

Portfolio Holder Decisions – Approvals for Traffic Signal DfT Grant.

Portfolio Holders	Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning.
Date of decision	12 November 2021
	Signed 

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning gives retrospective approval for the bid to the Department for Transport (DfT) Local Transport Capital Block Funding Specific Grant Determination (2021/22) for an additional sum for traffic signal maintenance and upgrades, subject to sign off by the Section 151 Officer.
- 1.2 That the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property gives approval to the addition to the Capital Programme of the DfT Grant for the purpose of traffic signal maintenance and upgrades

2. Reasons for recommendations

- 2.1 Under the County Council's Constitution authority has been given to the relevant Portfolio Holder to approve the submission of funding bids on behalf of the County Council. This report seeks retrospective approval in relation to a bid to the Department for Transport (DfT) Local Transport Capital Block Funding Specific Grant Determination (2021/22) for an additional sum for traffic signal maintenance and upgrades
- 2.2 On 14 May 2021 Council reconfirmed the delegated power to the Leader, or body nominated by them, to approve the addition to the Capital Programme of projects costing less than £2m which are fully funded from external grants, developer contributions or revenue. The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property is that nominated body

3. Background information

- 3.1 On 1 April 2021 the DfT wrote to the Chief Executive making her aware that, further to the Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Integrated Transport and Highway Maintenance) Specific Grant Determination for 2020/21, they are intending to award £15m in funding for the period 2021/22 to English local transport authorities with responsibility for traffic signal maintenance and upgrades.
- 3.2 The DfT informed the Chief Executive that they would be awarding funding in blocks of between £300,000 and £500,000 to between 30 and 50 local authorities based on ability to demonstrate the operation of policies and procedures as outlined in Annex B attached to their letter.
- 3.3 On 12 April 2021 the DfT opened the application process and provided additional guidance for completing the grant form and the closing date for applications was set at 7 May 2021.
- 3.4 This only allowed four weeks to apply for the grant and there was not sufficient time to seek approval from the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning for applying for the grant through the normal process. The application for the grant was made by the deadline.
- 3.5 On 16 August 2021 the DfT informed the Chief Executive that the County Council bid has been assessed as fully meeting the application criteria and the authority has been allocated the full allocation of £500,000 through this process and the funding needs to be spent on capital works by March 2023. Retrospective approval is therefore being sought to confirm the bid and to add the grant to the Capital Programme for expenditure.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 The three tables below summarise the funding proposals, which have been approved by the DfT.

Table1: Deliverable 1 Traffic Signal Works

SCN	Location	Proposed Works	Cost (£)
W27	Radford Road / St Marys Road, Leamington Spa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbish site inclusive of LED signal heads Controlled pedestrian facility Joint SCOOT & MOVA Control RTEM Classified Vehicle data 	150,000
W06	Dale St / Regent St, Leamington Spa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbish site inclusive of LED signal heads Joint SCOOT & MOVA Control RTEM Classified Vehicle data 	150,000
W24	High Street / New Street Kenilworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbish site inclusive of LED signal heads 	110,000

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint SCOOT & MOVA Control Improve AQM on New Street RTEM Classified Vehicle data 	
W01	Warwick Street / Dale Street Leamington Spa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint SCOOT & MOVA Control RTEM Classified Vehicle data 	45,000
Total			£455,000

Table2: Deliverable 2 Validation & Data Use

Item	Description	Cost (£)
1	Validation of two SCOOT Regions local to the area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willes Rd/ Clarendon (RLB) High St / Bath St (RLA) - Improve AQM within the area 	6,000
2	Journey Time as a Service this is a service based on HERE floating vehicle data utilising a minimum of 10 JT links	22,000
3	RTE SP4-C Classified Vehicle Profiling	10,000
Total		£38,000

Table3: Deliverable 3 Enhanced Data Collection

SCN	Location	Description	Cost (£)
W47	A429 Coventry Road near Primrose Hill, Warwick	Recommission Road Traffic Equipment Manufacturers (RTEM) data collection	1,500
W103	Europa Way Greys Mallory Police Station Leamington Spa	Recommission RTEM data collection	1,500
W05	Parade / Warwick Street Leamington Spa	Recommission RTEM data collection	1,500
R35	Clifton Road / Butlers Leap, Rugby	Recommission RTEM data collection	1,500
W119	A4177 Birmingham Road Stanks West /A46 Warwick Bypass, Warwick	Recommission RTEM data collection	1,500
W117	A425 Birmingham Road / Haywood Road, Warwick	Recommission RTEM data collection	1,500
C64	A452/B4115/Chesford Crossroads/Ashow, Leamington Spa	Recommission RTEM data collection	1,500
Total			10,500

Totals

No.	Deliverable	Cost (£)
1	Traffic Signal Renewal Programme	455,000
2	SCOOT Validation, JTaaS, New RTEM Sites	38,000
3	RTEM Recommission Sites	10,500
		£503,500

The shortfall of £3,500 will be met from the Capital allocation funds from the Traffic Signal Block Header of 11883000.

5. Environmental implications

- 5.1 Transport is the single largest cause of carbon emissions in the UK. Securing funding for traffic signal maintenance and upgrading existing infrastructure will enable us to ensure that the existing traffic signal junctions are working more effectively in order to reducing congestion thereby contributing to the reduction in carbon emissions as well as improved air quality.

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Lead Director	Mark Ryder - Strategic Director for Communities
Lead Member	Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or exempt?	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of background papers

None

Members and officers consulted and informed

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wallace Redford

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Peter Butlin

Corporate Board – Mark Ryder

Legal – Ian Marriott

Finance – Andrew Felton

Equality – Keira Rounsley

Democratic Services – Isabelle Moorhouse

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