

## **Report to the Cabinet**

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 18 January 2018

### **Report of the Director of Corporate Commissioning**

#### **Part I**

Electoral Divisions affected:  
Please see background  
below

### **Highways and Transport Capital Programmes – Proposed Changes**

(Appendices 'A', 'B' and 'C' refer)

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#### **Executive Summary**

As part of the normal process of service delivery the approved Highways and Transport Capital Programmes now require certain amendments in order to meet emerging priorities and to respond to some unanticipated service demands. The proposed amendments are set out at Appendix 'A'.

The report also seeks approval of the proposed 2017/18 New Start Cycle Safety Programme at Appendix 'B' and the proposed 2017/18 National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) Programme as outlined at Appendix 'C'

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order No. 25 have been complied with.

#### **Recommendation**

The Cabinet is recommended to:

- (i) Approve the proposed amendments to the Highways and Transport Capital Programmes as outlined at Appendix 'A'.
- (ii) Approve the proposed 2017/18 New Start Cycle Safety Programme at Appendix 'B'
- (iii) Approve the proposed 2017/18 National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) Programme as outlined at Appendix 'C'.

## **Background and Advice**

### **Proposed Changes to the Highways and Transport Capital Programmes**

The following detailed highway and transport capital programmes of work have previously been approved by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport;

- 2014/15 New Starts Programme - 27 January 2014
- 2015/16 New Starts Programme - 5 March 2015
- 2016/17 New Starts Programme - 18 April 2016
- 2017/18 New Starts programme - 13 March 2017

As part of the normal process of service delivery these detailed programmes of work now require certain amendments in order to meet the emerging priorities and to respond to some unanticipated service demands. The proposed amendments are set out at Appendix 'A'.

### **Proposed 2017/18 New Start Cycle Safety Programme**

On 12 October 2017 Cabinet approved the criteria for developing the 2017/18 Cycling Safety programme. A proposed programme developed in line with the approved criteria is detailed at Appendix 'B'. All schemes in the proposed programme demonstrate a rate of return greater than 50%, which is a measure of the likely casualty savings resulting from a scheme during its first year of operation compared to the scheme cost. A rate of return greater than 50% is considered to offer a good rate of return.

### **Proposed 2017/18 National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) Programme**

The Chancellor of the Exchequer's 2016 Autumn Statement announced a new National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) to provide £23 billion of additional spending in areas that are key to boosting productivity: transport, digital communications, research and development (R&D) and housing.

In January 2017, the Department for Transport (DfT) confirmed that the county council would receive a direct grant award of £4.655 million in 2017/18 from a national allocation of £185 million, to fund local highway and transport improvements that aim to reduce congestion at key locations, upgrade or improve maintenance of local highway assets, improve access to employment and housing or develop economic and job creation opportunities.

The Department for Transport also confirmed in January 2017 that a further £740 million of funding would be made available to local authorities through a competitive process. On 25 October 2017, the DfT confirmed that the county council's bid for £5 million towards the proposed M55 to Heyhouses (St Annes) Link Road had been successful. The allocation of the direct grant award funding has been delayed pending the outcome of the competitive process except for the following Cabinet approvals;

- £0.200 million to fund detailed design of improvements in the M65 Growth Corridor at Junctions 8, 9, 10 and 13 and North Valley Road / Vivary Way in Colne, approved by Cabinet on 10 August 2017
- £0.219 million to underwrite the minimum match funding requirement for the county council's bid to Highway England's Growth and Housing Fund relating to the M65 Growth Corridor, should the bid be successful; approved by Cabinet on 9 November 2017.

The proposed programme has been identified after scoring transport proposals against a set of criteria. This assessment included an analysis of current vehicle delays from observed vehicle speed data, alongside the potential quantum of development in terms of new housing and employment land that would benefit from improved access. It also took account of deliverability and affordability, reflecting the DfT's expectation that work should start as early as possible.

The assessment confirmed that improvements to the Key Route Network serving the Hyndburn-Burnley-Pendle Growth Corridor, Preston City Centre and the Samlesbury Enterprise Zone site have the greatest potential to meet the Government's objectives for NPIF. The proposed allocation of the funding is outlined at Appendix 'C'.

#### **Electoral Divisions affected below:**

Lancaster South East, Wyre Rural East, Preston Central East, Preston Central West, Fylde West, West Lancashire East, Lancaster Rural East, Lancaster Central, Lancaster East, Wyre Rural Central, Ribble Valley South West, Burnley South West, Rossendale West, Great Harwood, Rishton and Clayton le Moors, Burnley Rural, Burnley Central East, Padiham and Burnley West, Pendle Central, Nelson East, Heysham, Poulton Le Fylde, Clayton le Moors, Oswaldtwistle, Burnley Central East, Burnley North East, Burnley Central West, Pendle Rural, Brierfield and Nelson West, Clitheroe, Longridge with Bowland, Lancaster Rural North, Skerton, Lostock Hall and Bamber Bridge, Preston South East, St Annes North, St Annes South, Lytham, Penwortham East, Walton le Dale, Preston East, Preston City, Preston West, and South Ribble East

#### **Consultations**

N/A

#### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

#### **Risk management**

The changes to the highway and transport programmes are required to ensure that emerging priorities and unanticipated service demands can be addressed.

The proposed 2017/18 New Start Cycle Safety Programme comprises schemes that are considered to offer the greatest rate of return, which is a measure of the likely

casualty savings resulting from a scheme during its first year of operation compared to the scheme cost.

The proposed 2017/18 National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) Programme has been developed in line with DfT criteria and includes schemes that are considered most likely to reduce congestion at key locations, improve access to employment and housing and develop economic and job creation opportunities. The schemes are also considered to be deliverable in the 2018/19 financial year, in line with DfT expectations.

## **Financial**

The financial implications of the proposed changes at Appendix 'A' can be accommodated within the overall approved programme allocations, subject to review of funding available within those programmes once historic overspends are addressed .

The proposed 2017/18 New Start Cycling Programme at Appendix 'B' will be funded from the £0.500 million allocation within the 2017/18 Transport block of the capital programme. It is proposed that the allocation is phased as follows;

- 2017/18 - £0.020 million
- 2018/19 - £0.080 million
- 2019/20 - £0.400 million

The proposed 2017/18 National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) Programme will be funded from the £4.655 million direct grant award in the Transport block of the capital programme to be phased as follows;

- 2017/18 - £0.500 million
- 2018/19 - £ 4.155 million

## **List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Report to Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport: Environment Directorate Capital Programme 2010-15	27 January 2014	Dave Gorman/(01772) 534261
Report to Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport: Environment Directorate 2015/16 Highway Maintenance, Road Safety and Public Rights of Way New Starts capital programme	5 March 2015	

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Transport: Environment  
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Highway Maintenance,  
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Transport: Proposed  
2017/18 Highway  
Maintenance, Road Safety  
and Public Rights of Way  
New Starts Capital  
Programme

13 March 2017

Highways Capital  
Programme - Proposed  
Amendments

10 August 2017

Highways and Transport  
Capital Programme -  
Proposed Amendments

12 October 2017

Highways and Transport  
Capital Programme -  
Proposed Amendments

9 November 2017

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A