

## Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 January 2020

### Report of the Head of Service - Planning and Environment

#### Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:  
All Divisions in Preston, South  
Ribblesdale and Fylde

### Transforming Cities Fund - Proposed Change to the Transport Capital Programme

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#### Executive Summary

This report requests approval to allocate funding in the Transport Capital Programme to the Transforming Cities Programme.

#### Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the allocation of £0.505m funding to the Transforming Cities programme.

#### Background and Advice

In November 2019 Cabinet approved the submission of a strategic outline business case in support of a funding bid to the Department for Transport's Transforming Cities Fund. Preston has been chosen as one of just 12 shortlisted city regions nationwide with the prospect of receiving a share of £1.2 billion with the aim to drive up productivity through improved sustainable and active travel connectivity along key transport corridors between urban centres and suburbs. The submission was duly made in late November and comprises a substantial and interlinked package of measures – new rail capacity, bus, cycling and walking infrastructure, junction and road space reconfiguration, supported by new technology.

In readiness for a positive announcement on the county council's bid, this report proposes to allocate an unallocated budget of £0.505m in the Transport Capital Programme to the Transforming Cities Programme. This would, with other pre-allocated transport grant monies, form the local contribution identified in the submitted bid that represents the required match funding to the overall programme value.

This budget is currently unallocated in the National Productivity Investment Fund budget in the Transport Capital Programme. It has been held up to this time as a contingency should funding opportunities, such as this, be identified.

### **Consultations**

N/A

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

Identification of match funding to support the county council's proposals for the Preston city region is a requirement of the bidding process. A delay to making these local funds available to the programme could place the county council's ability to deliver on these proposals at risk.

### **Financial**

These National Productivity Investment Fund monies are grant monies already received and held by the county council. This does not therefore increase the borrowing requirement of the council although it does mean this grant money is no longer available for other projects until the outcome of this bid is known.

### **List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A