



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 2.4

Active Travel – Cambridgeshire

To: Transport and Infrastructure Committee

Meeting Date: 13 July 2022

Public report: Yes

Lead Member: Mayor Dr Nik Johnson

From: Tim Bellamy, Interim Head of Transport

Key decision: No

Forward Plan ref: Not applicable

Recommendations: The Transport and Infrastructure Committee is recommended to:

- a) Recommend to the Combined Authority Board the drawdown of £753,000 of Active Travel Funding from the Medium -Term Financial Plan to complete a programme of active travel improvements in Cambridgeshire; and
- b) Recommend to the Combined Authority Board the delegation of authority to the Interim Head of Transport in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer, to conclude a Grant Funding Agreement with Cambridgeshire County Council to enable work to progress.

Voting arrangements: For Item a) a vote in favour by at least two thirds of all Members (or their Substitute Members) appointed by the Constituent Councils, to include the Members appointed by Cambridgeshire County Council or Peterborough City Council, or their Substitute Members

For Item b) a simple majority of all Members present and voting
To be carried, the vote must include the vote of the Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor when acting in place of the Mayor.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To seek the Transport and Infrastructure Committee's recommendation to the Combined Authority Board to drawdown funding for the completion of a programme of active travel measures in Cambridgeshire.
- 1.2 Additionally, to enable the funding to be granted to Cambridgeshire County Council by the Combined Authority a recommendation to the Combined Authority Board is sought to delegate authority to the Interim Head of Transport to conclude a Grant Funding Agreement in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and Monitoring Officer.

2. Background

- 2.1 In May 2020 the government announced funding to enable Local Authorities to implement emergency active travel measures. Later in July 2020 a second round of funding from the Active Travel Fund was announced. Tranche 2 was for the implementation of long-term measures to benefit walking and cycling. The County Council working with the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership and District Councils compiled a list of active travel measures.
- 2.2 The list of active travel measures was assessed against the government criteria and consultation was carried out to create a shortlist of interventions. Whilst government granted funding for the programme to £1.2 million in 2021, a cost review has demonstrated that further funding is required to complete the programme.
- 2.3 At its meeting on 30 March 2022, the Combined Authority Board approved a short list of projects which have cross-region impact, fit within the headroom within the current Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP), align with emerging strategy and are likely to represent good value for money. The shortlist included ringfenced funding for active travel improvements for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- 2.4 Cambridgeshire County Council has sought funding from the Combined Authority to complete the existing programme of active travel measures.
- 2.5 The additional funding, to the £1.2 million received by County from government, is due to higher-than-expected construction estimates. Many of the sites are sites are in constrained locations with restricted working hours leading to more complex traffic management.
- 2.6 A total of 32 projects are within the active travel programme, 17 are due to be constructed by Cambridgeshire County Council by the end of the calendar year. The remaining 15 are aligned with the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership's City Access Strategy and will be developed and delivered by them. A list of the interventions and their locations are contained within Appendix 1.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 A full financial review of the programme of active travel measures was undertaken by Cambridgeshire County Council in January 2022 and additional funding of £753,000 is sought to enable the completion of the active travel measures.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Combined Authority will enter into a Grant Funding Agreement after confirmation as fit for purpose by the Combined Authority's Legal Services. The recommendations accord with CPCA's powers under Part 3 and 4 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 (SI 2017/251)

5. Public Health Implications

- 5.1 These improvements seek to improve walking and cycling infrastructure, providing improved and safe routes to encourage more people to walk and cycle. Increasing those walking and cycling as the subsequent health and wellbeing benefits of exercise.

6. Environmental and Climate Change Implications

- 6.1 Improving walking and cycling infrastructure is expected to encourage more active travel and mode shift.

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1 – Schedule of Projects

8. Background Papers

- 8.1 [Budget Monitoring Report March 2022](#)