



**Report of the Director of Place /
Cabinet Member for Environmental Services**

External Funding Panel – 7 March 2018

**Welsh Government Road Safety (Capital) Grant
Application 2018/19**

Purpose:	Provide information on Welsh Government Road Safety (Capital) Grant Application 2018/19
Policy Framework:	Emerging Five Council Key Priorities and Welsh Government Road Safety Framework for Wales 2013.
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance and Legal.
Recommendation(s):	<p>It is recommended that the External Funding Panel considers the application to Welsh Government for Road Safety (Capital) Grant funding for 2018/19 and allows officers to accept any allocation made associated with the following submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The upgrade of 4 existing road safety cameras and the development of mobile enforcement sites;b) The introduction of road safety measures to promote safe travel options in the Portmead/Blaen y Maes area.c) The improvement of a key junction on Trallwn Road.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on the application to the Welsh Government for Road Safety (Capital) Grant funding for 2018/19.

2. Detail of Proposals

- 2.1 The Road Safety (Capital) grant enables Local Authorities throughout Wales to bid for funding which is aimed at supporting key initiatives to help meet the road casualty reduction targets identified in The Road Safety Framework for Wales 2013. In particular it is aimed to meet the following casualty reduction targets:

- 40% fewer people killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads
- 25% fewer motorcyclists killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads
- 40% fewer young people (aged 16-24) killed and seriously injured on Welsh roads.

- 2.2 The submission of funding is based upon an application to Welsh Government that occurs during the first quarter of the New Year for funding to be received during the following financial year and beyond. i.e. February 2018 to be delivered during 2018/19.

- 2.3 The initiative links to National Policies such as the Road Safety Framework for Wales 2013, Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, Learner Travel Statutory Provision and Operational Guidance 2014 and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The overall aim is to reduce road traffic collisions and casualties, create safer communities and promote more sustainable methods of travel.

- 2.4 The initiative also supports the Council's own priorities in that the objective is to reduce road traffic collisions and casualties, whilst safeguarding vulnerable people (Prevention of accidents to children and young people), improving pupil attainment (Involving pupils in the process), tackling poverty and building sustainable communities (Encouraging walking and cycling).

- 2.5 The application for funding in 2018/19 includes bids for the following three projects:

- 1) The upgrade of 4 existing road safety cameras and the development of mobile enforcement sites.
- 2) The introduction of road safety measures to promote safe travel options in the Portmead/Blaen y Maes area.
- 3) The improvement of a key junction on Trallwn Road.

3. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Form has been completed with the agreed outcome that a full EIA report is not required at this stage. This screening will be reviewed if the grant application is approved to ensure we continue to pay due regard to our equality duties.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The application for funding for each of the three schemes for funding in 2018/19 is as follows:

- 1) The upgrade of 4 existing road safety cameras and the development of mobile enforcement sites -£307,100.
- 2) The introduction of road safety measures to promote safe travel options in the Portmead/Blaen-y- Maes area - £390,900.
- 3) The improvement of a key junction on Trallwn Road - £133,500.

- 4.2 The grant, if successful, would provide 100% funding for the planned works.

- 4.3 The upgrade road safety cameras together with the development of enforcement sites includes a commitment to bid for funding in 2019/20 for £119,500 for the purchase of further cameras to support the operation. It should be noted that confirmation of this funding will not be committed as part of this grant process but will be subject to future years bidding.

- 4.4 There are no ongoing financial implications in relation to staff as the grant from the bids will include for design fees which support existing operations within Traffic and Highway Network Management.

- 4.5 The implementation of the work will impact on road maintenance budgets resulting in a modest increase of costs going forward in future years.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Highways Act 1980 Section 41(1) places a statutory duty of care on the Highway Authority towards road users of all kinds. The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 legislates for the provision of routes designed for walking and cycling. The success of this bid will help the Council in meeting its obligations in this regard.

Background Papers:

None

Appendices:

Appendix A EIA Screening Form