

Report of the Cabinet Member for Place

Cabinet – 26 August 2014

FINANCIAL PROCEDURE RULE 7 LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND GRANT 2014-2015

Purpose:	To confirm the bid for Local Transport Fund (LTF) Grant and seek approval for expenditure on the proposed schemes and projects in 2014/15.
Policy Framework:	Regional Transport Plan 2010 – 2015
Reason for Decision:	To comply with Financial Procedure Rule No. 7 (Capital Programming and Appraisals): to commit and authorise schemes in the Capital Programme.
Consultation:	Legal & Democratic Services and Finance.
Recommendation(s):	That the revised scheme for Morfa Road and the new LTF schemes, together with their financial implications, are approved.
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1.0 Introduction / Background

- 1.1 The Welsh Government has changed the management of the conventional capital grant for transport schemes, with the responsibility of managing this grant moving from the Transport Consortium (SWWITCH) back to individual Local Authorities. The former Regional Transport Consortia Grant, which had been the means for Welsh Government grant allocations for transport infrastructure over the past few years, has been renamed as the Local Transport Fund (LTF).
- 1.2 A funding bid for the LTF was submitted to the Welsh Government in March 2014 in accordance with revised guidance from Welsh Government. The guidance stated that there was a total pot of £15m

and this would be allocated to schemes across Wales; each scheme could not bid for more than £1.5m. Another new aspect of the bidding process for 2013/14 funding was that each scheme also needed to have a minimum of 10% match funding. Finally, the Welsh Government also asked that Local Authorities prioritise their bids for funding consideration.

- 1.3 This report seeks approval to inform the capital programme of the expenditure within the City & County of Swansea, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules.

2.0 Submitted Bids

- 2.1 A total of £2.325m was bid for by the City & County of Swansea. The individual amounts bid for each scheme are shown in the table below.

Table One – Summary of City & County of Swansea Bid for RTP funding 2014/15

Priority	Scheme	Bid (£k)
1	Morfa Distributor Road	1500
2	Fabian Way	330
3	City Centre Cycle Network	330
4	Real-Time Passenger Information	110
5	Park & Ride/Share: Felindre	55
Total		2325

3.0 Grant Allocation 2014/15

- 3.1 Of the schemes described above, only two were allocated funding for 2014/15. These are shown in the table overleaf:

Table Two – Summary of LTF Allocation 2014/15

Priority	Scheme	Total (£k)
1	Morfa Distributor Road	1500
3	City Centre Cycle Network	300
-	Active Travel Mapping (see 3.3)	26
Total		1826

- 3.2 The match funding requirements for these schemes will be made from existing Corporate funds which are already allocated against either scheme.

- 3.3 In addition to the schemes shown above, the Welsh Government made a further allocation of £26k to cover the costs of preparing maps in support of the Active Travel (Wales) Act. Each Local Authority in Wales received an allocation, the sum of which is related to the proportion of its population which conforms to the Acts requirement for mapping. The Welsh Government is yet to publish formal guidance in relation to this mapping and the Council is therefore not in a position to begin utilising this fund until such guidance is released; (expected to be in Autumn 2014).

4.0 Details of approved schemes

- 4.1 The projects approved in the bid are summarised in the section below.

- 4.2 Morfa Distributor Road – A £1.5m bid was submitted, the maximum allowed, in order to facilitate the ongoing delivery of this project. Early phases of works associated with the project were completed in 2013/14 and it is anticipated that this bid will allow the scheme to deliver a key phase in linking the end of the current Morfa Road to the Landore Express Bus Way, adjacent to the Landore Social Club. Match funding of £180k is required for 2014/15.

Cabinet approved a full Morfa Road programme of works on 11th February 2014. This LTF funding will allow Stage 2 detailed in that report to be carried out. A revised schedule of the Morfa Road works and funding is set out in Appendix A.

- 4.3 City Centre Cycle Network – A range of enhancements are proposed to establish an off-road traffic-free cycle network within Swansea City Centre. An allocation of £300k has been made to contribute to this scheme which will be delivered in phases over the next few years. Match funding of £46k is required for 2014/15.

5.0 Equality and Engagement Implications

There are none.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 Morfa Distributor Road

The total cost of Stage 2 and design for Stages 3 and 5 amounts to £1.68m and will be funded by current LTF grant of £1.5m and previous RTP grant of £180k. Details are set out in Appendix A.

The LTF grant will be claimed against defrayed expenditure and must be spent in 2014/15 or will be lost.

6.2 City Centre Cycle Network

The cycle network will cost £330k will be funded by LTF grant of £300k and £46k of our own resources. Details are set out in Appendix B. The

LTF grant will be claimed against defrayed expenditure and must be spent in 2014/15 or will be lost.

6.3 Active Travel Mapping

£26k has been allocated to meeting the mapping requirements of the Active Travel Act. The guidance on how this fund is to be spent is still pending from Welsh Government, although it is expected in early autumn 2014. This therefore presents a risk that the works may not be completed by the end of March 2015 in time to complete the work and achieve full spend against the grant. The grant will be claimed against defrayed expenditure and must be spent in 2014/15 or will be lost. Although informal advice from Welsh Government Officers is that this fund will be carried forward because of the delay in issuing formal guidance.

6.4 Claims are to be made to the Welsh Government on a quarterly basis.

6.5 Any revenue costs arising from capital schemes will be met by existing revenue budgets.

7.0 Staffing / IT Implications

There are none.

8.0 Legal / Procurement Implications

There are none.

Background Papers: Local Transport Fund Bid Documents

Appendices:

Appendix A – Morfa Distributor Road Financial Summary

Appendix B – City Centre Cycle Network Financial Summary

APPENDIX A – MORFA DISTRIBUTOR ROAD FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Portfolio: PLACE
 Service: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
 Scheme : MORFA DISTRIBUTOR ROAD

1. CAPITAL COSTS	Actual 2011/13 £'000	Actual 2013/14 £'000	Budget 2014/15 £'000	Budget 2015/16 £'000	Budget 2016/17 £'000	Budget 2017/18 £'000	TOTAL £'000
Stage 1							
Design Works	34 35	36 420					70 455
Stage 2							
Design Works	110	200 40	1430	90			310 1,560
Stage3							
Design Works	15	15	30	30 460			90 460
Stage 4							
Design Works	15		140		780		155 780
Stage 5							
Design Works	15		80			35 645	130 645
Contingency							
EXPENDITURE	224	711	1,680	580	780	680	4,655
<u>Financing</u>							
<i>Funding acquired</i> WG grant RTP approved	224	580	1,500				2,304
Addition WG Grant		131	180		289		600
Bus Station capital receipts						500	500
<i>Funding not acquired</i> WG grant RTP required				551*			551
Developer Contribution required				29	491	180	700
FINANCING	224	711	1,680	580	780	680	4,655

* Assumed RTP allocation

APPENDIX B – CITY CENTRE CYCLE NETWORK FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Portfolio: PLACE
Service : HIGHWAYS
Scheme : LTF SCHEMES 2014/15

<u>1. CAPITAL COSTS</u>	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	TOTAL £'000
<u>Expenditure</u>					0
Urban cycle Network		346			346
Active Travel Act maps		26			26
EXPENDITURE	0	372	0		372
<u>Financing</u>					
LTF grant		326			326
Own resources		21			21
Waterfront City		25			25
FINANCING	0	372	0		372

<u>2. REVENUE COSTS</u>	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	FULL YEAR £'000
<u>Service Controlled - Expenditure</u>					0
Employees)				0
) To be met from existing budgets				
Maintenance)				0
Equipment)				0
Administration)				0
NET EXPENDITURE	0	0	0		0