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**COUNCILLOR MARTIN GODDARD
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**COUNCILLOR JOHN RILEY
CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND
TRANSPORT**

c.c. All Members of Executive Scrutiny Committee
c.c. Perry Scott, Residents Services
c.c. Chairman of the Residents, Education and
Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee
c.c. Ward Councillors for Yeading and Yiewsley
c.c. Pam Siva-Kumar, Residents Services
c.c. Conservative and Labour Group Offices
(inspection copy)

Date: 20 January 2021

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

**TRANSPORT FOR LONDON 2020/21 BRIDGE ASSESSMENT AND
STRENGTHENING LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN RELEASE NO 5**

Dear Cabinet Member

Attached is a report requesting that a decision be made by you as an individual Cabinet Member. Democratic Services confirm that this is not a key decision, as such the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 notice period does not apply.

You should take a decision **on or after Thursday 28 January 2021** in order to meet Constitutional requirements about publication of decisions that are to be made. You may wish to discuss the report with the Corporate Director before it is made. Please indicate your decision on the duplicate memo supplied, and return it to me when you have made your decision. I will then arrange for the formal notice of decision to be published.

Nikki O'Halloran
Democratic Services Manager

Title of Report: Transport For London 2020/21 Bridge Assessment And Strengthening Local Implementation Plan Release No 5

Decision made:

Reasons for your decision: (e.g. as stated in report)

Alternatives considered and rejected: (e.g. as stated in report)

SignedDate.....
Leader of the Council / Cabinet Member for Finance / Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON 2020/21 BRIDGE ASSESSMENT AND STRENGTHENING LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN RELEASE NO 5

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Ian Edwards Councillor Martin Goddard Councillor John Riley
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Leader of the Council Cabinet Member for Finance Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport
Officer Contact(s)	Pam Siva-Kumar, Residents Services
Papers with report	Appendix A with capital release requests for approval

HEADLINES

Summary	This report seeks approval to recommendations to accept the Grant Allocation from Transport for London of £26k for the Bridge Assessment and Strengthening Local Implementation Plan and to approve the capital release of these funds.
Putting our Residents First	The report supports the Council objective of strong financial management. The Hillingdon Local Plan: Part One- Strategic Policies 2012 The Hillingdon Local Plan: Part Two - 2018 Transport for London Local Implementation Plan 3 Hillingdon's Sustainable Community Strategy - 2011
Financial Cost	This report seeks the release of £26k from the 2020/21 TfL LIP Bridge Assessment and Strengthening funding for the schemes detailed in this report. The works will commence upon release of the funds and are due for completion by March 2021.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents, Education and Environmental Services
Relevant Ward(s)	Yeading, Yiewsley

RECOMMENDATIONS

That:

1. on behalf of the Cabinet, the Leader of the Council accepts the Transport for London Grant 2020/21 allocation of £26k for the Bridge Assessment and Strengthening Local Implementation Plan; and

2. the Cabinet Member for Finance and Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport agree to the capital release request of £26k from the Transport for London Grant 2020/21 Bridge Assessment and Strengthening programme budget to support the schemes outlined in this report (Appendix A).

Reasons for recommendations

The Council has received a further funding allocation through the Transport for London (TfL) - Bridge Assessment and Strengthening Programme for the financial year 2020/21. The proposal fully complies with and supports the intentions of the 2018 Mayor of London's Transport Strategy and the proposals set out in the Council's Lip3 which covers the period from 2019 to 2041. The recommendation will enable Hillingdon to sustain its past LIP performance which is critically important to secure future funding to the Borough. Any undue delay in implementation, or failure to meet agreed performance measures, could adversely influence future TfL funding opportunities for the Council. All costs will be borne in their entirety by TfL.

Alternative options considered / risk management

The Council does not have alternative funding or resources to cover the work involved. This work is vital as it entails the identification of structural deterioration and the preservation of the structural integrity of highway structures. There is no alternative but to carry out this work because, if left, there would be health and safety implications. Therefore, it is recommended that these projects are progressed without delay to maintain the structural integrity of the Council's highway structures.

Delivery of the schemes presented in this report is time critical as the money made available by TfL is for the first six months of the 2020/21 financial year only and cannot be carried forward. Delay to any authorisation may jeopardise the completion of these schemes and receipt of funding as adequate time is needed for preparatory work and implementation.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. London Borough of Hillingdon's LIP3 submission, which covers the period from 2019 to 2041, was approved by the Mayor of London on 10 June 2019.

1.1. In December 2019, TfL announced Hillingdon's LIP grant settlement for 2020/21 as follows:

- £2,373k for Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures
- £100k for Local Transport Fund
- £350k for Major Schemes Hayes Town Centre

1.2. Transport for London's financial position was severely impacted by the decline in public transport use due to the Covid-19 pandemic; this resulted in TfL suspending the traditional Local Implementation Plan. There was confirmation from TfL that they would cover costs incurred from bringing the projects within the Local Implementation Plan to a safe stop. The London Borough of Hillingdon's costs were £144k.

1.3. In May, TfL secured with central Government an interim deal of emergency funding of £45m up to September 2020, to deliver social distancing projects and alternative ways to travel to avoid car usage and reduce pressure on public transport at peak times. The new programme of funding has resulted in The London Streetspace Plan. The London boroughs were invited to bid for funding and were successful in the bid for £12k for the two-meter markings outside the school entrances.

1.3. In July 2020, additional funding was awarded by TfL for Bridge Assessment and Strengthening Local Implementation Plan of £41.5k.

1.4. On 23 July 2020, TfL confirmed a grant of £60k to allow cycle skills training to be restarted. The funding covers the period from August/September 2020 to March 2021.

1.5. On 14 August 2020, Cycling UK confirmed a grant of £3k to allow six Dr Bike sessions to be delivered based on the costs of cycle Instructor time to deliver the sessions and equipment required.

1.6. On 2 September 2020, Transport for London confirmed funding of £55,734 to contribute towards the Grand Union Canal Towpath Upgrade.

1.7. On 18 November 2020, TfL announced Hillingdon's LIP grant settlement for 2020/21 (H2) as follows:

- £870k for Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures
- £50k for Local Transport Fund
- £26k for Bridge Assessment and Strengthening

1.8. The above allocations total £1,262.2k.

Scope of Works - Transport for London 2020/21

Table 1: Transport for London Funding 2020/21

2020/21 LIP Scheme Headings	Total Budget £'000	Previous/ Pending Release £'000	Seeking Release £'000	Balance £'000
TfL 2020/21 Original LIP Sunk Costs	144	0	0	144
Streetspace Fund	12	12	0	0
Cycles Skills Training	60	60	0	0
Grand Union Canal Towpath Upgrade	56	56	0	0
Transport Interchange & Healthy Streets	262	262	0	0
North South Links and Supporting Growth	160	160	0	0
Vision Zero School Travel Plan and Local Road Safety Schemes	72	72	0	0
Accessibility and Mobility for all	100	100	0	0
Parking Management Schemes	100	100	0	0
Public Footpaths and Cycleways	0	0	0	0
Transport Impacts	60	60	0	0
Road Safety Education Training and Publicity and Travel Awareness	116	116	0	0
Corridors Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures Sub Total	1,142	998	0	144

2020/21 LIP Scheme Headings	Total Budget £'000	Previous/ Pending Release £'000	Seeking Release £'000	Balance £'000
Cycling UK	3	3	0	0
Hayes Town Centre and Hayes & Harlington Crossrail Complementary Measures	0	0	0	0
Local Transport Fund	50	50	0	0
Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	67	41	26	0
Principal Road Renewal	0	0	0	0
West Drayton Crossrail Complementary Measures	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	1,262	1,092	26	144

1.9. For some of these headings, the actual schemes proposed were named, but the remainder were left to be developed over the remaining two-year lifetime of the LIP in response to needs and priorities. This report outlines the schemes that have been identified for implementation and agreed in principle with the fund holder, TfL, and for which capital release is now requested.

1.10. This is the fifth TfL LIP capital release decision report for 2020/21. It requests the release of £26k of the TfL funding from an 2020/21 annual total allocation of £1,262k.

2. Bridge Assessment & Strengthening Programme - Total £26k

2.1 Trout Road Bridge, Yiewsley (Release Requested £10k)

Trout Road Bridge carries Trout Road over the River Frays. The two span bridge provides the only access to residential and business premises west of the bridge and is used by heavy vehicles. Although the re-assessment concluded that a weight restriction is not required at present, considering the deteriorated condition of the bridge, an allocation of £35k was made by TfL for the first half of the financial year, for a feasibility/design for interim measures to protect the structure. A further £10k allocation has been made by TfL for the second half of the financial year.

The release is requested for the assessment, inspection, detailed design work and preparation of tender documentation which will be undertaken by the consultants appointed to the Council's highways and transportation professional services term contract. Client functions and management will be undertaken by the residual in-house structural engineering team and charged to the TfL budget on a fee recovery basis.

2.2 Yeading Lane Bridge, Hayes (Release requested £10k)

Yeading Lane Bridge carries Yeading Lane, a two lane single carriageway with grass verge and footway on either side, over Yeading Brook. Yeading Lane is an important, busy road within the Borough and is the main diversion route for A312 Hayes-By-Pass which takes traffic to and from Heathrow Airport. Yeading Lane is also a bus route.

The bridge was assessed and found to be deficient in its load carrying capacity which required a weight restriction of 25 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight to be imposed. Reconstruction of the bridge will enable the weight restriction to be lifted. The majority of the detailed design and preparation of the specification have been completed. The funding of £10k is for liaising with statutory undertakers and consultation with other stakeholders.

2.3 London Bridge Engineering Group (LoBEG) Sector Leader (Release requested £6k)

TfL, through the London Bridge Engineering Group (LoBEG), is funding the Sector Leader role which is the Lead Borough role for the London North West Area to assist TfL and Lobeg with the prioritisation process for the funding of projects throughout London and the allocation of funding for individual projects. A further allocation of £6k has been made by TfL for the second half of the financial year.

Project cost breakdown of TfL LIP programme for Release Five

Table 2: Cost Plan for Schemes Where New Release is requested

Scheme	Internal Fees £000's	Services £000's	Works £000's	Seeking release £000's
Trout Road Bridge - Interim measures feasibility/design	10	0	0	10
Yeading Lane Bridge - Design	10	0	0	10
London Bridge Engineering Group (LoBEG) are funding the Sector Leader		6	0	6
Grand Totals	20	6	0	26

Financial Implications

Transport for London Total Confirmed 2020/21 Budget £1,423.2k, Previously Released / Pending Release £1,423.2k, Release Requested £26k – Appendix A1

The 2020/21 Transport for London funding programme is set out in the table below.

CAPITAL Funding 2020/21	Confirmed Grant Allocation £000's	Previous released/ Pending release £000's	Capital release request £000's	Balance Confirmed Grant £000's
Corridors, Neighbourhoods & Supporting Measures	1,142	998	0	144
Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	67	41	26	0
Bus Priority	0	0	0	0
Cross Rail Complementary Measures (West Drayton)	0	0	0	0
Local Transport Fund	50	50	0	0
Sub Total TFL Grant	1,259	1,089	26	144
Cycling UK	3	3	0	0
Section 106 Contribution	161	0	0	161
Total Capital	1,423	1,092	26	305

The 2020/21 Transport for London capital programme original budget, approved by Council in February 2020, amounted to £2,373k based on the LIP grant settlement announced in December 2019. In June 2020, Cabinet approved re-phasing of £1,521k funding, including Bus Priority Measures (£498k) and West Drayton Crossrail Complementary Measures (£862k) from 2019/20,

and £161k Section 106 funding.

However, Transport for London's financial position was severely impacted by the decline in public transport use due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and this has resulted in TfL suspending the traditional Local Implementation Plan. The projects within the plan were brought to a safe stop, with the confirmation that TfL would only cover the costs incurred up to the safe stop point. For London Borough of Hillingdon, these costs amounted to £144k.

In May 2020, TfL secured with central Government an interim deal of emergency funding of £45m up to September 2020, to deliver social distancing projects and alternative ways to travel to avoid car usage and reduce pressure on public transport at peak times. The new programme of funding has resulted in The London Streetspace Plan, and the London boroughs were invited to bid for funding and were successful in the bid for £12k for the two-meter markings outside the school entrances.

In July 2020, additional funding was awarded by TfL for Bridge Assessment and Strengthening Local Implementation Plan of £41.5k.

On 23 July 2020, TfL confirmed a grant of £60k to allow cycle skills training to be restarted. The funding covers the period from August/September 2020 to March 2021.

On 14 August 2020, Cycling UK confirmed a grant of £3k to allow six Dr Bike sessions to be delivered based on the costs of cycle instructor time to deliver the sessions and equipment required.

On 2 September 2020, Transport for London confirmed funding of £56k to contribute towards the Grand Union Canal towpath upgrade.

On 18 November 2020, TfL announced Hillingdon's LIP grant settlement for 2020/21 (H2) as follows:

- £870k for Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures
- £50k for Local Transport Fund
- £26k for Bridge Assessment and Strengthening

The funds are the subject of this capital release, and those allocated to the London Borough of Hillingdon, which the Council can make claims for in arrears. This report requests the release of £26k from the Bridge Assessment and Strengthening funding awarded as shown above and detailed in Appendix A. Any future additional TfL funding awards will be reported to Cabinet and included in subsequent capital release reports.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The project will improve the condition of the Council's bridge stock and allow safe passage to all road users.

Consultation carried out or required

Consultation is to be carried out as part of the implementation of each scheme as appropriate.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate finance concurs with the financial implications above, noting that a further £26k funding has been awarded by Transport for London as part of their 2020/21 LIP settlement in respect of the Bridge Assessment and Strengthening Programme which will fund the schemes identified in this report.

Legal

The Borough Solicitor confirms that the Council is responsible for carrying out this function pursuant to Section 151 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999. There are no legal impediments to the Council authorising the capital release.

Infrastructure / Asset Management

Infrastructure / Asset Management comments are included within the body of the report.

Capital Release Protocol

The release of all capital funds held by the Council is to be made by a formal democratic decision. No expenditure can be placed or committed by officers until this formal approval is given by Democratic Services. Release of funds must be for identified projects only and strictly not for the general release of funds for projects to be identified at a later date. No block releases of capital or funding will be allowed, except if authorised by the Leader of the Council in advance to Corporate Finance. The release of funds will only be made if previous Council, Cabinet or Cabinet Member agreement has been given to the project and only if there is an approved budget.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A - Transport for London 2020/21 - Bridge Assessment and Strengthening- Release 5

CAPITAL RELEASE APPENDIX A

Transport for London 2020/21 - Bridge Assessment and Strengthening - Release 5

Location	Project / Expenditure Title	Information	Funds Release Sought £000's	Approve	Hold	More Information Required
Trout Road Bridge	Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	Interim measures feasibility/design	10			
Yeading Lane Bridge	Bridge Assessment and Strengthening	Design	10			
London Bridge Engineering Group (Lobeg)	Lobeg Sector Leader	Lobeg, NW Area Lead Borough	6			
Total seeking release			26			
Previously released/pending release			1,092			
Budget			1,423			
Remaining budget			305			