

Urgent Report

The Leader has stated that pursuant to paragraph 100B (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, he considered that the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure should be considered at this meeting as a matter of urgency.

Reason for Urgency

The scheme is grant funded and the urgent funding reprofile is to ensure that the project can be delivered within the end of year programme.



Urgent Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure Management

Cabinet – 21 November 2019

Financial Procedure Rule 7 Local Transport Capital Grant 2019/2020 Broadway Interchange

Purpose:	To confirm arrangements to utilise revenue contribution to supplement increased tender costs, as part of the Broadway Interchange scheme, being developed as part of the Welsh Government Local Transport Fund (LTF) 2019/20.
Policy Framework:	Local Transport Plan 2015 – 2020
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) the additional design fee generated revenue funding be used as match funding.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 A funding bid for the Local Transport Fund (LTF) and Local Transport Network Fund (LTNF) was submitted to the Welsh Government on the 18th January 2019 in accordance with guidance from the Welsh Government. The guidance stated that there was a total Local Transport Fund pot of £20million and a total Local Transport Network Fund pot of £27million, and this would be allocated to schemes across Wales.
- 1.2 The City & County of Swansea submitted bids totalling £16.859million, and the Welsh Government ultimately awarded funding amounting to £4.503million for FY2019/20. This included £750k towards the delivery of the Broadway Interchange project through the Local Transport Fund, which has an additional £100k of match funding, comprised of £10k section 106 funding from Gower College and the Ty Coch Development and £90k from residual capital funds from former Highways and Transportation projects.

On September 19th 2019, Cabinet approved the capital programme in accordance with the Financial Procedure Rules, which included the Local Transport Fund programme, including the Broadway Interchange scheme

2. Design Solution

- 2.1 The Capital Projects team has subsequently developed a design solution for the Broadway Interchange scheme that offers significant traffic capacity benefits through the existing junctions, in consultation with residents, members and key stakeholders. The scheme has subsequently been tendered for delivery in accordance with the authorities' contract procedure rules. The preferred contractor, offering the most economically advantageous tender is in excess of the original scheme estimate and additional funding is therefore required to support project delivery.

3. General Issues

- 3.1 Section 5.1 below lists a proposal to reallocate fee generated grant contributions to supplement the increased tender costs.

4. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment screening exercise has been undertaken, in line with the Council's Legislative duties.
- 4.2 The Broadway scheme has been designed in accordance with national design guidance and will be compliant with the Equality Act 2010

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 It is proposed that an additional revenue contribution of £322,383 is allocated from additional fee revenue generated by the Capital Projects team. This will be recovered during 2019-20 from other highways

schemes funded by the additional Active Travel grant funding, awarded in November 2019.

Table One – Summary of Broadway Interchange funding profile

Fund	Scheme	Total LTF (£k)	Match funding (£k)	Fee revenue (£k)	Total project cost (£k)
LTF	Broadway Interchange	750	100		850
	Additional fee generated revenue – Capital Projects			322.4	322.4
	Total	£750	£100	£322.4	£1,172.4

5.2 The grant must be claimed in full by 31 March 2020 otherwise it will be lost.

5.3 Any revenue costs arising from the scheme will be met by existing revenue budgets.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 The grant funding contains terms and conditions, which are legally binding. The Council will need to ensure that it is able to comply with the same.

6.2 All works and services required to deliver the schemes must be procured in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and European procurement legislation as appropriate.

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix A Broadway Interchange Financial Summary

BROADWAY INTERCHANGE FINANCIAL SUMMARY
APPENDIX A
Portfolio: PLACE
Service : HIGHWAYS
Scheme : LTF – BROADWAY INTERCHANGE

<u>1. CAPITAL COSTS</u>	2019/20 £'000				TOTAL £'000
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Works	1,164				1,164
Diversion of statutory	8.4				8.4
EXPENDITURE	1,172.4				1,172.4
<u>Financing</u>					
LTF grant	750				750
S106	10				10
Residual Highway	90				90
Funds	322.4				322.4
Fee generated revenue					
FINANCING	1,172.4				1,172.4

<u>2. REVENUE COSTS</u>	2019/20 £'000				FULL YEAR £'000
<u>Service Controlled - Expenditure</u>					
Employees)				0
) To be met from existing budgets				0
Maintenance)				0
Equipment)				0
Administration)				0
NET EXPENDITURE	0	0	0	0	0