



CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD	AGENDA ITEM No: 4.1
3 JUNE 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

LOCAL HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE CAPITAL GRANT ALLOCATION 2020/2021

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. The Mayor has been notified by the Department of Transport of the capital funding allocations towards local transport for the 2020/21 financial year. The Mayor must consult the Combined Authority before making a Mayoral decision to allocate this funding to Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council in line with the Department for Transport formula.
- 1.2. This funding includes the Integrated Transport Block, the Highway Maintenance Block needs element and the Highway Maintenance Block incentive element.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	Mayor James Palmer
Lead Officer:	Jon Alsop, Head of Finance (S73)
Forward Plan Ref: 2020/031	Key Decision: Yes
<p>a) The Combined Authority Board is consulted regarding the Mayor's intention to allocate grants totalling £22,554,000 to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and Peterborough City Council (PCC) in line with the Department for Transport formula as set out below.</p> <p>b) Subject to a), the Mayor is recommended to allocate the grants as set below:</p> <p>CCC - £17,781,000 PCC - £ 4,773,000</p> <p>Total - £22,554,000</p>	<p>Voting arrangements</p> <p>No vote is required – allocation of Highways grant funding is a Mayoral decision.</p>

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. In accordance with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017, the Mayor is responsible for the payment of grants to Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council to meet expenditure incurred by them as highways authorities. Before making that decision, he is required to consult the Combined Authority.
- 2.2. On 11 May 2020 the Combined Authority received notification from the Department for Transport (DfT) advising that local transport capital funding allocations for 2020/21 had been granted to the Combined Authority within the Local Transport Capital Block Funding (Integrated Transport and Highway Maintenance) Specific Grant Determination (2020/21) No.31/5036
- 2.3. Allocations were made from the Integrated Transport Block and Highways Maintenance Block (incentive and needs elements) and were paid in full on 24 April 2020.
- 2.4. This funding allocation is made up of a number of different financial grants covering Integrated Transport Block; Highway Maintenance Block needs element and the Highway Maintenance Block incentive element.
- 2.5. The allocations of these to the constituent councils, Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and Peterborough City Council (PCC) is set out below in line with the Department for Transport formula.

Grant Stream	CCC	PCC	Total
Integrated Transport Block	£3,190,000	£1,407,000	£4,597,000
Highway Maintenance Block needs element	£12,076,000	£2,786,000	£14,862,000
Highways Maintenance Block incentive element	£2,515,000	£580,000	£3,095,000
Total Payment	£17,781,000	£4,773,000	£22,554,000

- 2.6. The Incentive Fund scheme is to reward councils who demonstrate they are delivering value for money in carrying out cost effective improvements. The Combined Authority allocation has been included at the top band, reflecting DfT's commitment to reward places that are reforming their local governance arrangements through devolution deals.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. There no additional financial implications beyond those set out above. All grant expenditure proposed is fully covered by the income received from the Department for Transport.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The proposal is in line with appropriate Regulations including governance requirements in The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 on the basis that prior to any grant the Mayor must consult with the Combined Authority Board as set out in the Constitution

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. There are no ongoing financial risks to the Combined Authority arising from the allocation of this funding. Each constituent council will provide an annual certification as to the use and application of these funds and will be responsible for their own risk management arrangements in delivering the services associated with this funding.
- 5.2. The Chief Executive(s) and Chief Internal Auditor of the Combined Authority are required to sign and return a declaration to DfT by 30 September 2021 to provide an opinion that the conditions attached to the funding have been complied with.
- 5.3. A condition of the funding allocation to the Highways Authorities is for each of them to provide the necessary assurances in writing to the Combined Authority to enable the Chief Executive and the Chief Internal Auditor to sign and return the declaration by the due date.

6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1. None

<u>Source Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>
Formal grant letter detailing local transport capital funding allocations for 2020/21, dated 11 th May 2020.	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.