

**Cabinet Report / Key Decision****Date: 16 May 2017**

<b>Title:</b> A4018 transport improvements funding bid	
<b>Ward:</b> Henbury and Brentry; Southmead; Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze; Stoke Bishop	<b>Cabinet lead:</b> Marvin Rees (Mayor)
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<b>Revenue Cost:</b> £ Up to £15,000 (budget identified)	<b>Source of Revenue Funding:</b> <i>Strategic City Transport Studies Budget</i>
<b>Capital Cost:</b> £ £1.875m (LEP grant funded)	<b>Source of Capital Funding:</b> Local Growth Fund Grant
<b>One off</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Saving</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ongoing</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Income generation</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

**Finance narrative:**

- This will be an addition to the capital programme. The grant (£1.875m) will cover the full cost of works and will not result in additional revenue maintenance liabilities for the council, as the improvements will take place on existing adopted highway and will be covered by the existing maintenance programme.
- The grant will be spent between the financial years 2017/18 – 2020/21.
- This grant is in addition to the delivery of the Section 106 fund for the development mitigation.
- The grant bid will be 2 stages: the first stage in 17/18 will facilitate the modelling and design and enable the development of a robust proposal before the second stage of bidding in March 2018.
- The bid will need to be approved by the s151 officer prior to submission in 2018. Although no minimum level is specified, the LEP requires the Council to provide match-funding for the project. Match-funding will be secured from Section 106 funds relating to the CPNN development in South Gloucestershire.
- Up to £15,000 has been identified from Strategic City Transport's budget in 17/18 to pay for supporting economic case work for the bid as this will not be met by LEP funds.

**Finance Officer:** Tian Ze Hao, Finance Business Partner, Place

**Summary of issue / proposal:** That BCC bids for funding to design and deliver transport measures for the A4018 corridor to mitigate the impact of the Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN) housing development in South Gloucestershire.

**Summary of proposal & options appraisal:**

- Funding is required to design and deliver transport measures for the A4018 corridor to mitigate the impact of the CPNN housing development, providing junction improvements at Crow Lane roundabout and Charlton Rd junction which will encourage greater use of sustainable modes of transport along the corridor and improve existing road layouts.
- The CPNN housing development will see over 5,000 new homes built by 2031 on sites including the former Filton Airfield.
- Traffic modelling for the CPNN suggests that there is insufficient capacity on the A4018 to safely handle the number of new trips that the development will generate.
- Increased congestion is likely to create significant difficulties for trips to and from the CPNN, not just in the ability of private vehicles to enter and leave the development, but also the impact on public transport journey times and the appeal of using active modes of transport.
- It is critical that the Crow Lane works are delivered in advance of this development in order to embed sustainable travel patterns from the outset and contribute to mitigating the increased demand on the transport network that the development will bring.
- If the bid is successful, the funding will deliver improved road junction layouts, bus priority facilities and safe and legible routes and crossing points for pedestrians and cyclists.
- The proposal is to work with key stakeholders (Inc. but not limited to) local residents, ward councillors and the Mayor in 2017/18 to draw up options for the scheme and complete preliminary design work using a small proportion of the available funding. Once agreed these designs will form part of a comprehensive business case to the LEP which will allow us to secure the remainder of the funding to deliver the project between 18/19-20/21
- The item is required to go on the Mayor's Forward Plan on the 13<sup>th</sup> April so that it can be considered at Cabinet on the 16<sup>th</sup> May. Delays in seeking the necessary approvals by 16<sup>th</sup> May will put at risk the ability of BCC officers to deliver the scheme within the funding period (17/18 – 20/21).
- BCC are working in collaboration with South Gloucestershire council to develop this proposal.

**Recommendation(s) / steer sought:**

- *That Bristol City Council submits a bid to the Local Enterprise Partnership's 'Pinch Point' Fund for up to £1.875m to be spent between 2017/18 – 2020/21*

- *Should the bid be successful that Bristol City Council accepts the funding and through a formal legal agreement with the LEP delivers the proposed improvements to the A4018 corridor.*
- *That the Service Director for Transport is authorised to approve funds to carry out initial consultation and design work*
- *Following initial consultation and design work that the proposals are brought to Cabinet for approval and permission to deliver the corridor improvements.*

**City Outcome:** Mitigating impact of development, improving air quality, promoting active modes of transport, ensuring an effective public transport system and improving links to employment and training.

**Health Outcome summary:** Improved air quality and health outcomes through better provision for sustainable transport options.

**Sustainability Outcome summary:** Reduced reliance on single occupancy vehicle trips, reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Better facilities for sustainable/active travel options will help to improve the overall resilience of the corridor. Potential incorporation of Sustainable Urban Drainage solutions.

**Equalities Outcome summary:** Improved safety of several key junctions along the corridor which will benefit all road users, but particularly those vulnerable groups with physical impairments. Providing better connectivity for areas of high deprivation to key employment sites and facilities. Some equalities groups are more dependent on public transport and will benefit from this proposal.

**Impact / Involvement of partners:** Ongoing briefings/discussions with South Gloucestershire Council and bus operators.

**Consultation carried out:** To date various public meetings and Cllr briefings. Consultation and engagement planned with local residents and key stakeholders in 17/18 to develop the proposals.

**Legal Issues:** *The proposal relates to the Council seeking funding in connection with the exercise of its ordinary highway functions, and so does not impact directly on the role and functions of the new West of England Combined Authority. If the funding application is successful the individual projects will need to be subject of further cabinet report(s) should they comprise key decisions, and any related procurement must comply with the appropriate regulations.*

**Legal Officer:** Eric Andrews, Senior Solicitor

DLT sign-off	SLT sign-off	Cabinet Member sign-off
Barra Mac Ruairi 08/03/17	Anna Klonowski 21/03/17	Mark Bradshaw 27/03/17
Appendix A – Risk assessment		YES
Appendix B – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal		YES
Appendix C – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal		YES
Appendix D – Exempt Information		NO