

2013/14 PROGRAMME DELIVERY UPDATE

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As the 2013/14 financial year draws to a close this paper provides an update on progress on delivery of the 2013/14 Regional Transport Consortia Grant allocation of £6.882m. As final claims will not be submitted until late in April, the details in this paper only include spend up to the end of February 2014.
- 1.2 Also included are details of virements during the last two months.

2.0 RTCG PROGRESS TO THE END OF FEBRUARY 2014

- 2.1 As at the end of February (month eleven of the financial year) RTCG spend is as shown in the table below.

Table One – RTCG spend up to the end of February 2014

Element	Allocation (£k)	Actual spend on ledger (£k)	Amount to be spent (£k)	% remaining
RTP capital	5,239	3,181	2,058	39%
RTP revenue	205	167.6	37.4	18%
RSG capital	959	519.8	439.5	45%
RSG revenue	479	404.1	74.9	16%
Total	6,882	4,272.5	2,609.5	

- 2.2 The revenue budgets, whether Road Safety or RTP are progressing according to plan and full expenditure is predicted. For RTP and Road Safety Capital allocations there remain large sums (and significant proportions) of the annual allocation to be claimed.
- 2.3 However, Project Managers from each Council are still confident of achieving full spend and have confirmed that (in a similar fashion to previous years) much of the allocation has been spent. The delay is administrative, related to ensuring that invoices get on the ledger in time.
- 2.4 The “end of year” processes for the RTCG have been circulated and final estimates have already been submitted to the WG. These clearly show that full grant expenditure is predicted. The next steps are the submission of the final claims which are due with WG by the end of April. Final payment, assuming all the details of the submission are correct, will then be made within a month to Swansea as Host financial authority and then paid onward to individual Local Authorities in response to invoices raised.

3.0 VIREMENTS

3.1 At last Joint Committee it was reported that two virements requests (approved by SWWITCH PMG) had been submitted to the Welsh Government and a response was outstanding. The two virements were approved and appropriate adjustments to allocations have been made.

3.2 Since December further virements have been requested as shown in Table Two below.

Table Two – RTCG virement requests

Element of RTCG and Project	Value of Virement	PMG decision	Next steps
RTP Capital - Virement of £33k to Ammanford to Cross Hands Bus Corridor and £19k to Carmarthenshire rural interchanges. Both form Carmarthen to Swansea bus corridor	£52k	Agreed	Approved by WG officials
RTP Capital - Virement of £18k from Fabian way Walking/cycling scheme and £14k from NPT Walking/cycling scheme – both to Amman Valley Cycleway	£32k	Agreed	Approved by WG officials
RTP Capital – Virement of £2.9k from Community Transport capital enhancement grant and £1.9k from Programme management and monitoring - both to Port Talbot to Swansea Bus Corridor (and Baglan bridge)	£4k	Agreed	Approved by WG officials
RTP Capital – An additional £12k for each of Milford Haven and Pembroke dock interchanges, an additional £20k to Carmarthenshire Riverside route and an additional £6k to Port Talbot to Swansea Bus Corridor (and Baglan bridge). All from preparation for Post 2015 policy and planning allocation of £50k	£50k	Agreed	Referred for Ministerial approval and approval granted 17 th March 2014

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 It is RECOMMENDED that:

- (i) Joint Committee notes the position with respect to Regional Transport Consortia Grant spend at the end of February 2014 and the end of year claims process and timescales
- (ii) Joint Committee approves the virements proposed by SWWITCH Programme Management Group