

Local Highways Maintenance Capital Grant Allocation 2021/22

To: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board

Meeting Date: 30 June 2021

Public report: Public Report

Lead Member: Mayor Dr Nik Johnson

From: Jon Alsop, Chief Finance Officer

Key decision: Yes

Forward Plan ref: KD2021/018

Recommendations: The Combined Authority Board is consulted regarding,

- a) The Mayor's intention to allocate grants totalling £27,695,000 to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and Peterborough City Council (PCC) in line with the Department for Transport formula for determining each council's share; and
- b) Subject to a), the Mayor is recommended to allocate the grants as set out below,

	Total
Cambridgeshire County Council	£21,955,000
Peterborough City Council	£5,740,000
Total	£27,695,000

Voting arrangements: No vote is required, allocation of Highways Grant funding is a Mayoral decision

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Combined Authority has been notified by the Department of Transport of the capital funding allocations towards local transport for the 2021/22 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 Highways Maintenance Block Needs Element, Highway Maintenance Block Incentive Element, and the Pothole Fund.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Department for Transport issues the Highways Maintenance grants on an annual basis to the Combined Authority.
- 2.2 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 Board.

3. Grant Funding Allocation

- 3.1 The allocations of this funding, divided by grant stream, 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.

£'000	Pothole funding	Highway Maintenance Block needs	Highways Maintenance Block incentive	Integrated Transport Block	Total
Total allocation	£10,250	£10,250	£2,562	£4,633	£27,695
Cambridgeshire County Council	£8,329	£8,329	£2,082	£3,215	£21,955
Peterborough City Council	£1,921	£1,921	£480	£1,418	£5,740

- 3.2 The Combined Authority has discussed and agreed with officers of both Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council the basis for the allocation of the funding.
- 3.3 The Incentive Fund scheme is to reward councils who demonstrate they are delivering value for money in carrying out cost effective improvements.

- 3.4 The Department for Transport provided a 30% of the Pothole fund, approximately £3,075,000, in advance enabling the Highway Authorities flexibility in planning pothole repairs.
- 3.5 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 2022 to provide an opinion that the conditions attached to the funding have been complied with.
- 3.6 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(s) and the Chief Internal Auditor to sign and return the declaration by the due date.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 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.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 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.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 None

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 Formal Grant letter from the Department for Transport, dated, 22 April 2021.