



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
& PETERBOROUGH**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 2.7

## Transforming Cities Fund

To:	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Transport and Infrastructure Committee
Meeting Date:	14 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Public report:	Yes
Lead Member:	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson
From:	Tim Bellamy, CPCA Interim Head of Transport
Key decision:	No
Forward Plan ref:	N/A
Recommendations:	<p>The Transport and Infrastructure Committee is recommended to:</p> <p>a) Note the content of this paper and progress on the development of the Combined Authority's Transforming Cities Fund projects.</p>
Voting arrangements:	No vote required

# 1. Purpose

- 1.1 This paper is to update the Transport and Infrastructure Committee on how the Combined Authority will be progressing Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) projects. It considers the March 2022 Board paper, discussions with the Department for Transport (DfT) and previous engagement with Leaders.

# 2. Background

- 2.1 The TCF is a capital grant transport fund aimed at driving up productivity through investments in public and sustainable transport infrastructure in some of England's largest city regions. Unlike the large city regions where the application was expected to focus on urban areas, the funding allocated in this region was to improve the quality of life for those within the whole of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. (i.e., across the urban and rural area).
- 2.2 The aims of the TCF are to:
- Improve access to good jobs;
  - Encouraging an increase in journeys made by low-carbon and sustainable modes;
  - Tackling air pollution;
  - Access to good jobs;
  - Delivering more homes;
  - Delivering apprenticeships and improving skills investments; and
  - Encouraging the use of new mobility systems and technology as part of the Future of Mobility Grand Challenge established in the Industrial Strategy.
- 2.3 The Grant Determination of March 2018 stated that the purpose of the TCF was to boost productivity, transform intra-city connectivity and reduce congestion through investment in public and sustainable transport in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. It is therefore imperative that all TCF projects meet at least one or more of these objectives.
- 2.4 Around half of the TCF (£1.08 billion) was allocated to six Mayoral Combined Authorities (MCAs) on a per capita and devolved basis. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority area received £95 million.
- 2.5 In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, the TCF has been devolved to the Combined Authority. Decisions about how to invest the fund are taken by the Combined Authority Board in accordance with the aims for the Fund set out in the devolution agreement, the Authority's Constitution, Assurance Framework, and strategic policy framework.
- 2.6 Within the TCF guidance, government outlined that it recognises Local Authorities were best placed to identify the types of projects to deliver and seeks to partner to develop packages of proposals that deliver transformative improvements in connectivity

## Key Issues

- 2.7 In the March Combined Authority Board Paper, it was stated that projects included within the original Delivery (Implementation) Plan have been delayed for a number of factors including:
- Significant policy changes both nationally and regionally;
  - Upgrading LTN 120 / Gearchange compliance within stage design;

- Environmental design additions due to climate change policy changes; and
- Road space clashes with Strategic Road Network schemes.

- 2.8 Due to a number of concerns around the deliverability of the initial TCF schemes in the timescales, and corresponding potential for a significant underspend, the Combined Authority with partners (Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council, and the Greater Cambridge Partnership) have been, and will continue to, identify potential alternative projects which are deliverable in the short term.
- 2.9 Any proposed replacement schemes would need to demonstrate a good strategic fit with the goals, aims and objectives of the TCF itself, the emerging Local Transport and Connectivity Plan and the six capitals of the Sustainable Growth Ambition Statement. These schemes will be categorised by themes that align closely with the LTCP, namely road safety; active travel; supporting growth; public transport and active travel; footway improvements; and public rights of way.
- 2.10 The process will be developed by the Combined Authority transport team in collaboration with constituent council officers. The recommended (prioritised) capital replacement schemes will seek approval at the next Transport and Infrastructure Committee and subsequent Combined Authority Board meeting. It is essential that the revised programme, including replacement schemes, are approved then to allow for the delivery in a timely manner.

#### Building confidence with government

- 2.11 Combined Authority officers continue to liaise with the Department for Transport (DfT) to build confidence around the deliverability of the overarching programme. As part of this process, officers will be demonstrating the appropriate governance and programme management measures that are in place to ensure the effective management of the revised TCF programme.

## Significant Implications

### 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Any changes in the TCF programme will need to be reflected in a revised budget. Any specifics will be reported in due course, when seeking approval at the next meeting of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee and Combined Authority Board.

### 4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 None.

### 5. Public Health Implications

- 5.1 As part of the overarching assessment of the revised transport programme due consideration will be given to the objectives of the TCF and the emerging Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP), including impacts on health.

### 6. Environmental and Climate Change Implications

- 6.1 In addition, to the health assessment of the TCF replacement schemes, due consideration will be given to the impacts on the environment and climate change. All transport projects are carefully assessed for Environmental and Climate Change considerations as part of Government Policy and Regulations.

## 7. Other Significant Implications

- 7.1 There are no other known significant implications other than the details held with this paper.

## 8. Appendices

- 8.1 None.

## 9. Background Papers

The progress of TCF projects was reported to CPCA Board on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and the paper and appendix can be found via the following links;

- Board report 30th March 2022 [Agenda Item No \(cmis.uk.com\)](#) and;
- Appendix [Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)