



Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure Management

Cabinet – 20 December 2018

FPR 7 – Broadway Interchange Local Transport Fund Grant 2018/19

Purpose:	To confirm the bid for additional Local Transport Fund (LTF) monies and seek approval for expenditure on the Broadway Interchange project in 2018/19. To comply with Financial Procedure Rule No. 7 (Capital Programming and Appraisals): to commit and authorise schemes in the Capital Programme.
Policy Framework:	Local Transport Plan 2015 – 2020
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that. 1) the Broadway Interchange Project, together with its financial implications, are approved.
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1.0 Introduction / Background

- 1.1 A funding bid for the Local Transport Fund & Local Transport Network Fund (LTF & LTNF) was originally submitted to the Welsh Government on 25th January 2018 in accordance with guidance from the Welsh

Government. The funding bid was ultimately approved by the External Funding Panel and the Council was successful in securing £1.856million for the development and delivery of four schemes.

- 1.2 The Welsh Government ordinarily invite bids once per annum for Local Transport Fund, but additional funding has recently been announced and consequently a second invitation to bid was issued to Welsh Local Authorities on 3rd October 2018, with a closing deadline of 22nd October 2018.
- 1.3 The guidance stated that there was a total funding pot of £78million for the Local Transport Fund (£26million per year for 2018/19 to 2020/21). This funding is available to all Welsh Local Authorities. Whilst match funding is not a requirement of the funding bids, it was made clear that those schemes that benefited from match funding would be more likely to receive an LTF allocation.
- 1.4 The City & County of Swansea submitted bids totalling £85k, and the Welsh Government ultimately awarded funding amounting to £85k for FY2018/19.
- 1.5 This report seeks approval to commit these funds to the capital programme in accordance with the Financial Procedure Rules.

2.0 Submitted Bids

- 2.1 A total of £85k was bid for by the City & County of Swansea and the Welsh Government has subsequently allocated £85k for the Broadway Interchange Scheme in 2018/19. The bid and the successful funding allocation are shown in the tables below.

Table One – Summary of Bids for Additional LTF 2018/19

Fund	Total Bid (£k)	Match funding (£k)	Total project cost (£k)
Broadway Interchange	85	0	85
Total	85	0	85

Table Two – Summary of Allocations for Additional LTF 2018/19

Fund	Total Bid (£k)	Match funding (£k)	Total project cost (£k)
Broadway Interchange	85	0	85
Total	85	0	85

3.0 Details of the Broadway Interchange Project

- 3.1 The projects approved for funding are summarised below.
- 3.2 The proposal for improvements at this interchange will deliver improvements to highway network efficiency for an area that is often congested by peak hour traffic. The improvements will involve the redesigning of the junction to ease congestion, introduce active travel accessibility, increase capacity and improve public transport journey time reliability and efficiency.
- 3.3 This scheme has previously been awarded £10k of feasibility study funding from the Local Transport Network Fund (2018/19). The additional Local Transport Fund allocation will accelerate the project from feasibility to detailed design by the end of 2018/19.
- 3.4 Further bids will be required in 2019/20 in order to secure funding for the delivery of the scheme.

4.0 Equality and Engagement Implications

- 4.1 The Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) and must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 4.2 Our Equality Impact Assessment process ensures that we have paid regard to the above.
- 4.3 All schemes will be designed in accordance with the national design guidance and will be compliant with the Equality Act 2010.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 Broadway Interchange (see Appendix A):
The scheme described in this report, relies upon the Local Transport Fund to provide 100% grant funding to secure their delivery.
- 5.2 Claims are to be made to the Welsh Government on a quarterly basis. The grant must be claimed in full by 31 March 2019 otherwise it will be lost.
- 5.3 Any revenue costs arising from capital schemes will be met by existing revenue budgets.

6.0 Staffing / IT Implications

There are none.

7.0 Legal / Procurement Implications

- 7.1 When delivering Transport Schemes, compliance will be required with the relevant Highways and Transport Act measure and guidelines. The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 puts an obligation on local authorities to provide walking and cycling infrastructure.
- 7.2 It will be necessary to ensure that all terms and conditions attached to external grant funding are complied with and that the Council's Financial Procedure Rules Regarding Grant Applications and Acceptances are followed.
- 7.3 Land agreements whether by purchase or lease should be in place prior to the commencement of scheme construction and delivery.
- 7.4 Planning Consent may be required for the Broadway Interchange project.
- 7.5 Separate legal advice will need to be sought regarding any contract and procurement issues relevant to the schemes.

Background Papers: Local Transport Fund Bid Documents

Appendices:

Appendix A – Broadway Interchange Financial Summary

APPENDIX A – BROADWAY INTERCHANGE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Portfolio: PLACE
Service : HIGHWAYS
Scheme : LTF – BROADWAY INTERCHANGE

<u>1. CAPITAL COSTS</u>	2018/19 £'000				TOTAL £'000
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Fees	85				85
EXPENDITURE	85				85
<u>Financing</u>					
LTF grant	85				85
FINANCING	85				85

<u>2. REVENUE COSTS</u>	2017/18 £'000				FULL YEAR £'000
<u>Service Controlled - Expenditure</u>					
Employees)				0
Maintenance) To be met from existing budgets				0
Equipment)				0
Administration)				0
NET EXPENDITURE	0	0	0	0	0