

Decision Pathway – Report



PURPOSE: Key decision

MEETING: Cabinet

DATE: 05 March 2024

TITLE	Transport Funding – A432 (Fishponds Road)	
Ward(s)	Frome Vale, Eastville, Easton, Lawrence Hill	
Author: Jacob Pryor	Job title: Transport Policy, Bidding and Strategic Projects Team Manager	
Cabinet lead: Cllr Donald Alexander, Cabinet Member for Transport	Executive Director lead: John Smith, Interim Executive Director Growth and Regeneration	
Proposal origin: Other		
Decision maker: Cabinet Member Decision forum: Cabinet		
Purpose of Report:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To note the bid for transport funding with the bid partner South Gloucestershire Council and to seek approval to accept and spend the funding. Appendix I (exempt). To delegate authority to the Executive Director for Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the s151 officer and Cabinet Member for Transport to receive funding and implement the scheme including entering into any necessary contracts and legal agreements and arrangements with our bid partner South Gloucestershire Council. 		
Evidence Base:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The A432 is a major distributor route which runs from Bristol city centre to Old Sodbury in South Gloucestershire – a length of approximately 22km. Between 1 August 2020 and 1 August 2023 there have been 140 collisions on this section of the A432, comprised of 1 fatal, 11 serious and 128 slight collisions. This resulted in 149 casualties including 1 fatal, 6 serious and 26 slight pedestrian casualties, and 3 serious and 32 slight cycle casualties. The bid includes an 8.8km section of the A432 starting at the intersection with the A4174 in South Gloucestershire and heading south-west through three busy shopping areas of Downend, Fishponds and Easton. The northern 3.4 kilometres lie within South Gloucestershire with the remainder in the City of Bristol. The Bristol section is predominantly 20mph with some sections of 30mph. It includes sections of both peak hour and 24 hour bus lanes. The South Gloucestershire section is all 30mph and includes lengths of cycle lane (mostly southbound). The Bristol and South Gloucestershire A432 scheme is based on introducing speed reducing measures and improving pedestrian crossing facilities which will help to improve active travel by reducing the risk to pedestrians and cyclists. 		

6. Bristol's section focuses on introducing raised speed tables at several of its existing pedestrian crossing locations, hard strips to reprofile running lanes and improvements to signing and lining.
7. The proposed scheme is expected to have the main benefit of preventing 65.8 fatal and serious injuries over the 20-year appraisal period, a 30.8% reduction compared with the baseline figure of 213.8 without intervention. This will realise an expected saving of £35,834.333 for the community over the 20-year period, resulting in an overall road safety BCR of 17.81.
8. The Bristol section of the scheme will be delivered using the BCC Highways and Associated Works Framework 2021-2025. The total scheme value sits within LOT 6 of the contract, Highways and Associated Works over £150,000, within which approved contractors would be invited to tender bids and undergo a mini competition. Contractors have been through a strict procurement and selection process before being appointed to the framework through the authority's relevant governance procedures and will be appointed based on a combination of price, social value and quality through the mini competition.

Cabinet Member / Officer Recommendations:

That cabinet:

1. Notes the submission of the transport funding bid submitted in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council

Contractual:

2. Authorises the Executive Director for Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the s151 Officer and the Cabinet Member for Transport to take all steps required to accept and spend the funding including to procure and award the contract(s) to undertake safety improvements on the A432 Bristol as outlined in this report.
3. Authorises the Executive Director for Growth and Regeneration to invoke any subsequent extensions/variations specifically defined in the contract(s) being awarded, up to the maximum budget envelope outlined in this report.
4. Authorises the Head of Strategic Procurement & Supplier Relations to approve appropriate procurement routes to market where these are not yet fully defined in this report, or if changes to procurement routes are subsequently required.

Corporate Strategy alignment:

1. The proposal aligns directly with the Corporate Strategy objective TC3: Safe and Active Travel by helping our residents walk, wheel and cycle around the city more conveniently and safely.

City Benefits:

1. The proposal will reduce the number of road traffic collisions in the city which will have clear health benefits for our residents and a reduction in costs for the NHS. Secondary benefits include improving sustainability through encouraging more trips by active travel and economic benefits by facilitating more efficient trips.

Consultation Details:

1. Measures contained within this proposal will be subject to consultation

Background Documents:

[Corporate Strategy](#)

Appendix I Transport Funding Bid (A432 Fishponds Rd) exempt

Revenue Cost	N/A	Source of Revenue Funding	N/A
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Capital Cost	£ 2.275m	Source of Capital Funding	Grant
One off cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing cost <input type="checkbox"/>	Saving Proposal <input type="checkbox"/>	Income generation proposal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Required information to be completed by Financial/Legal/ICT/ HR partners:

Finance Advice: This report seeks cabinet approval to retrospectively agree to the submission of a bid in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council to a transport fund. This proposal, if agreed will see funds totalling £2.275m awarded to both local authorities, with BCC to act as the lead body. The funding will provide investment in safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists using the A432.

The costs for the bid have been developed using estimating tools determined by the funder. However, they include sufficient allowance to give a good degree of confidence that the cost calculated will deliver the outcomes required. The delivery mechanism can also be tailored to match the resources available.

There is no requirement for match funding and therefore this proposal will have no impact on the approved 2023/24 revenue or capital budgets of the council.

Finance Business Partner: Ben Hegarty, Finance Business Partner Growth and Regeneration, 22 February 2024.

2. Legal Advice: The procurement process must be conducted in line with the 2015 Procurement Regulations and the Councils own procurement rules. Legal services will advise and assist officers with regard to the conduct of the procurement process and the resulting contractual arrangements.

Legal Team Leader: Husinara Jones, Team Manager/Solicitor 22 February 2024

3. Implications on IT: I can see no implications on IT regarding this activity

IT Team Leader: Alex Simpson 28th November 2023

4. HR Advice: There are no HR implication evident

HR Partner: Celia Williams, HR Business Partner 12 December 2023

EDM Sign-off	John Smith, Executive Director for Growth and Regeneration	29 November 2023
Cabinet Member sign-off	Councillor Don Alexander, Cabinet Member for Transport	7 December 2023
For Key Decisions - Mayor's Office sign-off	Mayor's Office	21 February 2024

Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal	NO
Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external	NO
Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny	NO
Appendix D – Risk assessment	YES
Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal	YES
Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal	YES
Appendix G – Financial Advice	NO
Appendix H – Legal Advice	NO

Appendix I – Exempt Information Transport Funding Bid (A432 Fishponds Rd)	YES
Appendix J – HR advice	NO
Appendix K – ICT	NO
Appendix L – Procurement	NO