

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE****Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING – TRANCHE 1, TRANCHE 2 AND LOCAL AUTHORITY CAPABILITY FUNDING</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

The report provides for consideration of the recommendations of the Economy, Regeneration and Development Committee in respect of Active Travel Funding – Tranche 1, Tranche 2 and Local Authority Capability Funding.

The full minute of the Economy Regeneration and Development Committee dated 8 June 2021 and associated Report of the Director of Regeneration and Place is attached.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

The Policy & Resources Committee is requested to consider the request from the Economy, Regeneration and Development Committee to approve the following

- (1) Authorise the Director of Regeneration and Place to accept the grant funding allocated to Wirral Council by Liverpool City Region Combined Authority for the Active Travel Fund Tranche 1 and 2 Programmes and the Local Authority Active Travel Capability Fund Programme.
- (2) Approve the proposed Active Travel Fund Tranche 1 and 2 Programmes and the Active Travel Capability Fund Programme as set out as appendices to this report
- (3) Authorise the Director of Regeneration and Place, in consultation with the Combined Authority and the Chair and Spokespersons of the Economy, Regeneration and Place Committee to amend the programmes if required having regard due any issues that may arise during design or consultation stages of projects.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 To ensure that the Council achieves development and delivery of active travel schemes within the Borough as part of a Liverpool City Region (LCR) wide programme of schemes and interventions.
- 1.2 To ensure that the Council supports schemes which will deliver increased levels of sustainable travel as set out in the emerging Local Plan and to support actions required to address the Climate Emergency and the target in the Cool2 Strategy to ‘a complete transition to fossil fuel free local travel by around 2030’.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 Other options have been considered as reported within the minutes of the Economy, Regeneration and Development Committee and appended report.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 On the 9 May 2020 the Secretary of State Grant Shapps announced a £250 million Emergency Active Travel Fund. For Tranche 1 of the funding, and in line with DfT guidance, the LCRCA identified the need to develop a programme of measures to reduce the dependency on car-based journeys and through segregation provide increased confidence to people wishing to cycle.
- 3.2 This matter is being referred to Policy & Resources Committee because in accordance with the Council’s Constitution any amendment to the Capital Programme requested by a Committee or officer in excess of £100,000; is reserved to Policy & Resources Committee.
- 3.3 The Economy Regeneration and Development Committee is recommending authorisation of the Director of Regeneration and Place in consultation with the Director of Resources, to and approve the grant funding allocated to Wirral Council by Liverpool City Region Combined Authority for the Active Travel Fund Tranche 1 and 2 Programmes and the Local Authority Active Travel Capability Fund Programme.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 All schemes detailed in Appendix A are funded from the Combined Authority grant allocation for Active Travel Fund Tranche 1 and Tranche 2. This is as per table 1 below:

**Table 1: Wirral Active Travel Fund Allocations (£)**

	Capital	Revenue	Total
Tranche 1	308,450	0	308,450
Tranche 2	680,606	149,394	830,000
Total	989,506	149,394	1,138,450

- 4.2. Projects detailed in Appendix B are proposed to be funded from an indicative Active Travel Capability Fund revenue allocation of £286,000. We await confirmation of this allocation from the Combined Authority.
- 4.3 In accordance with the Council's Constitution any amendment to the Capital Programme requested by a Committee or officer in excess of £100,000; is reserved to Policy & Resources Committee

## **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 In accordance with the Part 3B of Constitution (Committee Terms of Reference), the Policy and Resources Committee has two main areas of responsibility, which is to provide strategic direction to the operation of the Council, including making decisions on policies and co-ordinating spend not reserved to full Council, and to maintain a strategic overview of outcomes, performance, risk management and budgets.
- 5.2 The Policy & Resources Committee is charged by full Council to provide a co-ordinating role across all other service committees and retain a 'whole-council' view of performance, budget monitoring and risk management. In particular, this includes specific responsibility for a decision on any amendment to the Capital Programme requested by a Committee or officer in excess of £100,000;

As part of the matter of business that was the subject of the report to Economy, Regeneration and Development Committee falls under that responsibility reserved to the Policy and Resources Committee, the Economy, Regeneration and Development Committee Committee's resolution is presented as a recommendation.

- 5.3 As the decision in this matter is the subject of a recommendation from another Committee, the Policy and Resources Committee must take into account the resolution of that Committee and give due regard to the guidance and comments made by its members. The Policy and Resources Committee must not, however, consider itself bound by that Committee's recommendations or otherwise fetter its discretion; its Members must come to their own decision. In doing so, the Committee must satisfy itself that it has been provided with all relevant information or a suitable précis to enable it to comply with its duties and make a lawful decision.
- 5.3 Other legal considerations are as set out in the annexed report(s).

## **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS**

- 6.1 This report is for information only and does not contain any direct resource implications.

## **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 7.1 The risks were covered in the original report submitted to the Committee.

## **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 Engagement and Consultation were covered in the original report submitted to the Committee.

## **9.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS (EQUALITY, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE)**

9.1 Other implications arising from the subject matter were considered as set out in the annexed report(s) and meeting minute.

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 Minute extract

Appendix 2 Active Travel Funding Report

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Gear Change Plan for Cycling and Walking** – Department for Transport July 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cycling-and-walking-plan-for-england>

**Cycling Infrastructure Design Local Transport Note 1/20**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cycle-infrastructure-design-ltn-120>

**Department for Transport Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy 2017**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/918442/cycling-walking-investment-strategy.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/918442/cycling-walking-investment-strategy.pdf)

**Sustrans Bike Life Report Liverpool City Region**

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/bike-life/bike-life-liverpool-city-region/>

## **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
ECONOMY, REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	Tuesday, 8 June 2021
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE	Tuesday, 16 March 2021
'GEAR CHANGE' DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT PLAN FOR CYCLING AND WALKING	
ECONOMY REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	Thursday, 4 March 2021
PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN ACTIVE TRAVEL MEMBER WORKING GROUP	

