay.
- 1.4 Supporting the LTP are a series of Local Transport Implementation Plans (LTIP), as required by the Transport Act 2000, covering each 5 year investment period. Whilst the LTP is a joint document with Devon County Council, the LTIP is prepared by the Authorities individually.

- 1.5 Previously the LTIP had covered the schemes to be delivered but a different approach was taken in the adoption of the now current LTIP. Some projects were identified as committed, where previous decisions had allocated some of the Integrated Transport funding for future years.
- 1.6 This report sets out the current position of the committed projects and seeks approval for additional investment in schemes through detailed and strategic business cases.
- 1.7 There is a need, as stated in the LTP, LTIP, Local Plan and Government policy, most recently the Transport Investment Strategy, to provide a balanced transport network. Balancing the needs of all users does not have a simple solution and no single scheme is likely to deliver against all of the needs of all of the people. However, implementing a variety of schemes to provide a network that offers businesses, communities and visitors a reliable transport network with safe and sustainable choices is key to creating a successful economy.

2. Reason for Proposal

- 2.1 Further consideration of the specific proposals for expenditure on the capital budget for Integrated Transport was requested by the Council at its meeting in February 2017.
- 2.2 These schemes will be included within the Capital Plan and this will allow them to be undertaken and developed with member support. If the schemes are not approved further development work and investment in the transport network will be delayed, having various implications including increased maintenance burden and impact on economic growth.
- 2.3 The strategic business case approach will allow officers to focus on specific business case development.
- 2.3 It is the professional view of transport officers within the Council that the investments identified within the Appendices offer the best route to meeting the transport needs of Torbay by providing a balance of infrastructure improvements.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 To approve the remaining allocation of Integrated Transport Capital Funding, as set out in the table (schemes 8 ~ 13) in Section 7 of Appendix 1 "Supporting Information and Impact Assessment" to this report, noting that schemes 1 ~ 7 have previously been agreed with a level of commitment attributed to them.
- 3.2 To delegate approval of specific Capital spend within the strategic business cases in Appendices 3 ~ 6 and "Employment and Education Access", as summarised in Section 2 of Appendix 1, to the Executive Head of Business Services in consultation with the Executive Lead for Planning, Transport and Housing.
- 3.3 The Council, at its meeting in October 2017, will consider an update on the Edginswell Station scheme. Should a decision be taken not to pursue the proposals it is proposed that Council approves the reallocation of the remaining funding previously committed to that scheme to "Employment and Education Access".

Appendices

Appendix 1: Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Appendix 2: Western Corridor Capital Scheme Business Case

Appendix 3: Torbay Road/Rathmore Road Strategic Capital Scheme Business Case

Appendix 4: Healthy Mobility/Access for All Strategic Capital Scheme Business Case

Appendix 5: Transport Network Resilience and Management Tools Strategic Capital Scheme Business Case

Appendix 6: Rail and Bus Infrastructure Strategic Capital Scheme Business Case

Appendix 7: Local Transport Implementation Plan 2015 Consultation Results

Background Documents

Local Transport Plan (LTP) – www.torbay.gov.uk/local-transport-plan

Local Transport Implementation Plan (LTIP) – www.torbay.gov.uk/local-transport-plan

Local Plan – www.torbay.gov.uk/localplan

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - www.southdevonandtorbay.info/needs-assessment

Consultation Documents – see Appendix 7