

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PLACE

TITLE: CITY REGION SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SETTLEMENT –
REVENUE FUNDING

REPORT TO:	CABINET
Date of Meeting	16 June 2022
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Place (Regeneration and Culture)
Key Decision	Yes
Public or Private	Part Exempt Open report with exempt appendix - by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

Purpose of report

The purpose of the report is to seek approval for:

- The acceptance of the £1.520m CRSTS Revenue Funding from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA).

Funds to be used to undertake feasibility work (traffic surveys, traffic modelling, feasibility design) for a future pipeline of schemes and to continue with staffing the Active Travel Hub.

- To prepare and progress procurement for traffic count equipment and for consultancy staff to assist with feasibility work on rail schemes

Council Plan priority: Sustainability

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

1. Authorises the acceptance of the offer £1.520m CRSTS in revenue funding for the development of a future pipeline of schemes; and
2. The Executive Director, Place be authorised to undertake all necessary steps to ensure continued delivery of the CRSTS / future pipeline programme.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 To provide Cabinet with the information necessary consider acceptance of the offer of £1.520m in CRSTS Revenue funding.

2. PROPOSAL

- 2.1 Back in May 2021, the Department for Transport announced what was then called the Intra City Transport Settlement, where Local Authorities were invited to submit a list of schemes to be considered.
- 2.2 Over the summer months, several iterations of the Fund were put forward with a final business case submission being made in January 2022 – the fund eventually being named the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement. The list of schemes submitted for the Barnsley bid were presented to Members in December 2021.
- 2.3 In April 2022 an award was made to the SYMCA of over £570m. Of the £570m, the allocation for Barnsley MBC is just over £45.5m which includes the Highways Capital Maintenance and Integrated Transport Block.
- 2.4 In addition to the Transport Settlement, the Department for Transport also awarded Revenue Funding of £5.2m for local authorities to commence project feasibility work. The initial allocation confirmed for Barnsley for this work is £1.520m
- 2.5 In order to unlock this funding the Transport team have to submit a template to SYMCA that outlines the projects we intend to undertake and how they align with the CRSTS programme.
- 2.6 Appendix B (exempt information) shows the proposed projects, these include:
- creating a new microsimulation model for the town centre and surrounding areas, which will enable schemes in CRSTS to be tested.
 - new data collection systems, as the majority of the existing equipment is obsolete / beyond repair.
 - Staff resources
 - Feasibility work to create a pipeline of schemes post CRSTS
 - Consultancy staff to assist with the proposed rail bids
 - Funds for the Active Travel hub operation

3. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

3.1 Financial and Risk

- 3.1.1 Consultation on the Financial Implications of the is report has taken place with representatives of the Service Director (Section 151 Officer) Finance.
- 3.1.2 Approval is sought to accept the £1.520m in revenue funding to support the CRSTS programme for the projects identified in Appendix A (Exempt)

- 3.1.3 It is important to note that there is no financial “ask” from the Council to progress the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 3.1.4 BMBC Finance Officers will continue to work closely with the Transport Team to ensure project spend remains within the available £1.520m CRSTS funding allocation
- 3.1.5 It should be noted that subsequent reports will be provided to Members advising on the outcome of the feasibility work undertaken along with any subsequent Outline and Full Business Cases to support those projects that Cabinet approves progression thereof.
- 3.1.6 Appendix A provides a summary of the financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

3.2 Legal

The use of the funds will be subject to SYMCA’s terms and conditions.

3.3 Equality

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) pre-screening has been completed in accordance with the EIA policy. For the purpose of this report, no potential for unlawful discrimination and / or low level or minor negative impact has been identified, therefore a full EIA has not been carried out. However, for the individual work streams / projects individual EIA’s will be undertaken.

3.4 Sustainability

The Sustainable Decision Wheel has been completed and whilst this shows No Impact for the majority; this report is only to accept Revenue Funding. As and when the schemes are developed and further reports prepared, this will be revised.



3.5 Employee

There are no issues arising directly from this report. The Revenue Funding will enable additional resources to be brought in as and when required and the funding will cover existing staff costs.

3.6 Communications

The proposed work streams proposed to be funded through the Revenue Funds are mainly operational (traffic modelling etc) and therefore minimum communication would be required. As and when pipeline schemes develop, communication / consultation will be undertaken

4. CONSULTATION

Officers within the Strategic Transport team (Transport, Highway Design and Highway Development Management) have been consulted on the proposals and have provided input.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The only other option is for the Council not to accept the Revenue Funding. This would then mean that the Council would not have a potential pipeline of schemes or the data / traffic data to inform subsequent business cases / funding bids

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The acceptance of the Revenue Funding will allow the Strategic Transport team to undertake detailed traffic modelling work, data collection and develop a future pipeline of projects for any subsequent funding streams / bids
- 6.2 It will help protect the Council's finances in the future, by providing revenue for staff costs.

7. GLOSSARY

CRSTS – City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement
FBC – Full Business Case
OBC – Outline Business Case
SYMCA – South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority

8. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix A: Financial Implications
Appendix B: CRSTS Template (Exempt)

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

[Details of background papers **MUST** be included]

If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email governance@barnsley.gov.uk so that appropriate arrangements can be made

10. REPORT SIGN OFF

Financial consultation & sign off	See Appendix A
Legal consultation & sign off	Legal Services officer consulted and date Jason Field 6 May 2022

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