

**Report to the Cabinet**

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 6 June 2024

**Report of the Director of Highways and Transport**

**Part I**

Electoral Division affected:  
(All Divisions);

**Corporate Priorities:**  
Delivering better services;

**Local Transport Capital Block Funding: Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant**

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**Brief Summary**

Lancashire County Council will receive £234,613 from the Department for Transport's Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant. This is to upgrade traffic signal systems by replacing obsolete equipment. It is proposed to add the money to the Highway Block of the Capital Programme for 2024/25.

**Recommendation**

Cabinet is asked to approve that the £234,613 funding from the Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant, be added to the Highway Block of the Capital Programme for 2024/25.

**Detail**

A successful application was made to the Department for Transport's Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant (and Green Light Fund). This grant funding is being allocated specifically by the Government to address the backlog in traffic signal maintenance and upgrading works in English local authorities and is made up of two funds:

- The Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant, to upgrade traffic signal systems by replacing obsolete equipment.
- The Green Light Fund, to provide funding to tune up traffic signals to better reflect current traffic conditions and get traffic flowing.



It has been confirmed that £234,613 will be paid to Lancashire County Council from the Traffic Signal Obsolescence Grant. This is to upgrade traffic signal systems by replacing obsolete equipment. It is proposed to add the money to the Highway Block of the Capital Programme for 2024/25 and that it be used to upgrade traffic signal systems by replacing obsolete equipment.

### **Consultations**

N/A

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Legal**

The Authority has a duty to maintain publicly maintainable highways, both vehicular and those which are in the Public Rights of Way network. Maintenance includes drainage and includes maintaining various structures such as some bridges, culverts, etc. The standard required is that each road be in such repair as to render it reasonably passable for the ordinary traffic of the neighbourhood at all seasons of the year without danger caused by its physical condition.

### **Financial**

The spend will be closely monitored to ensure it remains within the identified funding envelope.

The works, along with planned works on traffic signals already in the traffic signals programme for 2024/25, will be programmed to utilise all grants in the most efficient manner and to meet the terms of the grant conditions. This may involve moving grant funding to 2025/26, where allowed within the terms of the grant if not all work can be completed in 2024/25.

### **Risk management**

Upgrading traffic signal systems by replacing obsolete equipment is aligned with the objectives of the Transport Asset Management Plan.

### **List of Background Papers**

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A

