

Minute Extract from Economy, Regeneration and Development Committee held on 8 June 2021:

ACTIVE TRAVEL FUNDING

This report sought approval for the Active Travel Fund Tranche 1 and 2 and Capability Fund Programmes for 2021/22 and to allocate the funds to priorities and projects as outlined in the report.

Chief Regeneration Officer Sally Shah presented the report and highlighted that delegated authority was requested as there was no finalised programme to date and formal consultation had not yet taken place. She explained that Tranche 1 funding was awarded as part of the Covid response and two schemes had progressed but difficulties in supply of building materials had developed and a delay had been required. Tranche 2 was in the form of a proposed programme and consultation was to take place with Members in the relevant Wards and then with the public. The initial list of proposed schemes was attached to the report and had been informed by the criteria for the funding and by previous consultations with Wirral.

Members discussed the consultation methods and were concerned at some schemes appearing on the list in the report and suggested that two of these - the Crescent and proposed cycle way through Wallasey and New Brighton – be formally deferred until consultation took place.

Resolved (by assent) – That Policy and Resources Committee:

- (1) Authorise the Director of Regeneration and Place to accept the grant funding of £1,153,380 allocated to Wirral Council by Liverpool City Region Combined Authority for the Active Travel Fund Tranche 1 and 2 Programmes and accept the Local Authority Active Travel Capability Fund Programme indicative allocation of £286,000**
- (2) Approve the proposed Active Travel Fund Tranche 1 and 2 Programmes and the Active Travel Capability Fund Programme (“the Programmes”) as set out in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of this report.**
- (3) Authorise the Director of Regeneration and Place, in consultation with the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the Chair and Spokespersons of the Economy, Regeneration and Development Committee to amend the Programmes if required having due regard to any issues that may arise during design or consultation stages of projects.**
- (4) Note that the above authority and approvals are subject to the schemes at the Crescent and proposed cycle way through Wallasey and New Brighton being deferred until a consultation process has taken place.**